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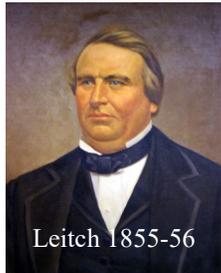
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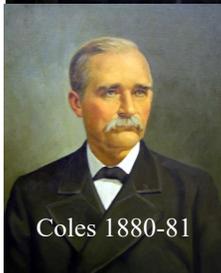
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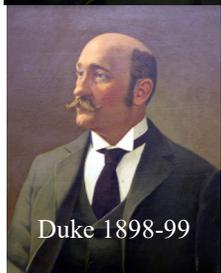
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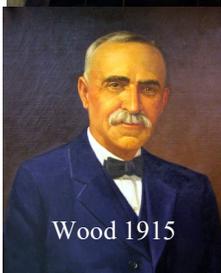
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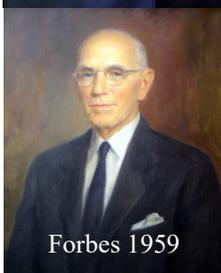
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Brethren,

This month is of particular interest as we are asking you to come to Lodge and join us in recommitting ourselves to being Master Masons. You will find the program items all reflecting upon us fulfilling our Obligation. The chaplain will give his thoughts on the scripture used in the degree and its meaning, the speaker, Most Worshipful Alan Adkins, will share his insight on what it means to him to be a Master Mason and we will conclude by joining together around the altar to recite

the Master Mason's Obligation. Share the idea with someone you haven't seen in Lodge for a while. Bring a Mason to Lodge with the intention of all of our Brethren becoming more committed to being the Mason each of us envisioned we would be when we first were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

I challenge you to look for the positive and see this next stated communication as a point in which you are more committed than ever before to being part of something that has a great impact in people's lives. We must unite to show ourselves and families that it truly means something good to be a part of this fraternity.

If you cannot drive, give me a call (434-531-1356) so that I may find you a Brother who can help you attend.

Fraternally,

Jeffery E Hodges, PGM

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

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



- L. Mark Ascoli, July 27, 1988
- Peter J. Baber, July 10, 2002
- Walter R. Carpenter, Jr., July 23, 1984
- Mark A. Chandeysson, July 17, 2008
- Larry W. Claytor, July 15, 1986
- Robert A. Clore, July 24, 1971
- Andrew F. Conely, July 29, 2006
- Vestal Greer, July 29, 2006
- Jeffery A. Kennedy, July 7, 2009
- David C. Merchant, July 28, 2004
- Richard K. Powley, July 24, 1967
- James L. Reinhold, July 28, 1999
- R. Lee Richards, July 19, 1991
- William Roberson, Jr., July 24, 1961
- James R. Ruhland, III, July 9, 2003
- Barty L. Sorrells, July 22, 2006
- James D. Stoneburner, July 13, 2005
- R. Eric Thompson, July 24, 2006
- Peter R. Thorsen, July 21, 1978
- Paul Vereshchetin, July 29, 2013
- Ronald L. Webster, July 23, 1984

Important Dates



- **Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication**, July 11th, 7:30 PM.
- **King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication**, July 12th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Stated Communication**, July 18th, 7:00 PM.
- **Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication**, July 20th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Officer's Meeting**, August 1st, 6:00 PM. (All Officers and Committee Heads should attend)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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.

**Saturday, October 8th:**

Walk to end Alzheimer's, Registration at 8am,  
 Ceremony at 9am, Walk at 9:30am— Albemarle County Office Building  
 Parking Lot 401McIntire Road Charlottesville, VA 22902

**October 17th:**

Outside Lodge and Pig Pickin, Camp Holiday Trails.

**A BROTHER'S HAND**

**by Brother George B. Staff**

When you're feeling all downhearted,  
 And life's hard to understand,  
 Say, it's fine to feel the pressure  
 Of a Brother's friendly hand.

Just to know he sympathizes,  
 Though he doesn't say a word;  
 How it starts your courage climbing,  
 As your heart is touched and stirred.

