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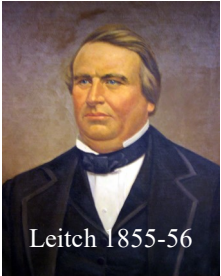
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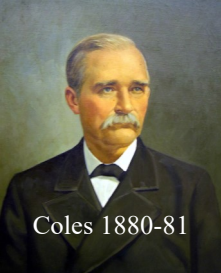
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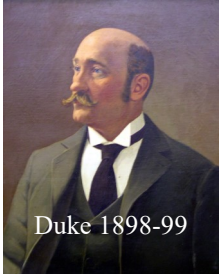
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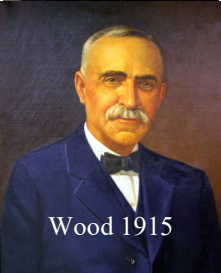
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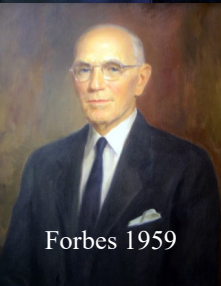
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Brethren,

Next month will be Hawaiian shirt night. Illustrious Sir and R W Jame Duke will be visiting us. Please show up to support our Illustrious Potentate of ACCA Shrine. We contributed to our Brethren in the Grand Lodge of West Virginia last month. Combined with the other Lodges I heard or visited Virginia Masons will send almost \$15,000 to help them deal with the ravaging flood situations. Only a drop in the bucket, but we should be proud that we can step up to the plate to help every

Brother who should need our assistance.

I do need your help with a situation that seems to be happening more and more: we have young men who want to join our fraternity that have no vouchers. We must reach out to these men to know them. I am never in favor of a Master or Secretary arbitrarily signing Petitions. We must "actively guard the West Gate" and to do anything less is a violation of our obligations to the fraternity. Help me to meet with these men and truly know them before they get turned off by the type of process we have.

October will be our Blue Jeans and BBQ picking outdoor Lodge. Dust off your bib-overalls, boys, cause we are fixin to have a grand time at Camp Holiday Trails in October.

Fraternally,

Jeffery E Hodges, PGM

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons



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

Michael L. Arnold	08/30/2004
Alexander Banks, V	08/26/1968
Robert L. Bishop, Jr.	08/29/2015
Stephen J. Blair	08/29/2015
Dale R. Blosser	08/29/1988
Joseph F. Brown, III	08/12/1992
Brian E. Campbell	08/28/1990
William W. Clark, Jr.	08/27/1951
James E. Craig	08/16/2008
David S. Davidson	08/07/1967
Harold W. Davis	08/04/1975
Steve E. Fetcho	08/27/2005
George P. A. Forschler	08/03/1967
Robert H. Garner	08/23/1963
Charles M. Hale, Jr.	08/09/1977
Robert A. Harrison, Jr.	08/19/1953
Robert A. Harrison, III	08/27/2005
Jason E. Hodges	08/27/2005
Jeffery E. Hodges	08/26/1985
James E. Holler	08/27/1984
Douglas D. Hudson	08/20/1951
Ian C. Kelly	08/27/2005
Patrick M. Kelly	08/27/2005
Boyd L. Knott	08/24/1970
Daniel T. LaPlume	08/27/2005
John Coulter Maddox	08/02/1971
Brady L. McLane	08/04/2004
Timothy B. Parent	08/27/2005
William F. Reinhold, III	08/26/1996
William E. Rose	08/26/1972
Larry B. Saunders	08/27/2005
Kent Schlussel	08/07/1990
Steven R. Thomas	08/28/2008
William D. Vincent	08/27/2005
M. Van Wilson	08/07/1990

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

- RW Mike Griffin
- Donald Stoneburner
- Brother T.C. Dickerson
- Brother Walter Carpenter
- Brother Pascal Bussiere



Important Dates

- **Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication**, Aug. 8th, 7:30 PM.
- **King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication**, Aug. 9th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Stated Communication**, Aug. 15th, 7:00 PM.
(Hawaiian Shirt Night)
- **Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication**, Aug. 17th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Officer's Meeting**, Sept. 5th, 6:00 PM. (All Officers and Committee Heads should attend)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 1st:

Widow's Sons' Lodge Hawaiian Shirt Night - Please wear a Hawaiian Shirt.



Friday, August 26th:

Weapons of Yesterday, A Fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. Where: Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club (RRPC) Right side of the 100yd Rifle Range. For directions see website: <http://www.rrpc.org/> Time: 4-7 PM, All Masons and their guests (over 18) and RRPC members and Associates.

