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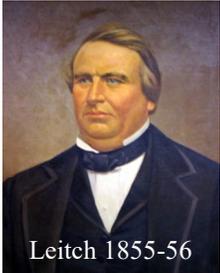
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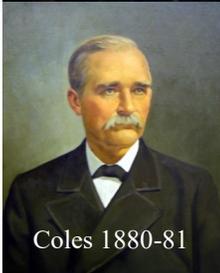
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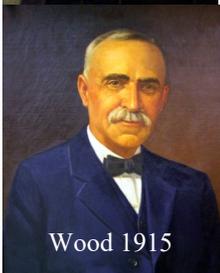
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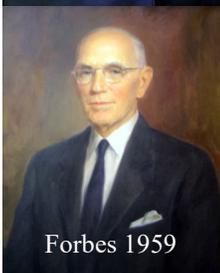
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October Message from the East

As I prepare this Message from the East and before the month of September ends, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those individuals that participated in our Masonic Appendant Body Night at Widow's Sons' Lodge. Several Brothers told me afterward that they learned something new about these organizations and that they were planning to join an Appendant Body to further their understanding in Freemasonry. While not every Appendant organization was represented at our Lodge event, those that were represented shared two things: the advancement of Masonic Light and the compassion of Freemasons and their spouses for their neighbors.... for the Brotherly Love that a Mason shares neither starts nor finishes with a check book. I want to thank Right Worshipful Bob Simpson for sharing his insight and vast understanding of Royal Arch Masonry during our September Stated Communication. It is always a pleasure to hear a well planned and thoughtful presentation on a Masonic theme that helps us understand our fraternity's history as well as frame the esoteric principles that shape our Craft.



Our Lodge activities planned for October will continue the momentum generated by our September 28th Master Mason Program; that's when Brother William Heron Reichert was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; congratulations Brother Will and thanks to all participants in the Degree Team. WSL60 is planning to raise another candidate to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 23rd... I hope that you'll be able to join us or to participate on the Degree Team... contact the Senior Warden for degree details.

October 6th, 2017 marks the 200th anniversary of our Lodge's participation in the cornerstone laying of Central College (now known as the University of Virginia); and UVA faculty and students will be celebrating the bicentennial tribute wherein we have been asked to participate. In honor of Masons that have promoted the advancement of higher education throughout history, I have invited other Lodges to join us for the tribute. Starting at 1 pm on Monroe Hill (named after President Monroe who was a Freemason and donated the land for the college) Most Worshipful Jeff Hodges will be presenting a program on the History of Freemasonry in Virginia; then at 2:50 pm Masons will assemble on the lawn in front of Pavilion VII (formerly known as Central College) and the stonemason Right Worshipful Bob Clore and I will present a representative cornerstone to the UVA President as a time capsule of our Lodge's involvement in education. A Grand Lodge dispensation has been received permitting Masons to wear their aprons, jewels and white gloves for this special public event. You are invited to be a part of this living history. Contact me if you have questions about the tribute or our Masonic participation; a map showing location and time of events has been emailed.

Other Lodge activities occurring in October are shown on the calendar in this newsletter. I hope that you'll be able to attend Masonic Home of Virginia FAMILY DAY on October 14th; followed by our Lodge visitation to Barboursville Lodge that evening. Also, mark your calendar's for RW Russ Snodgrass' presentation on Founder's Day at our October 16th Stated Communication. As in the past, our Stated is preceded by a meal which this month will be prepared by Wor. David Simpson; a special collection for the meal will be available with all donations contributed to the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Take care my Brothers.... Hope to see you soon.

Mark



October Masonic Birthdays!
Wish a Brother
Happy Masonic Birthday.

