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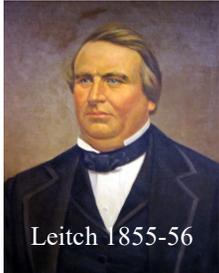
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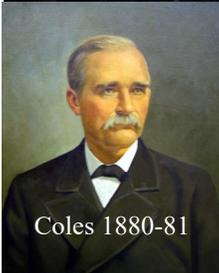
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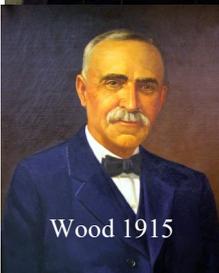
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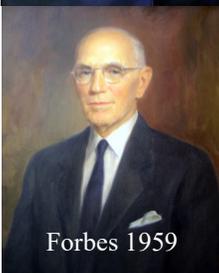
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Brethren,

Greetings and Best Wishes to all of you and your families. I had a joyous opportunity recently to spend part of the day with my grandchildren, in whom I see great talents and personality traits developing, even at such a young age. Yes, I am or would like to be the eternal optimist. Yet, I know there will be times when the challenges of their days will make their halos tarnish a bit. But, all and all, they will be more likely to excel due to the talents and education they have and will receive, than to fail. No different for those Masons our Lodge has had the privilege to raise and call its own. There will be times when we all falter, times when we succeed and times when great success surmounts each of us like a radiant halo, Saints preserve us, my Scottish friends might say.

Why am I talking about this? Well, we recently experienced one of those time when we were less than successful as a Lodge. We had a funeral and only four Brethren could manage to attend. If you did not receive the word, let me know. If you were in-firmed and could not attend, we understand. If work obligations controlled the day, it happens to the best of us; I couldn't attend a funeral the next day for a dear departed Brother due to professional concerns. We take all of that in consideration. However, if you just thought someone else would handle being there, they weren't.

There are three things we as Masons take responsibility to do and only us: We make Master Masons; we live as Master Masons are taught to live; and, we bury Master Masons. Let us remember that our obligations are not passive statements; they are active commitments we live by!

Sincerely and fraternally

Jeffery E Hodges, PGM

June Masonic Birthdays!
Call a Brother and wish him
a
Happy Masonic Birthday.



- Duane Adams, June 12, 1989
- David P. "Cash" Arehart, June 14, 2007
- Robert W. Bertrand, June 15, 1996
- William B. Bixler, June 10, 1947
- James S. Boggs, June 25, 1990
- William R. Bond, III, June 24, 1975
- Harry J. Brown, Jr., June 27, 1966
- Pascal Bussiere, June 25, 1998
- N. E. (Gene) Carpenter, June 8, 1951
- James A. Christenson, June 12, 2002
- Randall R. Dorsey, June 6, 1972
- William B. Downer, June 6, 1961
- David N. Goodwin, June 15, 1996
- John E. Grinnalds, June 8, 1999
- Harvey J. Hague, June 30, 2008
- Gerald W. Hogan, June 29, 1970
- Ivan E. Letner, Jr., June 15, 1996
- Joseph L. Marchi, June 15, 1996
- Forrest R. Marshall, Jr., June 15, 1996
- Oran O. Oakey, June 23, 1959
- Howard T. Parsons, June 1, 1981
- Gerald F. Reimers, II, June 25, 2003
- Robert N. Romanac, June 8, 1994
- W. Edgar Spigle, June 15, 1996
- Anthoni-Shawn Brent Swingler, June 16, 1998
- Julian H. Taliaferro, Jr., June 8, 1994
- Bobby W. Thompson, June 4, 1997
- Thomas L. Varner, Jr., June 7, 1983
- Randy J. Whitlow, June 15, 1996
- John F. Williamson, Jr., June 22, 1996

Important Dates



- **Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication**, June 13th, 7:30 PM.
- **King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication**, June 14th, 7:30 PM.
- **Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication**, June 15th, 7:30 PM.
- **Official Visit of the Grand Master**, June 17th, 6:00 PM, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Tickets are required.
- **WSL Stated Communication**, June 20th, 7:00 PM.
- **WSL Table Lodge**, Friday, June 24th, 7:00 PM
- **WSL Officer's Meeting**, July 4th, 6:00 PM. (All Officers and Committee Heads should attend)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, June 17th,

The Grand Master's Official Visit to the 18th Masonic District, Fellowship Hall, Olivet Presbyterian Church, 2575 Garth Road.

Friday, June 24th

Annual Table Lodge— Brisket will be the main entree for the evening. Cost is \$20.00 per person, \$5.00 from each ticket sold is going to the Alzheimer's Association.

