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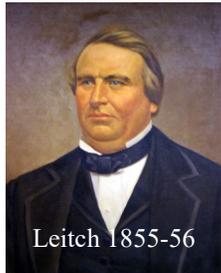
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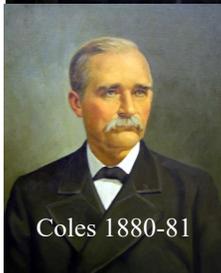
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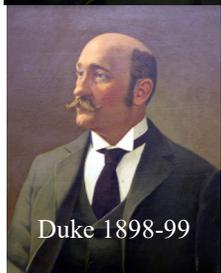
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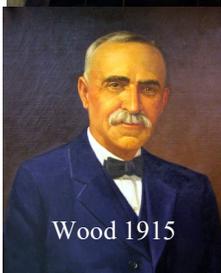
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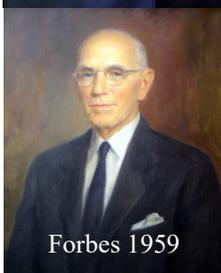
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Brethren,

The Call for Grand Lodge has been issued. The Resolutions proposed cover the amount of years to qualify for LMIP, the amount to be paid for Membership by Affiliation and the Lewis Jewel. We will discuss this at our September meeting. The Grand Annual Communication is scheduled for Friday November 11 and Saturday November 12.

Our October outdoor Lodge is next month at Camp Holiday Trails. Please remember the change of location and share time with your Brethren in the grand outdoors. A picnic dinner will begin at 6:00 pm and Lodge at 7:00 pm as usual. Dress is bib overalls or jeans.

Our Lodge Open House is September 6 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Our ladies are invited. Dinner will be pizza and salad and dessert. This will be a Bring a Friend evening, so please come out. I realize you may not get this information until after that date.

We will have a degree on September 14. Please attend and support our Brother.

Remember: God given talent is just that "given," don't waste it!

Fraternally,

Jeffery E Hodges, PGM

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons



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

Stephen G. Brown	09/25/1995
P. Douglas Cheape, Jr.	09/06/1955
Ancel B. Davis, Jr.	09/20/1986
James F. Dickerson	09/01/1995
Craig M. Downing	09/01/1995
William K. Fields	09/20/1986
Lowell T. Hill, Jr.	09/02/2008
John E. Hopkinson	09/02/1982
Carlos E. B. McReddie	09/05/1984
Philip H. Nelson, Jr.	09/27/1999
Jason A. Pattison	09/16/2010
Richard A. Rohm, Jr.	09/18/2002
Michael Sheffield	09/12/1975
David T. Simpson	09/16/2004
Charles M. Ward	09/20/1986



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.

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

- RW Harlan Phelps
- Brother Donald Stoneburner
- Brother T.C. Dickerson & his wife Sarah
- Brother Walter Carpenter
- RW Andy Keller



Important Dates

- **WSL No. 60—Open House and Bring a Friend Night**, Tuesday, October 6th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- **Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication**, Sep. 12th, 7:30 PM.
- **King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication**, Sep. 13th, 7:30 PM.
- **WSL Stated Communication**, Sep. 19th, 7:00 PM.
- **Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, September 6th, 6:00 PM

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60— Open House & Bring a Friend Night. Pizza will be served.

Wednesday, September 14th, 7:00 PM

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60—EA Examination and if found proficient Fellow Craft Degree

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



Our Chaplain, Brother T. C. Dickerson gave a short talk on Charge No. 5 from the Ancient Landmarks entitled, "Tha Management of the Craft at Work."



Program for August

Illustrious Sir and RW James H. Duke, Jr. Illustrious Potentate of ACCA Shrine presented the program for the evening entitled, "ACCA Shrine and the state of affairs with the Shrine International."



Program for August

R W Steve Sanford, chairman of the GL Committee on Blood Services presented a program on how the GL Blood Service Committee's got its start.



Weapons of Yesterday, A Fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association.

On August 26th a fund raiser was held at the Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club to support the Alzheimer's Association. Period weapons were fired. Some of our Brethren that participated are shown above, from left to right; Brother Nick Bragg, RW Greg Hosaflook (Day Lodge No. 58), Brother Pat Kelly and Brother Mark Chapman.

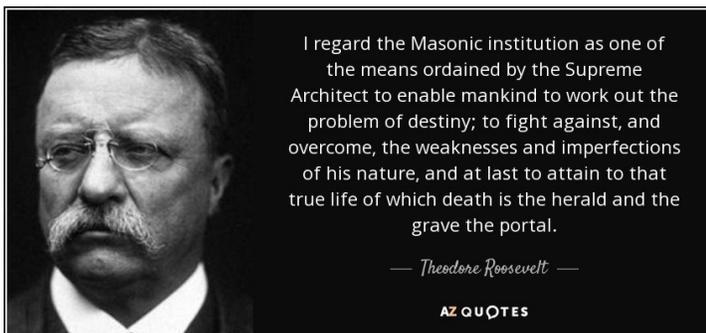


Our Worshipful Master, MW Jeff Hodges recently portrayed Brother Theodore Roosevelt at Ashlar Lodge No. 125's Stated Communication



August Masonic Birthdays

The Worshipful Master recognized those having Masonic Birthdays in the month of August. Those present were: Curtis M. Carlisle; 1 year, Steve E. Fetcho; 11 years, Robert A. Harrison, Jr; 63 years, Robert A. Harrison, III; 11 years, Stewart Plemons; 1 year, Jeffery E. Hodges; 31 years, and Kent Schlüssel; 26 years.



