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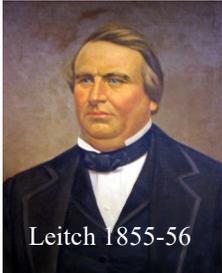
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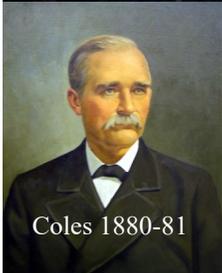
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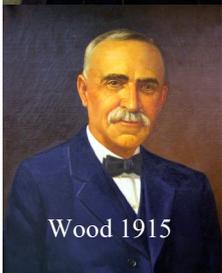
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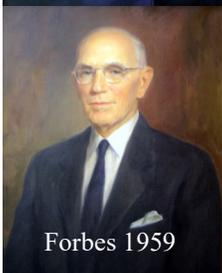
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

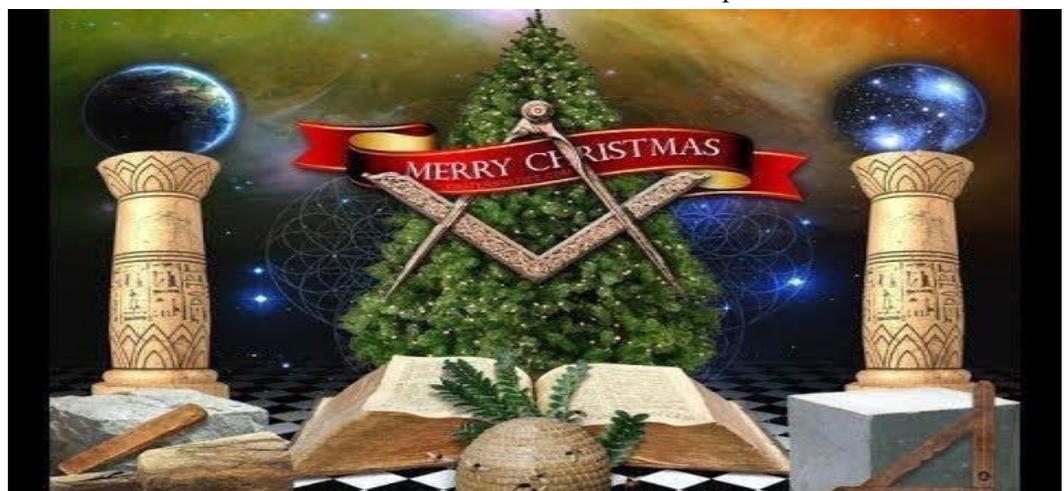
How time flies when you are having fun! I cannot believe next month will be my last sitting in the East for 2019! I hope everyone is excited for the December Stated where we will be able to enjoy some of Brother Jim's famous Oyster Soup, and to see our Senior Warden make the transition to the other side of the room to dawn the Hat!

Naturally as my year comes to an end, I have begun to think back on what I could have done better, or what would have made the year more enjoyable for the lodge. Of course, the normal things pop up that probably apply to most young Masters such as wishing I had more time to plan, or that my ritual could have been better, But then I got to thinking that it was more important to look forward to the coming year and how we could improve our lodge and help the incoming Master. So my thought was that when you break it down Freemasonry is a voluntary organization. And a voluntary organization is made up of people volunteering to do things. I know that sounds crazy, but that is the way I see it.

And before the new worshipful Master closes his first lodge EVERY member of Widows' Son's Lodge No. 60 should volunteer to help him in some way. It could be a meal, a spot on a committee, a program, a part in a degree, or if you are feeling really bold, a spot in line! We all understand that not everyone has the ability to get in line, but IT IS your duty to help this lodge somehow and in some way. So future Worshipful Master I have a program that I can do, I have a meal I can make, I can organize an event, whatever you need me to do to make your year as enjoyable and smooth as possible. My hope is that you have a lot of brothers coming up to you and telling you the same thing over the next month. Lastly Brothers, I hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving, and take a moment to be thankful for our wonderful lodge, and I look forward to seeing you in December.

Respectfully,

Worshipful Jason Parham





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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
Stephen R. Baird	12/06/1993
William L. Bickley	12/06/1955 (64 Yrs)
Stephen R. Christianson	12/08/2010
T.C. Dickerson, III	12/06/1966 (53 Yrs)
Michael A. Hayden	12/05/1972
David M. Kashmer	12/12/2005
Jason P. Lynch	12/07/2006
Russell L. Maugans	12/28/1971
Robert A. Murray	12/10/1999
William R. Nay	12/17/1992
James W. North, Sr.	12/05/1963 (56 yrs)
Jason M. Parham	12/11/2014
Daniel P. Price	12/12/2012
Steven E. Price	12/07/2006
Jonathan M. Shelton	12/07/2006
Charles A. Via	12/06/1966 (53 Yrs)
Brian S. Weidman	12/04/2007

LODGE RITUAL CLASS

Brothers, the Lodge will be hosting Ritual Classes to learn ritual, floor work, catechisms, etc. These classes will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

This months' class will be on December 11th (Wednesday) at 6:00 PM.