With an arm across your shoulders,  
 And a grip you love to find,  
 How it makes you feel the bounding  
 Of the hearts of humankind.

It is just a little token  
 Of an ever growing band,  
 For there's faith and hope and courage  
 In a Brother's friendly hand!

Suppose we find ourselves standing outside "Builders Lodge" in a place called "Needsville," Here, according to our ritual, gathers a certain number of masons duly assembled, inspired by the Sacred Book and guided by the compasses and the square. They are, by a charter, empowered to work—that is they have the honor of laboring as Freemasons. On reflection, we realize that Builders' Lodge, like all Masonic lodges, exists even when there are no masons meeting in the building. It exists in the shared belief system of the brethren and in their united endeavor to give concrete evidence of their beliefs through their service to others.

Every Mason who has received his training in Builder's Lodge should know that the dimensions of his lodge spread symbolically to the ends of the earth and that nothing short of universal compassion is the aim of the Fraternity. In more immediate terms, the dimensions of Builder's Lodge spread across Needsville to the borders of the lodge's jurisdiction. Jurisdiction defines a certain community of lodge members and wayfaring brethren alike. It is a community within the community at large, a community of the Craft, alive and operative.

MW Walter M. Macdougall  
 Piscataquis Lodge # 44, Milo, ME



The District Deputy Grand Master, RW William F. Reinhold presented a commission to RW James F. Dickerson as Grand Lodge Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rio Grande do Sul at Porto Alegre, Brazil, near the Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. & A.M. of the Commonwealth of Virginia.



**Table Lodge Program**

The Worshipful Master, MW Jeff Hodges presented the program for our Table Lodge, on “The Conscience of our Fraternity.”



A committee composed of RW Andrew D. Keller and Brother Gene Carpenter presented Brother Harry J. “Toby” Brown, Jr. in the East where the Worshipful Master presented him his 50 Year Masonic Veteran’s Emblem. The Worshipful Master invited Brother Brown to be his honored guest and sit on his right in the East.



**June Masonic Birthday**

The Worshipful Master, MW Jeff Hodges wishes Brother Harry (Toby) J. Brown, Jr., Brother Forrest R. Marshall, Jr., RW William R. Bond III, Brother N. E. “Gene” Carpenter and Brother John F. Williamson, Jr.



**Table Lodge**

On Friday, June 24th, Widow’s Sons’ Lodge celebrated the Feast of Saint John the Baptist with a delicious meal of bris-ket prepared by MW Jeff Hodges and generously donated by Brother Rob Harrison. Friendship and a good time was had by all the brethren in attendance.



**Program for June**

MW Lloyd Evan Davis, Past Grand Master of Masons in Utah 2009 presented the program for the evening on the development of Masonry in Utah.

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

- Brother T.C. Dickerson is recovering at home from pneumonia.
- Brother Walter Carpenter is home bound. And having trouble with his balance.
- Brother Maury Kingman is now residing at Rosewood.
- Brother Pascal Bussiere is progressing slowly.



We are saddened at the loss of our Brother; Brother Campbell Snowberger who passed away on June 24, 2016.

“His spirit to God, His memory in our hearts.”




Knights Templar Commandery #3 and the Charlottesville Lions Club Are Now partnering to collect used eyeglasses for recycling.

Do you have old unused eyeglasses around your house?

Recycle them ... and help those in need to see the world.



**Apple Butter Bars**

1 1/2 cups flour	1 1/2 cups white sugar
1 tsp. soda	1 cup butter
1 tsp. salt	1 1/2 cups apple butter
2 1/2 cups quick oats	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift together flour, soda and salt in large bowl. Add oats and sugar. Stir in butter and mix well. Press half of mixture in bottom of greased 9 x 13 pan. Top with apple butter. Sprinkle with remaining crumbs; press gently with spoon. Bake 50-55 min. or until brown.

~An Amish Recipe from Hershberger Family

**Monthly Garden Tip for July**

It is not always convenient to plant at recommended times. You can plant perennials and annuals at any time as long as you water your plants well. It helps to shade them the first few days. Shrubs in containers can be planted at any time as long as they are well watered.

