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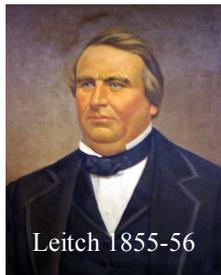
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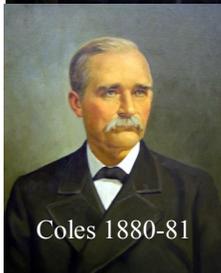
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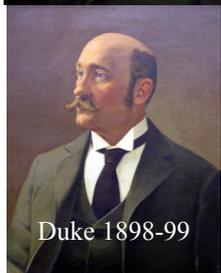
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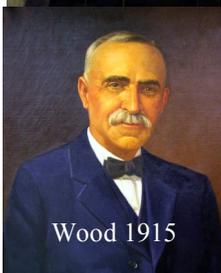
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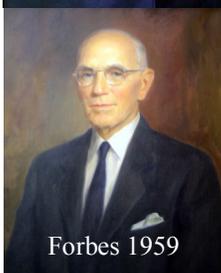
Coles 1880-81



Duke 1898-99



Wood 1915



Forbes 1959



Hodges 2009



Wor. Mark S. Chapman presenting Mt. Wor. Jeffrey E. Hodges with a Part Masters Certificate

Brethren:

I want to thank you for electing me to serve in the East at Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60. Our Lodge has a long and prosperous history of serving the community and of promoting the fraternity through its membership dedication, philanthropic leadership and generosity. I will strive to carry on that tradition with the support and encouragement of our Lodge members.

What's in store for the upcoming Masonic year? The year 2017 is looking like a historic Masonic year! The stars are aligning and Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 is being driven into the spotlight of historical destiny ... events are unfolding before us which are derived from the calendar of fate ... The question is "How will we respond?"

We are planning a Brother Robert Burns supper BEFORE our January Stated Communication. I invite you to join your Brethren for some wonderful food and Scottish entertainment, and bring a friend that perhaps will be a future lodge member.

Our February Stated Communication will involve a lodge guest, an operative stone mason, demonstrating the art and skill of his craft followed by active participation from lodge members performing stone carving. The stone that we carve will be the UVA dedicated cornerstone used in their October tribute. Recently, Bro. Bob Simpson presented a program on the 1817 UVA cornerstone laying ceremony; UVA wants WSL60 members involved in their upcoming bicentennial tribute on October 6, 2017.

At our June Table Lodge (St. John the Baptist Day), Freemasonry will celebrate its 300 anniversary founded by the Grand Lodge of England in 1717. I hope that you'll join us in celebration of the birth of speculative Freemasonry.

Plans are being made for our Stated Communication in April to be held at the Scottish Rite House of the Temple in D.C. We'll be taking bus to the Scottish Rite Temple to tour the facility and be treated to a very interesting program. Reserve April 22nd on your calendar and let a Lodge Officer reserve a seat on the bus for you.....

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Wor. Mark S. Chapman

January Masonic Birthdays!
Call a Brother and Wish Him a Happy
Masonic Birthday.

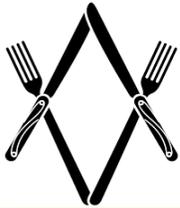


NAME	MASTER MASONS DEGREE
W. Benton Downer, III	01/04/1979
Jimmy G. Houser	01/05/1976
Curtis Parker Leake	01/12/1977
James W. Marshall	01/13/1973
Rolling E. Fields	01/19/1973
Lee W. Bullwinkel	01/19/1973
James G. Carpenter	01/25/1993
Paul H. Drinard	01/27/1969
Thomas A. Patrick, III	01/30/1984
James D. Dunbar, Jr.	01/30/1984
E. Mack Powell	01/31/1961
Kurt M. Gloeckner	01/31/1972
Halbert E. Davis	01/31/1983



UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 3: WSL60 Officers Mtg 6:30pm Ritual Practice 7:30pm
- January 9: Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication
- January 10: King Solomon Lodge No. 194 Stated
- January 11: EA Degree Practice 6:30PM
- January 14: Eastern Star Mtg 10AM
- January 16: Robert Burns Supper 6PM; WSL60 Stated Communication after Burns Supper
- January 18: Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 Stated Communication
- January 23: EA degree - 2 candidates
- January 24: Knight Templar Commandery No. 3 at 6 PM
- January 24: Keystone Royal Arch Mason Chapter 58 mtg at 7 PM
- February 6: WSL60 Officers Mtg 6:30PM
- February 11: Division Leadership Conference (DLC) Great Ridge Church, 1275 Goose Creek Road, Fishersville
- February 13: Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communication
- February 14: King Solomon Lodge No. 194 Stated Communication – DDGM Official Visit
- February 15: Piedmont Stella Lodge No 50 Stated Communication – DDGM Official Visit
- February 20: WSL60 Stated Communication – Stone carving Presentation



Moving forward, monthly Masonic Suppers will now be served at **6pm** at the Lodge **BEFORE** the 7pm Stated Communication

2017 Dues

Brethren, Your 2017 dues cards are now in and ready to be distributed. Notices have been sent out. Again, for this year they are \$117. Please remit \$117.00 payable to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.