For more information, please contact Wor. Nick Bragg.
 Email: nick22882@gmail.com
 Cell: (434) 882-2743

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 History
CD - Second Edition

Brothers, a second edition CD on the history of the Lodge is available for those who are interested.

Please see the Lodge Secretary, Wor. Mark Chapman or the Lodge Historian, Rt. Wor. Bob Simpson if you would like one.

CDs are available for mail delivery, but will have an additional cost for postage (\$4 fee).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

- WSL60 Officer Meeting: December 2nd, 6:00 PM**
- WSL60 Stated Communication: December 16th, 7:00 PM**
- WSL60 Ritual Class: December 11th, 6:00 PM (see notes below)**
- Fellow Craft Degree: December 5th, 6:00 PM**

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2020 WSL60 OFFICERS:
December 16th at Stated Communication
See more information on page four.

10th District Masonic Lodges:

- Day Lodge No. 58 Stated, 1st Thursday at 7:30 PM**
- Widow's Sons' No. 60 Stated, 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM**
- Murray No. 175 Stated, 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM**
- Waddell No. 228 Stated, 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM**
- Mineral No. 311 Stated, 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM**
- Cabell No. 328 Stated, 1st Wednesday at 7:30 PM**

2020 District Deputy Grand Master for the
10th Masonic District

Brethren, let us congratulate the appointment of our new District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District:

Right Worshipful Jason A. Pattison

See page 5 for photo.

APPENDANT BODY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Eastern Star—Queen Esther Chapter No. 14:
 December 14th at 10:00 AM

100th Year Celebration of Queen Esther Chapter #14, O.E.S—
December 14th, 12:30 PM. All Masons and Families are invited to
attend. See more information on page four.

Knights Templar Commandery No. 3:
 December 19th (Thursday) at 6:00 PM

A meal is served between Commandery and Chapter Meetings

Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 58:
 December 19th (Thursday) at 7:30 PM

Shriners Piedmont Club:
 Hospital Children Christmas Celebration
 December 8th, 2019 at 2:00 PM
 Thompson Hall Lodge, 974 Michie Tavern Lane, Charlottesville, VA

Order of Amaranth—Blue Ridge Court No. 8:
 December 6th at 6:00 PM

The Tenets of Freemasonry: Mere Words or Good Guidelines?

By: L.C. Addison II

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, what fine and lofty words indeed! These are the principal tenets of our wonderful institution. They form the foundation on which our Masonic lives are founded. So let's examine what these words mean.

Brotherly Love is a combination of the philos, which means love (or philia) and adeiphos, which means brother. It refers to the type of bond that we may experience with a family member or close friend. It denotes more than just a superficial relationship but rather one of deep compassion, affection and understanding. To have Brotherly Love for someone means that we truly care about and value that individual as we would a member of our own family.

Relief can be defined as a removal or lightening of something oppressive, painful, or distressing. A synonym would be welfare. It refers to [our] genuine care in our Brother's welfare. For to be able to lift a burden from a Brother's shoulders or have one lifted from our own, would indeed be a joyous thing and strengthen our bond with each other.

Truth ah what a word! Truth is derived from the old English word "treeowth" which means fidelity and taken closely from the old English word "treeowe" which means faithful. It can be defined as sincerity in action, character, and utterance and the fidelity of a standard. It is a reminder that our words, actions & character should be one of integrity. They should embody the highest standards of morality and the image of our Creator.

Yet, while it is nice to know what they mean, do we really need to use them as a guideline? In other words do we need to follow these very closely in lives, both daily & Masonic? My answer would be an emphatic, YES!! For how would we really be able to care for our Brother's family in the unfortunate event of him being indisposed to do so? Or, how could we care about our Brother's welfare if we didn't even like the man himself? Better yet, if we were not sincere with one another in our words and actions, how would our Brother know who we really are? KNOW THY SELF; a common inscription found over the door of many ancient and some present ante room doorways, is a reminder that before we cross the threshold of Freemasonry, we must first possess these things in ourselves. Because Freemasonry doesn't endow us with these tenets, it deepens and gives us an appreciation for these qualities that we should already have in practice.

In closing, these words embody the basic and highest levels of humanity: They exude the qualities that our Creator implanted in us for most beneficent purposes, and that is why they form the principle guidelines of our wonderful institution of Freemasonry.