RSVP: By August 24th (so that adequate ammunition is available for the event) to Mark S. Chapman, Ph.: 434.971.1332, Email: agw123@earthlink.net See Flyer on next page for more details.

Saturday, September 10th:

Lodge Dove Hunt - Shady Grove Kennels, Remington, VA. See bottom of page for more details.

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. More info to follow.

Dove Hunters

The lodge is organizing a trip to Shady Grove Kennels, Remington, VA on September 10th for their 25th annual dove hunt. Please let RW Jim Dickerson (434) 466-4663 or RW Mike Griffin (434) 981-5428 know if you're planning to attend. Each hunter will need to register directly with the Kennel: <http://www.shady-grove.com/> (540)-439-2683. Jim and Mike are planning to meet in the Lowe's parking lot in Ruckersville at 10am and depart for Remington at 10:30. Bring plenty shells!!

www.shady-grove.com

Neil Selby and Leslie Carter 11986 Lucky Hill Road Remington, Virginia 22734 Office (540)-439-2683



The LEO, Brother Kent Schlusel continued his quiz between the North & South on Masonic Jurisprudence. The South won with a score of 2-1. Total score to date is South 6 and North 5.



We are saddened at the loss of our Brother; Brother Gordon Murray Kingman who passed away on July 30, 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.



Program for July

MW Alan W. Adkins, Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia 1997 & Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia presented the program for the evening entitled, "What it means to be a Master Mason."

Apple Glazed Pork Roast

- 1 boneless pork loin roast (3 lb)
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup apple jelly
- 2 tablespoons country-style Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh sage leaves
- 4 large Fuji apples, cut into wedges
- 2 large sweet onions, cut into wedges
- 1 generous tablespoon olive oil

Directions

- Heat oven to 375°F. Line roasting pan with foil; spray rack with cooking spray. Place pork on rack. Sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and 1/2 teaspoon of the pepper.
- In medium microwavable bowl, microwave jelly uncovered on High about 1 minute or until melted. Stir in mustard and sage. Brush mixture on pork.
- In large bowl, place apples and onions. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Drizzle with oil; toss to coat. Arrange apple mixture around pork.
- Roast uncovered 50 minutes to 1 hour or until meat thermometer inserted into center of pork reads 145°F. Cover loosely with foil; let stand at least 3 minutes. Slice pork; serve with apples and onions.

This is a perfect summer surprise meal, when you just can't face another burger or dog on the grill!

Weapons of Yesterday:

A Fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association



Brothers interested in reliving the history of marksmanship with period weapons (flintlock, percussion, Springfield and Garand rifles) like those used in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI and WWII, respectively, will be given the opportunity to do so.

This is your chance to fire period weapons* that our ancestors used to obtain and to maintain American independence. The owners of these weapons have volunteered to instruct and to let you fire their weapons for a tax deductible donation to the Alzheimer's Association. For a fee of \$35 (checks payable to the Alzheimer's Association) you can experience the use of these weapons and help raise funds to fight Alzheimer's disease.

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* Bring ear and eye protection if you have it; ear plugs and eye protection will be issued to shooters.

Monthly Garden Tip for August

- Christmas Rose (*Helleborus niger*) may be planted anytime from now until early spring. Choose a site that will provide shade in the summer, sun in winter and protection from high winds. They are of the few plants not bothered by tree roots.
- Late summer is the best time to plant Oriental poppies. A mulch of oak or sycamore leaves will give them needed protection the first winter.
- Maples and birches may be pruned after new growth has hardened.
- At the beginning of the month fertilize and trim back perennials for the second blooming.
- Feed roses for the last time this season. When cutting blossoms cut above the 5-leaflet leaf.
- Replenish the mulch in flowerbeds, vegetable gardens and shrub borders. Mulching helps keep down weeds, reduces moisture loss from evaporation and contributes organic matter to the soil as it decomposes.
- Cut off faded blooms of summer phlox, yarrow and day lilies in order to have a second bloom.

Brethren,

Please remember to bring a canned food item for the Charlottesville Food Pantry located at the Lodge first floor elevator. The food items donated by the brethren provide groceries at no cost to low-income families within and around the Charlottesville community. When access to food is NOT consistent and dependable, a household is classified as food insecure. The U.S.

Department of Agriculture released this report in May 2013. The authors analyzed the two most recent years of survey research on the topic of food insecurity in households with children. They found:

21% of households with children were food insecure at some point in 2011...that's nearly double the level of food insecurity of homes without children (12%).