Simon C. Alexander	10/10/2012
Christopher N. Bragg	10/24/2013
Mark S. Chapman	10/01/2007
Richard D. Cook	10/28/1974
Jay L. Cotner	10/04/1989
Mike D. Griffin	10/30/1996
D. Mitchell Hofecker	10/16/1993
Earl V. Jorgensen	10/02/2013
Charles M. Long	10/25/1976
Charles E. Nunnally, Sr. *	10/20/1967
Charles E. Reinhold	10/28/1998
Patrick S. Rowe	10/26/2016
Christopher A. Ruffin	10/18/2012
George P. Scouras	10/09/1953
Robert E. Simpson	10/15/1965
Clyde D. Snoddy, Jr.	10/19/1996
Russel G. Snodgrass	10/25/1976
Joseph Seth Spivey, III	10/28/1985
Robert E. Stark	10/08/1975
Zia A. F. Tompkins	10/29/2013
Howard K. Trail	10/19/1996
Harry L. Walker, Jr.	10/03/2002
James C. Wood	10/15/1996
John D. Zero	10/28/1991

*** 50 Year Masonic Veteran**

UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

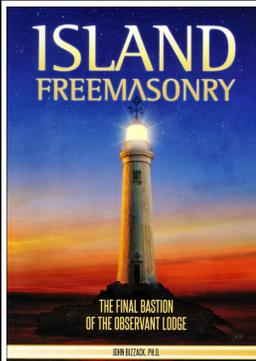
- 3 October: Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry Masons participation night at 6-8 pm
- 4 October: WSL60 Officers Meeting 6 pm meal meeting afterward
- 6 October: UVA Cornerstone Laying Tribute (1pm program at Monroe Hill; 2:50pm program in front of Pavilion VII)
- 7 October: Scottish Rite Degrees at King Solomon's Lodge No 194 in Crozet at 1:00 pm
- 9 October: SLOT Training at WSL60 with RW Jim Dickerson, DEO, at 7pm
- 14 October: Masonic Home of Virginia FAMILY DAY 8am – 1pm; WSL60 visitation and WM presentation at Barboursville Lodge No 112 at 7:30pm
- 16 October: WSL60 Stated Communication; Meal provided by W. David Simpson at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm – Program by RW Russ Snodgrass on Founder's Day
- 19 October: Practice for MM Degree at 6:00pm
- 23 October: Called Communication for Master Mason Degree at 6:00 pm
- 24 October: Knights Templar Commandery No. 3 meeting at 6pm; Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58 meeting at 7:30pm in Charlottesville Masonic Temple
- 28 October: Mason Team participation in Alzheimer's Association Charlottesville WALK to End Alzheimer's (see WWW.ALZ.ORG for details and to register)



Wor. David Simpson is preparing the dinner menu for the October 16th stated communications and includes Spaghetti with meatballs, garlic/butter bread with a salad. The desert will be pumpkin and apple pie with ice cream



The WM recognized those with Masonic birthdays in September. Pictured L-R: Mark Chapman; Philip Nelson, 18 years; Jim Dickerson, 23 years; Carlos McReddie, 33 years; Tom Hill, 9 years; Jason Pattison, 7 years; and David Simpson, 13 years.



Book Review **Island Freemasonry, The final Bastion of the Observant Lodge**

by John Bizzack, PhD and member of Lexington Lodge No. 1, Lexington, Kentucky

Brother Bizzack has coined a new term for those lodges that have been gradually changing toward the more observance practices found in our heritage with *Island Freemasonry*. He delves into the causes of the current condition of our Craft in America and how we might escape its present state as he provides great historical value to the reader in subjects too rarely discussed. This book stimulated me to reexamine the present as the past, reflecting a transitional change that may be regarded as the history of the future of our fraternity.

Thomas W. Jackson
Past Grand secretary, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Exec Sec., World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges

Looking for Seven Wonders of the Masonic World?

On the website www.freemasoninformation.com there is an explanation of the Seven Blunders of the Masonic World:

1. Ritual Without Meaning
2. Fellowship Without Frivolity
3. Quantity Without Quality
4. Education Without Philosophy
5. Charity Without Connection
6. Frugality Without Discretion
7. Leadership Without Competence

A new book, *The Masonic Tour Guide, Vol. 1, Wonders and Merriment* by Daniel D. Hanttula, was reviewed in the *Scottish Rite Journal*. Brother Hanttula wants help to produce future volumes. In the introduction he asks for submissions of elaborate lodge settings, Masonic landmarks, unique Masonic degrees, legendary Masonic monuments, and even unique Masonic cemeteries. Submissions can be sent to him at danielhanttula@gmail.com. It would be a great way to include your lodge's or state's special buildings, places, or events.

