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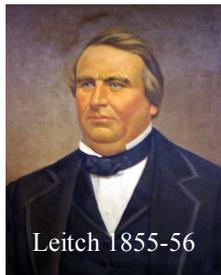
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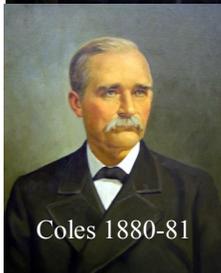
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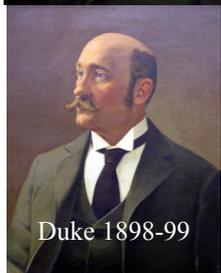
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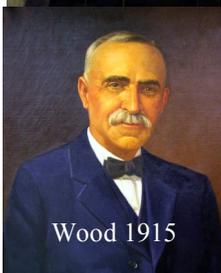
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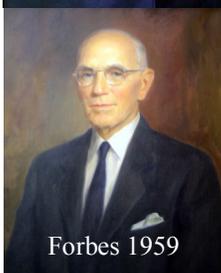
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February Message from the East: Greetings Brethren and Friends,



The secrets of Freemasonry can only be perceived by experiencing it over numerous lodge meetings, sharing the ritual, teaching of the degrees, pondering philosophically its teachings either alone or with Brethren, and then realizing its applications in your life. The secrets are never revealed to one who has not walked a masonic path nor worked in the quarries.

Our Lodge is so fortunate to have members that understand the secrets of Freemasonry. We saw this at our February Stated wherein masons volunteered to help serve on our various Lodge committees, to participate in our rituals, to prepare meals, to donate to charities, to make presentations, to operate projection equipment, and to share concern for the sick and widows.

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason." - Brother Benjamin Franklin

I wish to give a special Thank You to Bro. Bob Clore for sharing his experience and talents in stone carving with the brethren. We are so fortunate to have him demonstrate both operative and speculative masonry in our Lodge. His presentation at our February Stated was most memorable (See image above). Also, a special Thank You is given to Bro. David Simpson for an outstanding meal and to Bro. Bill Reinhold for operating our sound and projection system.

On March 20th, our Lodge will receive RW Goldie W. Tomlin, Jr, District Deputy Grand Master for District 18 for his official visit to WSL60. Lodge members will not want to miss this opportunity to hear Brother Goldie present our Grand Master's message. Our meal before March Stated (6 p.m.) will be prepared by the Eastern Star Queen Esther Chapter No. 14 members. **Masons and spouses are invited for this supper. Contact the Secretary to RSVP for this special meal.** Since St. Patrick's Day occurs mid-March, the Eastern Star Ladies are preparing a wonderful traditional Irish meal for us. And as a further bonus, Bro. Tom Hill and wife Pam will be providing the Irish music entertainment during the meal time.

Our April Stated promises to be a unique adventure. We have a Dispensation from the Grand Master to hold our Stated on April 22 at the House of the Temple (Scottish Rite) in Washington, D.C. The cost of the trip (including lunch) is \$50. Twenty five masons have already signed up for the trip... bus space is limited so contact the Secretary or WM to reserve a place. All moneys (make checks payable to WSL60) for the trip need to be sent to the Lodge Secretary by **April 1, 2017**. I hope you can make this exciting trip.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Wor. Mark S. Chapman



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

Wm. F. Baskerville	03/04/85
Richard L. Bradley	03/25/86
Gregory J. Cooley	03/04/75
Wm. Jackson Douglas	03/24/76
Mark J. Hall	03/22/99
J. Stevens Hall	03/25/66
Kerry L. Harlow	03/23/87
John R. Healey	03/30/05
Walter A. Hedzik	03/07/77
John L. James	03/09/65
Christopher L. Kintner	03/30/09
Clifford N. Miller	03/24/69
Michael T. Rose	03/26/97
Joshua A. Stanton	03/13/13
Bruce Thompson, Jr.	03/06/54
Bland M. Wade	03/14/60
F. E. Wellman	03/10/04



ATTENTION!