Send to;

William R. Bond III, Secretary
 400 Mountainside Drive
 Stanardsville, VA 22973

Also, there are several Brethren who have not as yet paid their 2016 dues, please see to this as you will be

Masons & Guests

Are Invited to Join the Officers and Members of
Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
Celebrating the life of Brother Robert Burns with fine food,
good company, and Scottish entertainment

RSVP by Jan. 12th
 Tickets: \$10

For Reservations
 Contact : Senior Steward,
 Bro Stewart Plemons @
 434.989.7903 or
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Guest Speaker:
 Brother Bill Dickey,
 Masonic Villages
 of the
 Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Monday, January 16, 2017

6:00 PM Supper

**January Stated Communication in Window's Sons' Lodge
 Room After Burns Supper**

Please Keep these Brethren in Your Thoughts & Prayers

- Brother Donald Stoneburner - Moved to Heritage Inn, 220 South Pantops Drive, Charlottesville, Va. 22911 Room 17
- Brother Richard Cook
- Brother Gene Carpenter



2017 WSL60 Officers

.L-R: Bro. TC Dickerson (Marshal); Bro. Harry Walker (SD); Bro. Bobby Cameron (Tiler); Bro. Nick Bragg (SW); Wor. Mark Chapman (WM); RW Bill Bond (Secretary); Bro. Jason Parham (JW); RW Mike Griffin (Treasurer); Bro. Stewart Plemons (JD) Missing in photo: RW Philip Nelson (Chaplain); John Lawson (Junior Steward)



Jeffrey Hodges presented with Lodge Portrait for Receiving 33 Deg in Scottish Rite Masonry

Robert Burns Robert Burns was born on 25 January 1759 in Alloway in Scotland and died on 21 July 1796. In his short life he made a tremendous impression on many people in Scotland, so it was only natural that they should want to mark his life and works with some sort of celebration. The first recorded Burns supper was in 1801 in Alloway when a group of his friends gathered, not in January but in July to mark the fifth anniversary of his death. Some of the traditions which have grown up were established on that first occasion - haggis as the main course. The haggis was addressed at that first meal, after all the poet himself had provided the perfect words with which to do so in his poem "Address to a Haggis".

Since those early beginnings, the custom of holding a "supper" to the immortal memory of the Scottish Poet has become a world-wide phenomenon. Brother Burns was a Freemason so we celebrate a Master Mason who believed in the equality of man!

Menu

***Haggis Don't ask what's in it
Scottish Meat Pie Beef and Oats
Champit Tatties ... Mashed Potatoes
Bashed Neeps Root Veggies
Cranachan...Ice Cream w/ Strawberries***



Burns Night Program

**Selkirk Grace
Piping & Drumming n the Haggis
Ode to the Haggis
Piping & Drumming Haggis to Kitchen
Serving of Meal
Welcoming of Guests
Guest Speaker: Bro. Bill Dickey
Singing: Auld Lang Syne**



When Is A Man A Mason?

by: Joseph Fort Newton



A Man is a Mason **when** he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizons with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage.

When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellowman.

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins--knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds.

When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all learned how to be friends with himself.

When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child.

When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life.

When star-crowned trees and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead.

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.

When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of higher things, and to see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be.

When he can look into the way-side puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin.

When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope.

When he has kept faith with himself, and his fellowman, and with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of song--glad to live, but not afraid to die!

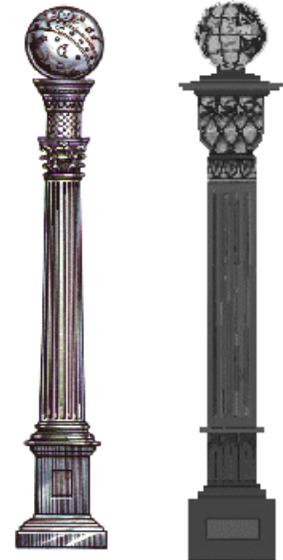
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In such a man, whether he be rich or poor, scholarly unlearned, famous or obscure, Masonry has wrought her sweet ministry.

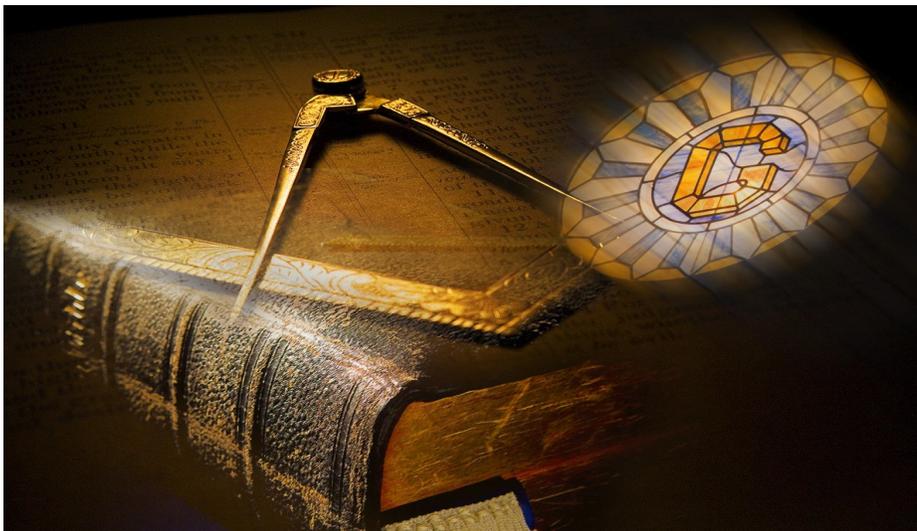
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FREEMASONRY
MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER



L-R: Wor. Hunter Birckhead (PS50), Rt. Wor. Charles Via, Bro. Carlos McReddie, Mt. Wor. Jeffrey Hodges, Rt. Wor. Jim Dickerson, Bro. T. C. Dickerson, Rt. Wor. Mike Griffin. Recognizing Brother T. C. Dickerson and Rt. Wor. Charles Via for service as 50-Yr Masonic Veterans.



Wor. Mark S. Chapman welcoming the Worshipful Master from a Lodge in India



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1799—2017
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