Remember not to prune summer or fall blooming shrubs now as the flower buds will be lost.

Remove dead, diseased wood, and water sprouts from dogwoods if not done earlier.

Watch for “die-back” on rhododendrons and camellias which may cause a few leaves to curl up, or an entire branch to die. Prune the branch back to the healthy wood as soon as it is discovered any time of the year.

Cut back new wisteria side shoots to about 1 foot to encourage formation next year of flower buds. Young vines need to be tied up until they produce tendrils.

Feed summer flowering shrubs after they bloom. Continue feeding flower beds every week with liquid fertilizer.

Keep roses mulched at least 2 in.

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

**Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, the following were known to be members of a Masonic lodge: Benjamin Franklin - 1 of 13 Masonic signers of Constitution of the U.S. member of St. John's Lodge, Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Past Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania.**



New Jersey.

Matthew Thornton, made a Mason in a Lodge attached to a British Regiment of Foot during the Siege of Louisburg, Canada, in 1745, serving in a New Hampshire Colonial Regiment as a surgeon. Baron Von Steuben, while at Valley Forge, is said to have conferred the higher Degrees on him and to have been the only Signer who attained the 32nd Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

George Walton, member of Solomons Lodge No. 1, Savannah, Georgia.

William Whipple, member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, New Jersey.

The following named Signers have been referred to as members of the Fraternity by various Masonic writers, and in Masonic publications, but their Lodge affiliation is not known:

Roger Sherman, claimed to have been made a Mason prior to the American Revolution. A Masonic Apron said to be worn by him is in the collection at Yale University.

Josiah Bartlett, one so named is listed as a charter member of King Solomon's Lodge, Charlestown, Massachusetts. Descendants, however, say he was not a member of the Craft. There is doubt that this Bartlett is the signer, and records of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts do not show his Lodge affiliation.

Philip Livingston, often referred to as a Mason, but this is open to debate. Records of the Grand Lodge of New York do not disclose his name. Several members, named Livingston, are noted in the records of Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City, New York.

Joseph Hewes. Records of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, Edenton, North Carolina, show his name as a visitor on St. John's Day, December, 1776.

Robert Treat Paine, member of a Massachusetts Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts records do not show his affiliation. He was said to be present at the celebration of St. John's Day, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in June, 1759.

Thomas McKean, noted as a frequent visitor to Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The McKean genealogy has stated he was a Mason, although his name is not found on the records of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, which was not organized until the close of the American Revolution. A brother, Samuel McKean, was a member of the Fraternity.

John Penn, known to have attended Lodges in North Carolina, but his Masonic affiliation is not known.

Lyman Hall, claimed to have been a member of Solomons Lodge No. 1, Savannah, Georgia.

William Ellery, claimed as a member of a Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts.

Thomas Nelson, Jr., claimed to have visited Lodge No. 9, Yorktown, Virginia, after the Siege of that place was lifted in the Revolutionary War, accompanied by Lafayette and Washington.

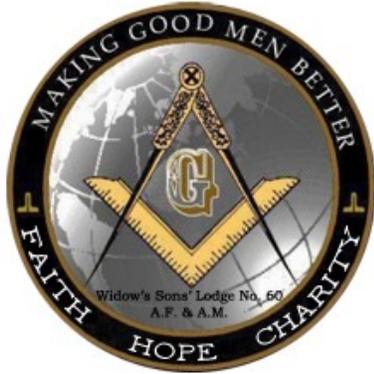
Absence of definite proof of the Masonic affiliation of the Signers named in the foregoing paragraphs, precludes the possibility of knowing.

This is also the case with Thomas Jefferson; John Adams; Benjamin Rush, Robert Morris; John Witherspoon; George Wythe; Francis Lightfoot Lee; Richard Henry Lee, and others. Caesar Rodney, of Delaware fame, had a son Caesar Augustus Rodney - a member of the Craft. George Read, another Signer from Delaware, had a son - George M. Read - who was Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Samuel Huntington had a son who was Grand Master of Ohio.

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