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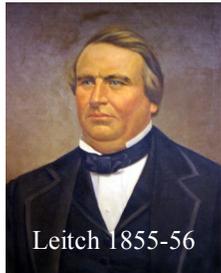
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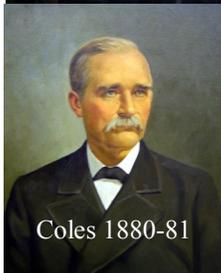
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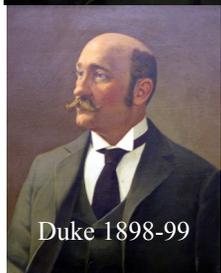
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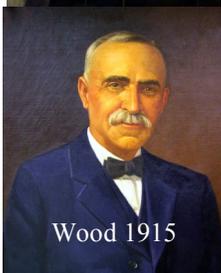
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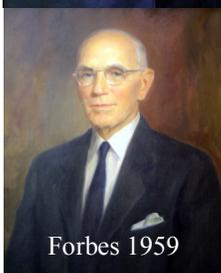
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Brethren,

I would like to thank everyone who attended last months meeting in support of our District Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Michael Ray Skeens. I would also like to thank the officers who once again came together to provide an amazing dinner for us that evening.

RW Mike Skeens brought us Fraternal Greetings from our Grand Master Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor. RW Russ Snodgrass presented the John Powers Stokes award to our Past Master Worshipful Mark Chapman. Thank you for all the hard work you do for this lodge Brother Chapman. We had a nice easy going meeting and RW Mike Skeens did an excellent job!

This month we will have an Irish celebration. Irish style food for dinner and a presentation on Irish freemasonry by Wor Jason Pattison.

We will be putting on an EA degree the last part of march. The degree will take place on March 26th. If its within the length of your cable tow, I would appreciate a good sized group to be there for our newest brother.

April has quite a bit going on. At our stated, we will be celebrating the end of the Civil War. Beans and cornbread for dinner. And a presentation By RW Greg Hosaflook. Anyone who has heard Brother Greg do a presentation knows it will be outstanding!

The Robert Kennedy ritual school will be held at Lee lodge #209 on April 13th & 14th. Anyone who is interested in attending please let our secretary know. I would like to see all of our line officers there.

On April 23rd we will have our lodge cookout! More information will be forthcoming but please mark your calendars and reserve this day for Fellowship and Fun. Bring your families and any friends who might be interested in freemasonry. Please let myself or the secretary know if you plan to attend.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

C. Nicholas Bragg, WM WSL60



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

William F. Baskerville	03/04/1985
Richard L. Bradley	03/25/1986
Gregory J. Cooley	03/04/1975
William J. Douglas	03/24/1976
J. Stevens Hall	03/25/1966
Mark J. Hall	03/22/1999
Kerry L. Harlow	03/23/1987
John R. Healey	03/30/2005
Walter A. Hedzik	03/07/1977
John L. James	03/09/1965
Christopher R. Kintner	03/30/2009
Michael T. Rose	03/26/1997
Joshua A. Stanton	03/13/2013
Bruce Thompson, Jr.	03/06/1954
Bland M. Wade	03/14/1960
F. E. Wellman	03/10/2004

UPCOMING EVENTS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 5th: Monday at 6 p.m. WSL60 Officer's Meeting in Lodge dining room.

March 6th: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Lodge Member/Volunteers meet at "Loaves and Fishes" Food Bank 2050 Lambs Road in Cville (Contact Bro. Stewart Plemons for details (434-989-7903)



March 19th: Monday at 7:00 p.m. WSL60 Stated Communication; program on Freemasonry in Ireland; Meal served at 6 p.m. in the Lodge dining room



March 26th: WSL60 Called Communication—Entered Apprentice Degree at 6:30 P.M.

April 13 & 14th : Robert Kennedy, Jr. Area Ritual School at Lee Lodge #209; Friday, starting at 7:00 PM , Saturday at 9 AM

April 16th: WSL60 Stated Communication@7 P.M. Program by RW Greg Hosaflook; 6 P.M. Civil War type meal before

April 19th: The 21st Annual Ian McLaurin Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament is a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund of the Grand Lodge of Va.

