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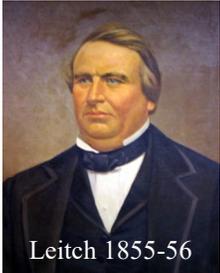
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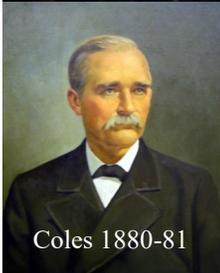
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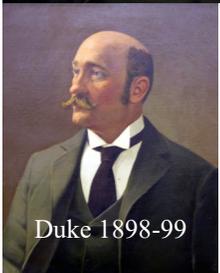
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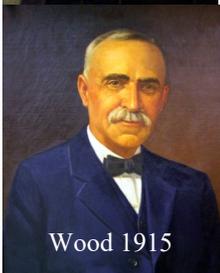
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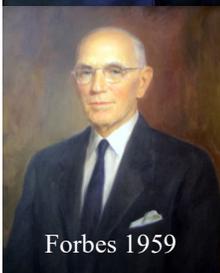
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Greetings Brethren and Members of the World's Largest and Oldest Fraternity,

Ours bonds of brotherly love, compassion and friendship have historically survived military, political, religious and ideological conflicts. Millions of Freemasons worldwide that profess a belief in a Supreme Architect will meet as equals even though they have different occupations, religious beliefs and political ideologies. They meet in peace, conduct lodge business in harmony and friendship, and call each other "Brother." Our Lodge August Stated Communication was just such an experience.

While in August the city of Charlottesville became a battleground for racists and neo-Nazis to plant their hatred in our town, Freemasons embraced a diverse membership in a common bond of friendship and brotherhood. God has blessed our Lodges with diverse members of profession, skill, race, and age... each bringing to lodge a fraternity united in our opposition to bigotry and hatred. I am most appreciative of Prince Hall Grand Lodge Masons from Charlottesville, Staunton and Harrisonburg for joining us at our August Stated Communication and for sharing our time, talent and treasure together as "A Force for Good." Our combined donations for the American Cancer Society collected at the meal before our Stated totaled \$218.

Our Lodge activities for the month of September will continue to focus on Masonic diversity as we examine various Appendant Bodies within Freemasonry. During the meal time (6 pm) before our September 18th Stated Communication (7pm), I requested that the Heads of our Lodge Appendant Bodies: Knights Templar Commandery No. 3, Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No.58, Shriners Piedmont Club, Eastern Star Queen Ester Chapter No. 14, and Order of the Amaranth: Blue Ridge Court No.8, give a 5 minute introduction about their organizations and have available handouts containing additional information. These organizations draw upon our Lodge membership for their membership and there are many desirable reasons to join them, e.g., desire to support the philanthropic charity that the Appendant Body supports, desire for further light in Masonry, desire to participate in Masonry with ones spouse Our meal before Stated will be prepared by members of the Eastern Star and we will collect donations for them. Please bring your spouse to enjoy the meal time activities. The September Stated program will be about Royal Arch Masonry and its sequel to the Master Masons degree.

Upcoming Lodge events that you'll want to highlight on your calendar include the raising of a Fellow Craft to the sublime Master Masons degree on September 28th and the Lodge participation in the UVA Cornerstone Bicentennial Tribute on October 6th. I hope that you'll be able to join us for these events.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Mark S. Chapman, WM WSL60

JOIN US ON APPENDANT BODY NIGHT!



September Masonic Birthdays!
Wish a Brother 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

UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- September 13th, 6 pm, MM Degree practice.
- September 14th, at 7 pm, a Provisional Lodge of Past Masters in the Chapter Room.
- September 18th, at 7 pm, Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Stated Communication. Appendant Body Night. Dinner at 6 pm by the Eastern Star.
- September 19th, Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Nine volunteers are needed to fill the lodge commitment. Please sign up with Bro. Stewart Plemons at 434-989-7903 or stewpindous@gmail.com no later that September 11th.
- September 20th, at 6 pm MM degree practice.
- September 27th, at 6 pm MM Degree Practice.
- September 28th, at 6 pm MM Degree.
- October 4th, at 6 pm, Officers Meeting, meal afterward
- October 6th, UVA Cornerstone Tribute (details to follow).
- October 9th, at 7.00 pm, SLOT Training with RW Jim Dickerson.



The Worshipful Master recognized those present with August Masonic birthdays. L-R: Mark Chapman; Bob Carlisle, 61 years; Steve Fetcho, 12 years; Stephen Blair 2 years; Mike Arnold 13 years; Stewart Plemons, 2 years; and George Forschler 50 years.



RW Philip Nelson presenting Brother George Forschler with a 50 year pin. The presentation was made by the DDGM, RW Goldie Tomlin.



RW Philip Nelson receives an Certificate of Appreciation for his work in developing the lodge web site.

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.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Harlan E. Phelps, Jr. 80, of Charlottesville died on Wednesday August 23, 2017. Brother Phelps was very active in the Masons, having been Raised a Master Mason in Widow's Sons Lodge No. 60 on April 5, 1977, serving as Worshipful Master in 1982; District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District in 1985. He also served the Grand Lodge of Virginia as Grand Lecturer from 1993-1996.



Charlottesville Food Pantry



Don't forget to bring a can of food to our September 18th Stated Communication
And help feed those in need...



Brother Sam Caughron receiving the Master's Hat Drawing.

Sights and Sound of a Wonderful August Stated Communication at Widow's Sons' Lodge

At the Ladies Night held on August 25th, Ms. Nancy Lee Kozub was presented with the 2017 Community Builder's Award by the Worshipful Master. Ms. Kozub is the Volunteer Coordinator with the Charlottesville Loaves and Fishes food pantry that serves the needs of our local hungry men, women and children. In 2004, Loaves and Fishes began as an outreach program at the 1st United Methodist Church and in 2011 became what is now known as the Charlottesville Loaves and Fishes. This 501c3 non profit organization puts food on the table for over 1,400 families in the Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Nancy works with the local Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Sam's Club, Costco, and other grocery businesses that supply over 1 million pounds of food annually to low income families. Nancy enlists the volunteer services from many area churches, UVA students, Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts, Elks, Rotary, our Lodge and local businesses and families. Our fraternity should recognize that with over 9 years of volunteer service, Nancy embodies the inner qualities of charity and compassion as she helps those in need of food in our Community.



Receiving RW Grand Director Walter E. Brown, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 18



Receiving RW Harry Holtz, DDGM districts 21 and 22, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia. The Worshipful Master presented him with a Masonic pen.



RW Brown delivering marks on the history of Prince Hall Masonry and Mt. Zion Lodge No. 18 in Staunton.



RW Jim Dickerson presenting a brief educational program at the August stated.



Receiving Wor. LeRoy Steadley, Jefferson No. 20 and Wor. Justin Banks, Omar No. 226.



Brother Carlton Banks, SW of Omar Lodge delivered the history of Omar Lodge. The WM presented him with a print of the MM degree Wall Painting. Mt. Zion No. 18 and Jefferson No. 20 also received a print.



Wor. David Simmons, a Paster Master of Jefferson No. 20, delivering remarks of the history of Jefferson Lodge.

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Celebrating a Fraternal Visit From the Prince Hall Masons in Charlottesville, Staunton, and Harrisonburg. A History of each Lodge was presented; Jefferson No. 20; Mt. Zion No. 18; and Omar No. 226.