This month our special St. Patrick's Day meal is before the March Stated. **INVITE YOUR SPOUSE TO JOIN US!** The meal and entertainment starts at 6PM. **RSVP with Secretary.**

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 in arrears on January 1, 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 7 WSL60 Officers & Committee Chairman Mtg. 6:30 P.M.; Meal 6 P.M.
- March 16 ... WSL60 Officers & Members (Presenters) Rehearsal for DDGM18 Official Visit to Lodge
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day celebration
- March 20 WSL60 Stated Communication ; DDGM18 Official Visit to Lodge 7 P.M.; St. Patrick's Day supper provided by Eastern Star Members with live musical entertainment during meal-time. Spouses invited to share meal. Program starts at 6 P.M.
- March 25 ... Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 7 & 10 at Louisa Baptist Church, Louisa, VA.
- March 28 Knights Templar Commandery No 3 meeting 6 P.M. ; Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58 meeting at 7 P.M.
- April 4 WSL60 Officer's and Committee Chairman Meeting 6:30 P.M.; Meal 6 P.M.
- April 14&15 Robert Kennedy Masonic Ritual School for 18th District (POC: Bro. Joe Harris; ph. 540.241.0482).
- April 17&18 C. A. Whitted Ritual School for 18th District in Scottsville.
- April 22 **NOTE: CHANGE IN DATE OF STATED MTG FROM APRIL 17 TO APRIL 22! DON'T SHOW UP AT LODGE 3rd MONDAY.** Our Saturday (Apr. 22nd) Trip to the HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE, WASHINGTON, DC. Where we will conduct WSL60 Stated Communication ... (See agenda in newsletter or contact WM or Secretary for details....**RSPV required by April 1st...**)
- April 25 Knights Templar Commandery No 3 meeting 6 P.M. ; Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58 meeting at 7 P.M.
- May 2 WSL60 Officer's and Committee Chairman Meeting 6:30 P.M.; Meal 6pm.
- May 9 WSL60 visitation to Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21
- May 15 WSL60 Stated Communication 7 P.M.; Meal 6 P.M. Eagle Scout Award Presentation and Scholarship Presentation before Stated.
- June 6 WSL60 Officer's and Committee Chairman Meeting 6:30 P.M.; Meal 6pm
- June 16 Grand Master's Official Visit to District 18
- June 19 WSL60 Stated Communication 7 P.M.; Meal 6 P.M.
- June 24 WSL60 Table Lodge... Celebration of 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry. Guest Speaker from Grand Lodge of England.



**WSL60 Stated in April to be Conducted at
House of the Temple in Washington, D.C.
on Saturday April 22, 2017**

**Special quest speaker:
Wor. Bro. Brent Morris, 33^o**



**Contact Lodge Secretary to RSVP. Cost of trip \$50
-----to be paid by April 1st-----**

Mentoring the Trade-Craft

By William Edgeworth

It is incumbent on all new petitioners to explore, and define what they consider relevant to an understanding of their new and unique venture called Freemasonry. It is also a necessity that guidance and support from all brothers, and especially an individual brother, explains, directs and, if necessary, challenges the brother. This role of mentor is the cornerstone of any lodge educational program. It is the cement which supports the foundation of friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

Time constraints can make individual instruction strained, but the relationship and guidance of a mentor can facilitate the new brother to a better understanding of the degrees and protocols in a lodge. It also gives him the working tools to challenge him in his journey.

In his new Masonic world, a new brother often has simple questions; where do I sit, how do I tie my apron, or what degree are we opening on? Easily answered, but who does he ask?

Lodge education and Masonic study is imperative for the faithful discharge of ritual, but also to aid the craft from becoming stagnate and self indulgent.

Establishment of a mentoring program is simple. One brother takes another and directs, elaborates, and explains. This brotherhood of mentorship creates a desire for each of the parties to view the craft as an examination of ourselves.

The relationship between mentor and student builds a friendship. and a kinship for the fraternity germinates. A wonderful illumination takes place, and the quest for "further light in Masonry" becomes a self illumination. The new brother builds his inner spirit and inner knowledge.

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WSL60 Masonic Fellowship now begins at 6PM, BEFORE our monthly stated communications.

St. Patrick's Day Special Menu

*St Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. Our Lodge will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 20th (just like they do in Newfoundland and Labrador...) This special day remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century. What a great way to celebrate Irish masons and their descendants than by enjoying the food and fellowship of our Brothers and their ladies... That's right! **SPOUSES are invited to join us for this special event in the Lodge dining room.** . . And a special program is prepared for them after supper!*

Traditional Irish supper prepared and served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star Queen Ester Chapter No. 14 includes:

**Corn Beef *Cabbage *Carrots *Potatoes
*Irish Soda Bread and Corn Bread *Dessert
Drinks ...

St. Patrick's Day is about more than wearing lots of green—it's also about having a hearty Irish meal first. (Donations Welcome) The only thing missing is a pot of gold and a leprechaun.