Thursday July 28th through Sunday July 31st,

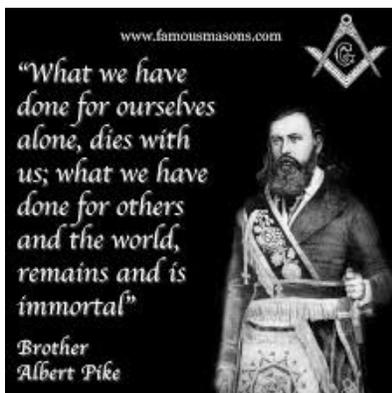
Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership at the Best Western Inn and Suites in Waynesboro.
 Contact the Secretary for info and registration form.

October 17th:

Outside Lodge and Pig Pickin, Camp Holiday Trails.

AN OLD MASONIC TOAST

"To him that all things understood,
 To him that found the stone and wood,
 To him that hapless lost his blood
 In doing of his duty.
 To that blest age, and that blest morn
 Wherein those three great men were born,
 Our noble science to adorn
 With Wisdom, Strength and Beauty."





Prior to the May Stated Communication, those receiving scholarships from Widow's Sons' Lodge this year were recognized. From left to right; MW Jeffery E. Hodges, Worshipful Master, Ms. Justice Howard, Mr. David Shane, Ms. Katherine Smith, Ms. Virginia Jahoda and Wor. Jason Pattison, Scholarship Chair.



Prior to opening the May Stated Communication an Eagle Scout Award was presented to: Jefferson Braxter Sesler, Troop 37.



A committee composed of RW Robert E. Simpson and RW William Reinhold presented RW Ray Willis Sites in the East where the Worshipful Master presented him his 50 Year Masonic Veteran's Emblem. The Worshipful Master invited RW Sites to be his honored guest and sit on his right..



April Masonic Birthday

The Worshipful Master, MW Jeff Hodges wishes RW Carl E. "Mike" Hollar, RW Ray W. Sites and RW Andrew D. Keller a Happy Masonic Birthday.

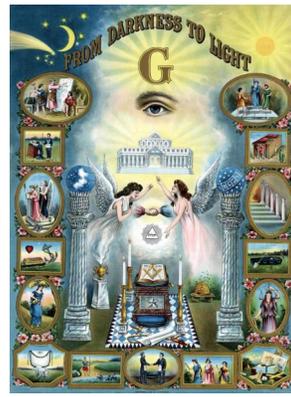
Warden's Certificate

Brother Mark Chapman was presented his Warden's Certificate which qualifies him to sit as Worshipful Master by RW William R. Bond, III, DIW District 18. Also shown are RW Greg Hosaflook, DIW District 10, who assisted Brother Chapman in obtaining his certificate, and MW Jeff Hodges, WM.

Most Illustrious Donald L. McAndrews, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in the District of Columbia presented the program for the evening on Cryptic Masonry and the two degrees of Cryptic Masonry, The Royal Master Degree and The Select Master Degree.

Please Keep these Brethren in Your Thoughts & Prayers
(Give them a call or send a card)

- RW Russell Snodgrass
- Brother Gene Carpenter
- Brother Walter Carpenter is in Charlottesville Rehab.
- Brother Buddy Carlisle



We are saddened at the loss of several of our Brothers; Brother Virgil Harrison Marshall who passed away on May 26, 2016, Brother Gilbert W. "Jack" Durrer who passed away on May 26, 2016 and was laid to rest with Masonic Rites on June 1, 2016 and RW Oakley Crockett Straley who passed away on June 8. "Their spirits to God, their memories in our hearts."

Several Brethren traveled with MW Jeff Hodges to Joppa Lodge No. 40 located in Richmond, VA to watch MW Hodges portray St. John the Baptist.

RW Bill Bond recently made a trip to The House of the Temple to present Brother Admiral William Sizemore with a Masonic apron for presenting a program for Veteran's Day the year Brother Bond was Master.

Crock Pot Apple Butter

Fill a 6qt pan with peeled, cored and sliced apples (Different Varieties) Add almost no water and constantly stir on low heat until cooked. Mash with potato masher until no lumps remain.

Add:

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| 2 tsp Cinnamon | 2 cup Sugar |
| 1/2 tsp Allspice | 1/4 cup Lemon Juice |
| 1/4 cup Vinegar | |

Pour into crock pot and cook 3-4 1/2 hours on low. You can can the hot apple butter or pour cooled sauce into jars and refrigerate about there weeks. Enough to share with friends.

1891 Advice to the Harried

When you are tired of life,
And all its busy scenes.
Just jump into the garden, and hide
behind the beans.



The Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's programs, services and national research efforts. The Alzheimer's Association is the largest non-profit benefactor of Alzheimer's research; since 1982, the association has awarded more than \$300,000,000 to 2,100 research scientists worldwide. 1 out of 3 people knows someone with Alzheimer's disease. This disease is the largest unaddressed public threat facing the nation today...a disease that has no cure. Currently more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, the sixth-leading cause of death and the second most feared health condition in the U.S. Masons in Virginia are partnering with the local Alzheimer's Association to improve the lives of people with Alzheimer's and their families. Help eliminate Alzheimer's disease by clicking on the following link and participate in our efforts to establish a world without Alzheimer's. Thank You.

http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2016/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?team_id=327528&pg=team&fr_id=9362



Hitler's War Against Freemasonry

Adolph Hitler considered Freemasonry a threat, as he did any group that "mistakenly" taught that all men were equal and encouraged independent thought. When Hitler rose to power, he set out to destroy his perceived enemies--the Freemasons high on his list. The ten Grand Lodges of Germany were dissolved, and many prominent members of the fraternity were sent to concentration camps as political prisoners. Freemasons were targeted by the Gestapo--membership lists of the Grand Lodges were seized and Masons had their libraries and collections of Masonic objects looted by the Gestapo. Many of these objects seized were exhibited in an "Anti-Masonic Exposition" inaugurated in 1937 by Herr Dr. Joseph Goebbels in Munich.

The same thing happened in Austria when the country was captured by the Nazis. The Masters of the various Vienna lodges were remanded to some of the most notorious concentration camps, including the Dachau in Bavaria. Then it happened in Czechoslovakia, then Poland . . . Holland . . . Belgium . . . Norway . . . In Spain, General Franco in 1940, sentenced all Freemasons to ten years in prison as soon as they were identified as members of the craft. When France fell to the Nazi's, the Vichy government caused the two Masonic bodies of France--the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge of France--to be dissolved, and all their property was sold at auction to fuel the Nazi war machine.

As early as 1934, Freemasons in Germany knew they were suddenly at tremendous risk--many went underground. They left their traditional symbols, like the square and compass, and adopted one in its place the Nazi's wouldn't recognize--a small blue flower called a Forget-Me-Not. It was common at the time--a pin given to those that had given to a charity (much like the orange poppies given out today by the American Legion Auxilliary when you offer a donation to them). But that flower came to mean much more to underground Masons in Germany at that time. By this flower, and perhaps a handshake, Freemasons were able to identify each other in public, and in concentration camps. It was worn by Freemasons who stubbornly refused to allow the light of Freemasonry to be extinguished by the Nazis, and by that symbol, Freemasonry emerged again from the semi-darkness of World War II to thrive again.

The number of Freemasons who were killed by the Nazi's is not precisely known, but it is estimated that between 80,000 and 200,000 Freemasons were murdered by the Nazis. Many Freemasons throughout the world still wear the small blue flower pin, in memory of those Brothers who died at the hands of the Germans.

Those tiny pins are still widely available--now that you know what it means, maybe you should get one in remembrance of a time when your "hobby" might very well have cost you your life. It was not so much a hobby with those in Europe during World War II--it was something worth preserving, even at the risk of their own lives.

Monthly Garden Tip for June

This is late for setting out perennials. If you must, be sure they are kept well watered and shaded from the hot summer sun for several days. Scatter seed of forget-me-nots in damp shady spots.

Watch out for lilac borer and remove any infested branches. Climbing roses bloom on old growth. Prune after they bloom. This is the last month to prune azaleas.

Fertilize azaleas and rhododendrons with 6-10-4 per 2lbs per 100 square feet for large plantings or use cottonseed meal or Holly-tone for individual shrubs after they bloom. Coordinate feeding and spraying of tea roses with your water schedule.

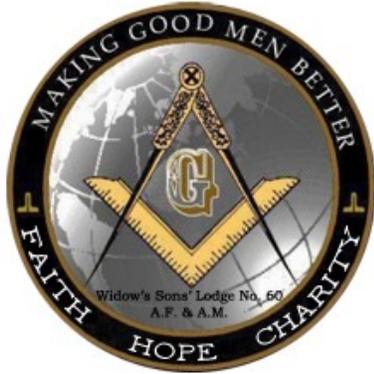
Watch the weather. If it rains less than one inch a week, your flowers will need watering.

Raise clumps of daffodils if they are very large with few blooms. Dig with a garden fork when tops are half brown. Loosen all around the clump and lift. Put in a pail of water or remove soil with hose. Never pull apart. Dry in a mesh

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