April 23rd: WSL60 Member & Family COOKOUT @ Bro. Ed Creasy's Farm 4-7 P.M. (Details to follow)

April 28 & 29th: Mt. Zion Lodge #18 PHM 150th Anniversary & Worship service, respectively (Contact Secretary for details)

April 28th: Cabell Lodge #328 Family Fish Fry Dinner @ 4:30-7

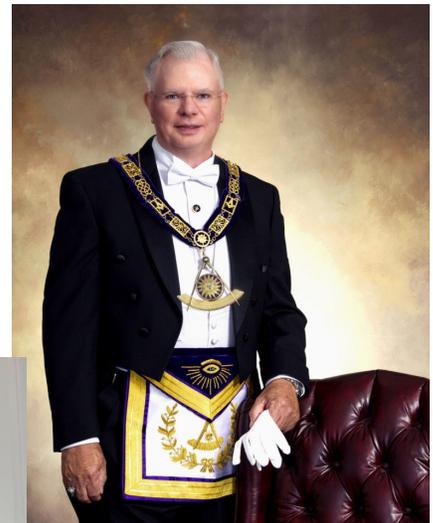
The Human brain is an amazing organ. It functions 24 hours a day from the day we are born and only stops when we are performing ritual



Some Memories of Our Last Month's Stated Communication:



Wor. Nick Bragg presents RW Mike Skeens with a copy of our Lodge room paintings representing the three Masonic degrees



Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor, 2018 Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

RW Michael Ray Skeens DDGM 18 Official Visit to WSL60 brings Greetings from our Grand Master



Wor. C. Nick Bragg (WM) receives MW Jeff E. Hodges (GM 2009) in the East

 **2018 Lodge Dues Reminder**

If you haven't paid your 2018 dues yet, then mail a check for \$117.00 payable to :

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
to:
Mark S. Chapman, Secretary
22 Pine Crest Drive
Troy, VA 22974



RW Russ Snodgrass, Masonic Home Ambassador, presented WSL60 Past Master, Wor. Mark S. Chapman, with the prestigious MW John Powers Stokes Award for Lodge member gifts made to the MAHOVA during the year 2017. Wor. C. Nick Bragg (WM) and RW Mike R. Skeens (DDGM18) in back row.



Most Worshipful John Powers Stokes, 1963. Worshipful Master Westhampton Lodge No. 302, 1947

The Stokes Award - Congrats WSL60!

The Stokes Award is presented to those Lodges whose total annual gifts to the Masonic Home (from the Lodge, its members and widows) equals or exceeds \$25.00 times the number of members on the Lodge roster. For example, if a Lodge has 100 members, then to receive the Stokes award, the annual total of all gifts from the Lodge, its members and its widows must equal or exceed \$2,500 (100 times \$25). WSL60 has 238 members...

Any Lodge earning the Stokes Award has proven itself to be a leader in our fraternity's charitable efforts, much like the Past Grand Master for whom the award is made, Most Worshipful John Powers Stokes.



The ashes of Bro. Donald Stoneburner, a member of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 and a 68 year Masonic veteran, will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on March 21st at 1 p.m. Brother Stoneburner served in the U. S. Navy during WWII and our Lodge members conducted Masonic Rites for him last year at the Charlottesville American Legion. Brethren who wish to pay their final respects to him are invited to this ceremony. For questions, contact Joyce @434.589.0989

SALT, WINE and OIL

A Summary of an article by Bro. Matthew A. Leilich
Published in The Knights Templar, Vol LXIV, Feb. 2018,
No. 2

It is common knowledge that the ancient wages of a Fellowcraft Mason consisted of corn, wine, and oil. Many however, object to this assertion. How can corn be associated with these ancient wages when clearly, corn was first discovered in the New World? Corn was first brought back to Europe by Christopher Columbus in the late 1400's. Since our ritual predates the age of exploration, must not any reference to corn be some sort of mistake?

By the Victorian Era, from which much of the language of our ritual is derived, the word "corn" was often substituted for the word "salt." The verb "to corn" meant "to salt" or "to preserve." Corned beef, for example, contains no actual kernels of corn but contains a very high amount of salt. In fact, if we examine the wording of our ritual, the word "salt" could be easily substituted for the word "corn." "The corn of sustenance" simply becomes, "the salt of sustenance." Our bodies need salt in order to survive and the meaning still holds true.

There is concrete historical evidence that salt was used by various ancient peoples as a form of currency. Furthermore, our ritual clearly states that a Fellowcraft Mason's wages consisted of "corn, wine, and oil," wages being the key word. Assuming that the "corn" of our ritual was "salt," the assumption that a Fellowcraft Mason was paid in salt would be both grammatically and historically correct. In all probability however, the afore mentioned "corn" was probably some sort of cereal grain such as bar-

ley or wheat. It is interesting to consider though that salt might have been part of a Fellowcraft's wages, and even if this was not the case, it certainly adds seasoning to our Masonic understanding.



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