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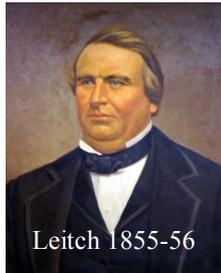
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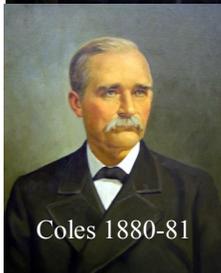
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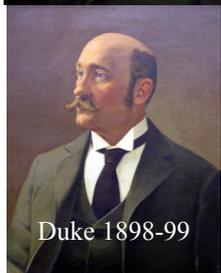
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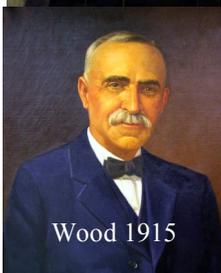
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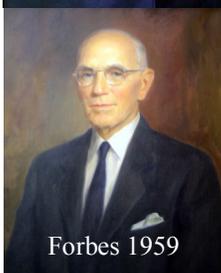
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Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

Our Masonic Calendar in June has been a busy month consisting of the Grand Master's Official visit to our 18th District, our Lodge Stated Communication wherein the brethren learned about George Washington's Masonic obligation, and our Table Lodge wherein we celebrated St John the Baptist Day (June 24th) which was also the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry ...the same day only 300 years later. All of these events occurred during a busy timeframe when families go on vacation and the long hours of daylight inspire our spirits to travel. Hence, I want to thank all of the Lodge brethren who attended our

Lodge programs in June; I trust you had fun and enjoyed the fellowship as much as I did.

On June 21st, everyone in the Northern Hemisphere welcomed the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice; it marks the first official day of summer, when the sun reaches its northernmost point in the sky. During the hot summer months of **July and August**, Lodge members may wear their WSL60 polo shirts to our Stated Communications and to our Lodge's social activities. Because of our special guests attending our August Stated, I ask that Lodge Officers wear coat and tie in our August Stated. Contact RW Andy Keller (Email: keldad41@gmail.com Phone: 434-260-4257) to obtain a lodge polo shirt. Of course, coat and tie attire are required for our Lodge Called Communications.

The Lodge activities scheduled during the month of July promise to deliver both educational and social benefits. We are planning to pass two worthy individuals to the degree of Fellowcraft on July 12th at 6:30 p.m.; the brethren are encouraged to attend to show support for the candidates. Then we'll conduct our Stated Communication on July 17th. We are pleased to welcome RW Greg Hosaflook, Day Lodge No. 58, as our guest speaker for our July Stated. His presentation will include stories of survival for Masons during the Civil War; it speaks to the tenants and virtues of Freemasonry during our Nation's turbulent years of warfare. Afterward, WM Jeffrey E. Hodges will briefly address Freemasonry's response to today's turbulence found in the revival of hatred and fear in our Nation.

The meal before our July 17th Stated Communication will be served at 6 P.M. We are having a chili cook off.... **Lodge members are invited to bring in a pot of their favorite chili to share with the brethren** ... a prize will be awarded to the best tasting chili entry. Salad, bread and drinks will be provided. After the meal and awards ceremony but prior to opening the Lodge Stated at 7 p.m. while still in the dining room, Bro. Sam Caughron, M.D., will give a demonstration of the Lodge's defibulator Do you know how to use it? It could save a life! On July 22nd from 1-3 P.M., we are planning a Lodge Open House (Bring a Friend) and Ice Cream Social at Lodge; Brethren are encouraged to bring their family and friends to enjoy a variety of ice creams, fellowship with visitors in the Lodge, and talk to them about Freemasonry as you tour the building with them. Special brochures on the history of WSL60 are being prepared for this event. I hope to see you there. Wishing you a happy and safe July 4th Independence Day,

Mark S. Chapman, WM WSL60



**July Masonic Birthdays!
Wish a Brother
Happy Masonic Birthday**

Ronald L. Webster	07/23/1984
David C. Merchant	07/28/2004
L. Mark Ascoli	07/27/1988
James R. Ruhland, III	07/09/2003
James L. Reinhold	07/28/1999
Larry W. Claytor	07/15/1986
Peter J. Baber	07/10/2002
Richard K. Powley*	07/24/1967
R. Lee Richards	07/19/1991
James D. Stoneburner	07/13/2005
Peter R. Thorsen	07/21/1978
Jeffrey A. Kennedy	07/01/2009
Barty L. Sorrells	07/22/2006
Paul Vereshchetin	07/29/2013
R. Eric Thompson	07/24/2006
Robert A. Clore	07/24/1971
Vestal Greer	07/29/2006
Andrew F. Conely	07/29/2006
Mark A. Chandeysson	07/17/2008
Pascal Bussiere	07/25/1998
William Roberson, Jr.	07/24/1961

*** 50 Year Masonic Veteran**



UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 5 at 6 p.m. WSL60 Officers Meeting. Meal provided before meeting

July 12 at 6:30 p.m. Called Communication at WSL60 for Fellowcraft Degree for 2 candidates



July 13 at 6:00pm Lodge Volunteers meet at "Loaves and Fishes" Food Bank (see article in newsletter p.4)



July 17 at 6 p.m. Meal before Stated: Chili Cook-Off Contest and Awards followed by presentation on the Lodge's defibulator by Bro. Sam Caughron



July 17 at 7 p.m. WSL60 Stated Guest speaker : RW Greg Hosaflook, Day Lodge No. 58, presentation on stories of survival for Masons during the Civil War; followed by WM Jeffrey E. Hodges speaking on Freemasonry's response to today's revival of hatred and fear



July 22 at 1-3 p.m. Lodge Open House (Bring a Friend) and Ice Cream Social

FAMILY EMERGENCY ... HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED...