I regard the Masonic institution as one of the means ordained by the Supreme Architect to enable mankind to work out the problem of destiny; to fight against, and overcome, the weaknesses and imperfections of his nature, and at last to attain to that true life of which death is the herald and the grave the portal.

— Theodore Roosevelt —

AZ QUOTES



Monthly Garden Tip for September

- September with its warm days and cool nights is the ideal month for establishing reseeding, rejuvenating and fertilizing the lawn. Six or seven weeks of vigorous growth in the fall builds root systems, stores energy in the roots and helps grass to overwinter and get off to a better start in the spring.
- Much of Virginia is a transition zone where both cool and warm season grasses grow. In the northern Piedmont, cool season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass, tall fescue, fine fescue and turf type perennial grass should be planted. Tall fescues make a tough lawn tolerate heat and the most extensively used grasses for lawns in this area. Use red fescue seed for shady areas.
- Plant peonies in holes that were prepared last month. Plant root divisions so "eye" is 1-1/2 in. below surface of soil. Firm soil around root division and water well. If properly planted, peonies need not be disturbed for years. They do not do well surrounded by ground cover or tree roots.
- Plant spring-blooming shrubs, ground covers and new perennials.

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 END OF ALZHEIMER'S
STARTS WITH *you.*

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

A MASONIC INCIDENT

THE CRAFTSMAN - 1866

A little incident, containing some mystical interest, transpired in Wayne county, South Carolina, during the late war. It is as follows:-

It was late at night, the husband was absent, and the wife, alone with her children, had retired. Three or four soldiers rudely knocked at the door of the house, and demanded entrance and something to eat. The good lady told them that it was too late, that she had nothing cooked, but fearing they would break the door, she got out of bed, and opened it to expostulate with them.

They insisted that she should cook something for them, and while she was getting ready, and they were roaming about the house, one of the party, who seemed to be the leader, happened to find a copy of Mackey's "Masonic Jurisprudence." Turning over he found the name of the poor, frightened woman's husband written on the fly-leaf.

"Is this your husband's?" he inquired of the lady. "Yes sir," was the timid reply.

"Is he a Mason?"

"Yes Sir."

"Come, boys, right about-march!" and immediately the house was cleared and quickly closed.

Yogurt Muffins (Makes 12 muffins)

1 cup yogurt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup butter
2 eggs
1 tsp pure vanilla
2 cups flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup of chocolate chips (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease muffin tin or line with papers. Mix yogurt and baking soda, set aside. In another bowl, beat butter, add eggs one at a time, then vanilla. Add dry ingredients, gently folding yogurt mix at end. Bake approximately 20-25 minutes until golden brown. (Freezes well or good for packed lunches.)

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

The making of a Freemason consists of a continuing course of education, of training, and of character forming. While it may be accepted that it is an innermost desire, followed by obligations that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer form and better sense, a man is never a Freemason until he truthfully and loyally lives up to his obligations. And he cannot do that until he understands them, and eventually knows their scope and real meaning.

Freemasonry can very well be divided into many phases. Its landmarks, its customs, its constitution and its laws, just to mention a few, if studied and mastered, can provide a more interesting course for the Master Mason seeking Masonic knowledge. Its historical background can provide in interesting program of investigation to the Member attracted to a desire for research.

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will stand investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated. A member of the Craft who merely takes his degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and then remains as just a spectator at Lodge meetings, may hold to the opinion that Freemasonry differs little from other societies. The contrary, the Master Mason who delves deeply into Masonic literature takes a lively interest in every part of the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, and learns the origin, meaning and moral bearing of its symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations.

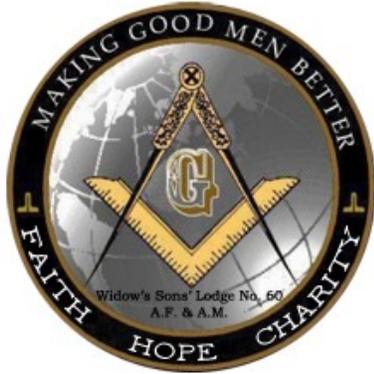
The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. May it be accepted that Freemasonry is a way of living to the Master Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his, and his alone, by virtue of his Masonic Membership.

The best informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic reading, our Masonic studying and our research for more Masonic Light.

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