This book starts a discussion of what are the Seven Wonders of the Masonic World? Just as there are seven modern and ancient wonders of the world, one would be hard pressed to limit their own Masonic choices to seven. Certainly, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania building in Philadelphia are at the top of most everyone's list. *Emissary Notes* would like to hear your list of the seven Masonic wonders. List them on the Masonic Service Association's Facebook Group site. Remember, you have to first ask to be a member of the group to post.

The 239th Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia

Will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The Business Session will commence on Friday, November 10, 2017, at 8:30 O'clock A.M. Exemplification of the Degrees will be held beginning on Wednesday, November 8, at 7:30 O'clock P.M. and ending on Thursday, November 9, at 3:00 O'clock P.M.

Representative Cornerstone cube in process of being made by RW Bob Clore for our UVA Bicentennial Tribute on October 6th, 2017



Next step will be to carve and polish the lid and then engrave lid and sides with words. Then place items inside cube time capsule and then seal lid for next 100 years.

**Brethren, You are invited to join the
Officers and Members of Widow's
Sons' Lodge as we travel to**

Barboursville Lodge No. 112



Saturday, October 14th, at 7:30 PM (Meal at 6:30pm)

Program by Wor. Mark S. Chapman

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Laying of the Cornerstone on October 6, 1817

Masons from Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60, Charlottesville Lodge No. 90, and other visiting lodges laid the cornerstone for what is now called the University of Virginia on October 6, 1817; Presidents James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe were in attendance. Of the three Presidents present only James Monroe was a Freemason and he participated in the testing of the cornerstone during the ceremony. Testing was performed using the square, level and plumb line. The Masonic ceremony involved a procession of 65 masons marching to the construction site at what is now known as Pavilion VII, the first building to be erected in what was known as Central College.

The cornerstone laying ceremony that the Masons performed 200 years ago has changed little from the ceremony we now perform and it involves the ancient custom of pouring wine and oil and then scattering grain on the cornerstone; for a description of the ceremony see the Grand Lodge of Virginia booklet: "Ceremony for Laying Cornerstones." At the 1817 cornerstone laying event the then National Anthem "Hail Columbia" was played by a band and several speeches were given after the original Masonic ceremony. The UVA Bicentennial Ceremony on October 6, 2017 contains a tribute to our Masonic involvement and it illustrates the significance of public education and an educated citizenry that our nation's founding fathers (many of whom were Freemasons) placed in establishing the University.

UVA Cornerstone Laying Bicentennial Tribute October 6, 2017, Map for Freemasons Participating in Ceremony



Important Building #'s

- 105: Central Visitor Parking**
the entrance is off Emmet Street (Rt. 29); take elevator to Book Store level or walk up the stairs by the book store and to Monroe Hill
- 16: Monroe Hill (Brown College)**
is white building on hill (in front of map number 16); the a Monroe Hill Ceremony starts on the lawn under a tent in front of the college on Monroe Hill @ 1 PM; MW J. E. Hodges will present the History of Freemasonry in VA & WSL60 WM presents print of circa 1800 Lodge Floor Cloth to College
- 29: Colonnade Club (Pavilion VII);**
Masons walk to Lawn from Monroe Hill where WM and RW Bob Clore present time capsule marble cornerstone to UVA President @ 2:50 pm and the UVA Bicentennial starts @ 3pm

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Appendant Body Night

The September stated was designated Appendant Body Night. During the meal time, Patty Kirk spoke on the Eastern Star; Jeff Hodges on the Scottish Rite; Philip Nelson on the Knights Templar; and Goldie Tomlin on the Shriners. During the lodge meeting Bob Simpson spoke on the Royal Arch Chapter, specifically the Mark Master's Degree and the great lessons taught in the rejection of the keystone. Each are pictured below.