Our Lodge Secretary, RW Bill Bond's step-daughter (Karen) and her husband (Travis) lost everything in a house fire. Travis and Karen are high school sweethearts. Travis graduated from Virginia Tech and Karen graduated from West Virginia University. With their degrees in hand, desire to be close to family, and their passion for the outdoors, they decided to settle in Madison County, Virginia. The land they purchased, and would later be married on, held a small house in need of repair. So for the last six years, this young couple poured their hearts and hard work into making their house into their home. They filled their home with antique furnishings from family and many treasures they acquired over their travels. Then disaster struck and fire destroyed almost everything. If within the length of your cable tow, then go to the following link to help them:

<https://www.gofundme.com/emergency-fund-for-travis-karen>

Chili Cook-Off

July 17th at 6 pm

in the Lodge Dining Room



A prize will be awarded by a panel of expert tasters to the
Brother with the Best Tasting Chili

Come sample the chili at our evening meal before Stated even if you are not bringing anything to eat. Salad, bread and drinks will be served with the chili. Enjoy!



Bring your favorite chili dish to share



The WM with Bro. Mark R. Day from Marshall Lodge #39 in Lynchburg, Virginia; Brother Day presented a program on George Washington's Masonic obligation

2017 Dues -

Please see to this.... Your Lodge needs your annual dues in order to run efficiently as well as to have interesting and exciting programs.

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 400 Mountainside Drive
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Piping in the Color Guard for the Official Visit of the Grand Master of VA Masons for the 18th District

Brethren,



Several members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 wish to help those in need of food in our Community by working one day a month at the Local "Loaves and Fishes" Food Pantry, located at 2050 Lambs Road (across from the Albemarle High School). We will be distributing food and loading cars to those in need beginning on Thursday July 13 at 6:00pm and thereafter we are scheduled as volunteers on the third Tuesday of each month beginning August 15 at 6:00 p.m. Special T-shirts (designed by Junior Warden, Jason Parham) will be issued to each Lodge Member Volunteer to wear at the Food Pantry...just let Brother Jason know your T-shirt size.

For groups that volunteer, Loaves and Fishes staff starts filling in volunteer names at least a week in advance. All members who have volunteered will receive an email one week prior to our scheduled work shift to verify that you committed to working that scheduled work shift. If spots aren't filled, the staff will be notified so that they can then send out emails to the individual volunteers to backfill vacancies.

For questions, comments, or if you would like to help volunteer with distribution, contact Bro. Stewart Plemons, Ph. (434) 989-7903; Email: stewpindous@gmail.com This is a great way to support your Community and represent our Fraternity in action. You are welcome to join us!

S&F,

Bro. Stewart Plemons, WSL60 Food Pantry Coordinator



The WM recognizing the Masonic Birthdays of Brother David Goodwin (21 yrs) and Brother John Williamson, Jr. (21 yrs) ; the Brethren sang Happy Birthday to them!



**Ice Cream Social
&
Lodge Open House**



**Saturday
July 22, 2017
1-3 pm**

Bring a Friend!



**The WM presenting
Bro. Nick Bragg (SW)
Warden's Certificate
Congratulations Nick!**

The 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry

On June 24th, 1717, four Masonic lodges in London assembled at the Goose and Gridiron Ale House to organize “speculative” Freemasonry by establishing the Grand Lodge of England; they also elected the first Grand Master. In 1723 and 1738, the first and second editions, respectively, of Rev. Dr. James Anderson’s “Book of Constitutions” was published to define the history of Freemasonry. From 1739 to 1813, Freemasonry split into two Grand Lodges called Ancients (traditionally Ireland and Scottish Lodges) and Moderns (English Lodges), over differences in defining masonic history, ritual and regulations. The Grand Lodge of Virginia was established in 1778 when nine lodges banded together; in 1790 the Grand Lodge of Virginia accepted the Grand Lodge of Ancients book of law, Ahiman Rezon. In 1813, the Grand Lodge of England resolved the differences between ancients and moderns and united as the Grand Lodge of England, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The Grand Lodge of VA adopted the A.F.&A.M. description.

A new brochure titled “A Brief History of WSL60” prepared by our Lodge Historian, RW Robert E. Simpson, picks up from this discussion. Be sure to pick up a copy of the brochure, read it, and give it to someone not familiar with our Lodge. Thanks Brother Bob for keeping our history alive!



**Bro. Luke Wright guest speaker at
Table Lodge providing a history of
the Unit Grand Lodge of England**

**10th Annual James Stanley Johnson
Memorial Golf Tournament fundraiser
for the Masonic Home of Virginia
August 10, 2017
CONTACT Lodge Secretary for Details**

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