Please RSVP for the meal to our Lodge Secretary.... RW Bill Bond (contact info on page 6 of the newsletter).....



**Dinner promptly at 4pm.
Stated begins at 7pm.**

Freemasonry Outside AND Inside Lodge



Bros. Jason and Brian staffing Virginia Child Identification Program (VACHIP) station at event. Brother Jason's daughter Bailey helped measure and weigh the Cub Scouts. Wor. Jason Pattison and Brother Brian Weidman attended a local Cub Scout pinewood derby on January 30, 2017. They provided the parents of thirty Cub Scouts with a CD of vital information through the Grand Lodge Program on Child ID (VACHIP). If any Lodge members are aware of a local opportunity/event for our Lodge's VACHIP Director, then please contact Brother Jason Pattison at [434-989-4109](tel:434-989-4109) or jaspatt82@yahoo.com.

RW Bob Clore, Master Stone Mason!



**Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 April 22 Stated
to be conducted
in the House of the Temple, Washington, D.C.**

The trip agenda follows:

A chartered bus will leave from the JC Penney's parking lot at Fashion Square Mall at 8:30 A.M., arriving in time for lunch (photo taking and checking out the book /souvenir store), at 1 PM guided tour of the building, at 2:30PM our Stated Communication with a special guest speaker: Bro Brent Morris, then return to Charlottesville after the Stated.

Contact Lodge Secretary, RW Bill Bond (434) 985-6171 or Email: WidowsSons60@gmail.com for reservations and payment. Twenty-five Brothers have already sign-up for the trip.

The cost of the trip is \$50 including meal; however if you are on a fixed budget and would like to go on the trip but your financial situation doesn't permit it, then contact the Worshipful Master....we'll work something out...



WM offers congrats to RW Bill Reinhold on his 44 years in the quarries of Masonry.



Mentoring the Trade-Craft

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A mentor presents a working knowledge of procedures which may seem common to the rest of the lodge. He may issue praise or criticism, but always with the mindset that, with his help, the brother may take a seat among the officers or even progress to Worshipful Master.

Within Masonic lodge buildings are books, charts, and fliers. Some lodges can access electronic media, or there may even be a Masonic research library. Yet, at the threshold of that open door stands the mentor.

"Men are men the world over. That which is hidden is sought; that which is forbidden is desired; that which is secret is studied; that which is rare is held valuable." If Masonry has a secret, it is that "to be of use to others, Masonry must be of use to you."

In mentoring, the compelling forces of curiosity and human nature are brought together. The spirit and love of Masonry are shared as the guided and guide step with newfound kinship. The newly initiated brother learns incalculable enrichment, with the reassurance that Freemasonry is all and more than his initial belief.

Without a mentor, the search for answers becomes a futile attempt to understanding. With a mentor, the absence of doubt allows the application of clarity.

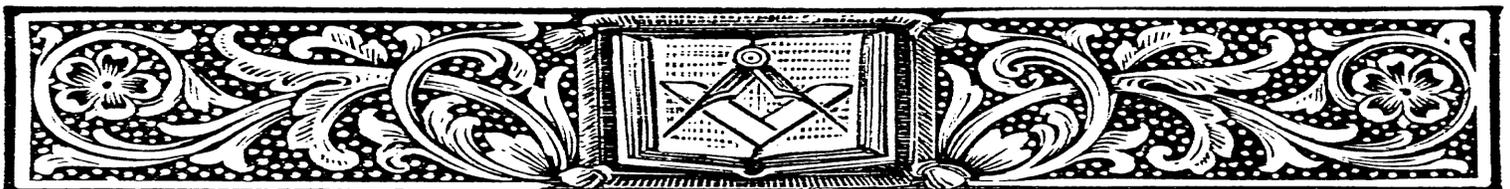
A mentor is a teacher with experience, knowledge, and history; a lodge reference book just waiting to be opened by the new brother.

Mentoring is badly needed in lodges where stagnation threatens to become the norm. Mentoring creates a new found excitement for questions, explanations, and recitations.

The foundation of mentoring is both ancient and celebratory. It is an exchange, an understanding between a novice and a seasoned individual, whereby each becomes part of the circle; each becomes a working tool to the craft. Maintaining, discovering, and polishing them into that which makes good men better.

In these fast, and, at times, disconnected days, a mentoring relationship is needed at the forefront of every lodge educational program. A mentor is the catalyst by which a new brother has the ways and means by which the brotherhood of Freemasonry is spread.

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