Food security is especially important for children because their nutrition affects not only their current health, but also their physical, mental, and social development.

While food insecurity is less prevalent in Virginia than most states, one in 16 homes with children were classified as food insecure.

Source: Coleman-Jensen, Alisha, William McFall and Mark Nord. Food Insecurity in Households With Children: Prevalence, Severity, and Household Characteristics, 2010-11, EIB-113, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, May 2013.



Feeding the Community



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

THE CORNER STONE

by Byron E. Hams



Now my newly made Brothers you are placed in the north-east corner of the lodge and in this position you become representative of a spiritual corner-stone, and hence, to thoroughly comprehend the true meaning of this placement, it is essential that we should investigate the symbolism of operative and speculative masonry.

The difference between operative and speculative Masonry is simply that-while the former was engaged in the construction of a material building, formed, it is true, of the most magnificent materials which the quarries of Palestine, the mountains of Lebanon, and the golden shores of Ophir could contribute, the latter occupies itself in the erection of a spiritual house, "a house not made with hands" in which, for stones, cedar, gold, and precious stones, are substituted with the virtues of the heart, the pure emotions of the soul, the warm affections gushing forth from the hidden fountains of the spirit, so that the very

presence of Jehovah, our Father and our God, shall be enshrined within us or his Shekinah was in the holy of holies of the material temple at Jerusalem.

The Speculative Mason, then, if he rightly comprehends the scope and design of his profession, is occupied, from his very first admission into the order until the close of his labors surd his life, -and the true Mason's labors ends only with his life, -in the construction, the adornment, and the completion of this spiritual temple of his body. He lays its foundation a firm belief and an unshaken confidence in the wisdom, power, and goodness of Cad. This is his first step.

Unless his trust is in God, and in bin only, he can advance no further than the threshold of initiation.

And then he prepares his materials with the gauge and gavel of Truth, raises the walls by the plumb line of Rectitude, squares his work with the square of Virtue, connects the whole with the cement of Brotherly Love, and thus skillfully erects the living edifice of thoughts, and words, and deeds, in accordance with the designs laid down by the Master Architect of the Universe in the great Book of Revelation.

As the aspirant for Masonic light on your very first entrance within our sacred porch, you prepare yourself far this consecrated labor of erecting within your own bosom pr fit dwelling-place far the Divine Spirit, and thus commence the noble work by becoming yourself the corner-stone on which this spiritual edifice is to be erected.

In Masonry, the north has ever been esteemed the place of darkness; and in obedience to this principle, no symbolic light is allowed to illuminate the northern part of the lodge. The east in masonry is symbolic of Masonic light or universal knowledge.

You are in the north-east corner of the lodge, because it is symbolic of your relation to the order and to the world, From the profane world you have just emerged. Some of its imperfections are still upon you; some of its darkness is still about you; so get you belong in part to the north. But you are striving for light and truth; the pathway upon which you entered is directed towards the east. Your allegiance, if I may use the word, is divided. You are not altogether in darkness, nor altogether in light, If you were wholly in darkness, the north would be the place to put you. If you were wholly in light-a Master Mason, -the east would have received you.

But you are neither; you ore an Entered Apprentice, with some of the ignorance of the world cleaving to you, and some of the light of the order beaming upon you. One side of you faces the north, and the other side faces the east. You are neither wholly in one part nor wholly in the other part. As an Entered Apprentice you are not fully developed you are incomplete and imperfect, and therefore rightly placed in the north-east corner of the lodge, the joining point of darkness and light.

The corner-stone, as the foundation on which the entire building is supposed to rest, is, of course, the most important stone in the whole edifice. You, my Brothers as Entered Apprentices are the most important Brothers here, for you are the Master Masons of tomorrow. We, the Craft are charged with giving you oil our knowledge of Masonry that you are qualified to receive. And I stress the word, qualified, for if you never become qualified the teachings of Masonry will die with us. You are charged with, first becoming qualified to receive this knowledge, second with receiving this knowledge, and third and most important seeing that only those duly qualified receive it from you. In this manner the teaching of Masonry have been preserved over the ages. As the corner-stone of Freemasonry you are the link between the ones of us that have the knowledge and the ones that will come to Masonry in the future to find the knowledge. This is why you are placed in the north-east corner of the lodge as the corner-stone of Masonry.

My, Brothers, I have explained to you on three different levels why you are in the north-east corner; Mentally, Physically, and Spiritually. Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

We will give you the allegory band the symbols, but only of your own free will and accord through your own desire will you be able to remove the veils.

Brethren please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

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