Obtained from the Grand Lodge of Iowa website. [T.F.S. Three, five, and seven, 357, By Ed Halpaus, Grand Lodge Education Officer, Minnesota; Number 134-- November 01, 2008]

THE OLD MASTERS WAGES

~Anonymous

I met a dear old man today, who wore a Masonic pin. It was old and faded like the man, it's edges were worn quite thin. I approached the park bench where he sat, to give the old brother his due. I said, "I see you've traveled east". He said, "I have, have you?" I said, "I have, and in my day before the all seeing sun, I played in the rubble, with Jubala, Jubalo and Jubalum." He shouted, "Don't laugh at the work my son, it's good and sweet and true, And if you've traveled as you said, you should give these things their due." The word, the sign, the token, the sweet Masonic prayer. The vow that all have taken, who've climbed the inner stair. The wages of a Mason, are never paid in gold, but the gain comes from contentment, when you're weak and growing old. You see, I've carried my obligations, for almost fifty years. It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of tears. Now I'm losing my mind and body, Death is near but I don't despair. I've lived my life upon the Level, and I'm dying upon the Square. Sometimes the greatest lessons are those that are learned anew, and the old man in the park today has changed my point of view. To all Masonic brothers, the only secret is to care. May you live your life upon the level, may you part upon the square.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER



Brethren, it is getting closer to that time of year again that we celebrate the masonic scholar and poet, Robert Burns. We will be serving a Haggis Dinner before our January Stated in the dining room of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60. Please attempt to attend to see the Haggis being marched in grand Scottish Style with bagpipes playing and drums drumming. Join us in celebration with fun, fellowship and brotherhood. Invite friends to come join with us.

Remember to wear your kilts and Scottish Attire.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION FOR 2020 OFFICERS

Brothers,

At our December Stated, we will be electing and installing our new officers for the next year.

Please try to attend and show your support for the new incoming officers and to give a great sendoff to Worshipful Jason Parham as he steps down from the East as a Past Master of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.

QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER No. 14 100th Anniversary Celebration



December 14th, 2019 at 12:30 PM.

Stated Meeting for OES members will begin at 10:00 am

Refreshments will follow 12:30 program.

R.S.V.P. by December 1st, 2019 to

Charlotte Bailey: cbailey335@ntelos.net

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NOVEMBER STATED PRESENTATIONS



RW Jason A. Pattison, DDGM for the 10th Masonic District and RW Ross C. Moreland, DDGM for the 19th Masonic District, were conducted to the East and saluted in the ancient manner with Grand Honors.



WM Jason Parham presents RW Philip H. Nelson with a WSL60 tumbler after RW Nelson presented a program on St. John the Evangelist.



RW. James F. Dickerson and RW Robert E. Simpson presented RW Henry Booth in the East where MW Jeffrey E. Hodges presented him with his 60 Year Masonic Veteran's Grand Master's Certificate and Lapel pin from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. RW Booth was raised on November 23rd, 1959, served as WM of Highland Lodge #110 in 2008 and 2015 and as DDGM in 2016.



2020 LODGE DUES

Brethren, Lodge dues were mailed out in November. WSL60 annual dues for 2020 are still \$127 and they are payable on or before January 1, 2020.

The Secretary is very thankful for brethren that pay their dues on time so that our Lodge can pay its monthly operating expenses, to included, and not limited to, Grand Lodge assessment, building expenses, philanthropic support, meals and supplies.

Lodge Brothers with LMIP or 50 plus year veteran status may wish to consider a contribution to our Masonic Charity Fund.

If you are having any financial hardships and are unable to pay your dues, please contact our Lodge Secretary for assistance. His records indicate that several brethren have not paid their 2019 dues.

WSL60 Secretary Mark Chapman Cell: (434) 227-6702

Elected Officers for 2019

Worshipful Master: Wor. Jason Michael Parham
Senior Warden: Bro. Harry Lee Walker, Jr.
Junior Warden: Bro. Eddie O'Hare Creasy
Treasurer: RW Mike Daniel Griffin
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman

Senior Deacon: RW. Gerald William "Bud" Hogan
Junior Deacon: Bro. Adam Lee Buffington
Chaplain: RW Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.
Marshall: Bro. Anthony Curtis Schienschang
Tyler: Bro. Bobby Cameron, Jr.

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DATED MATERIAL PLEASE PROCESS

Hiram's Journal

	<p align="center"><u>Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Tumblers</u></p> <p>Brothers, tumblers for Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 are available for purchase for \$20 each. See picture on left for a view of the Lodge Tumblers.</p> <p>Contact the Lodge Secretary if you want one or to pick up your order.</p>
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	<p align="center">2020 GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA</p> <p align="center">MOST WORSHIPFUL DOUGLAS VERNON JONES</p> <p align="center"><i>"Loyalty and Kindness, A Lasting Impression"</i></p>	
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