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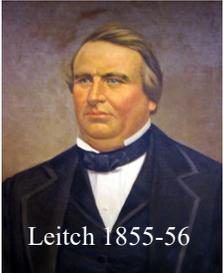
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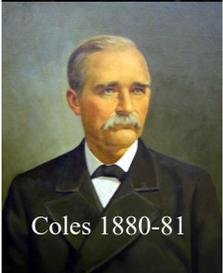
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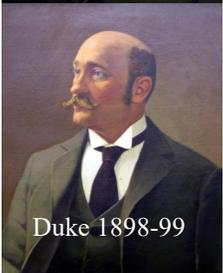
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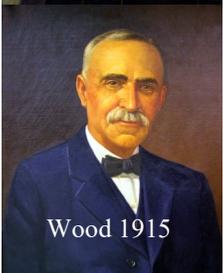
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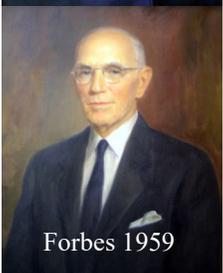
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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM A GRAND MASTER:

Freemasonry is based on three great principles, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. To practice "Brotherly Love" we must maintain harmony and mutual respect between individuals, no matter what their station in life; "Relief" is about giving to those whom society has failed or who have been victims of disaster, not just financially but also personally; and "Truth" the need to recognize the Divine quality which underpins all life and which is to be found in the "center". Freemasonry is about self-knowledge and when we are initiated we can all be empowered to begin this great spiritual journey towards the "Center".

Freemasonry is not a religion but it requires a personal belief in a Supreme Being on the part of every candidate. Whether we be Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist we are taught respect for others, to practice charity and to live our lives by good moral standards. Whatever our walk or standing in life and the Community we can all be united in our striving towards these great ideals.

As we pass through the entrance to our beautiful Lodges, we become overwhelmed by a feeling of peace and tranquility. For a few hours the cares of employment and the busy world are forgotten as we concentrate on the task of the promulgation of our beautiful ritual in ceremonies which have evolved over the centuries.

There are many Masonic Organizations which we as Masons are quite familiar with that has various charities they contribute to. Some are Masonic Relief for destitute Masons, their Widows and Orphans, the Eye Foundation, Rite Care centers for speech and hearing disorders in Children, Muscular Dystrophy, and many other charitable endeavors. Some of these organizations are more visible than others. Probably the most visible in the community is the Shrine. The Shrine Masons have built eighteen cripple children's hospitals and three burn institutes throughout North America. Those hospitals were built, staffed and are maintained by the Masonic Fraternity without any government assistance.

We can proudly say no child has ever been charged for any treatment in a Shriner's Hospital. That's because the Shrine Masons and their friends pay for all with endowments, wills, gifts, and fund-raising activities. There have been several hundred thousand children restored to a normal or near-normal life. Because of this great Masonic undertaking the Shrine Masons have earned the title of "One of the Greatest Masonic Philanthropies".

Several of the organizations within the Masonic family are much more socially oriented than the Blue Lodge. It is the strength of the principles taught in the Blue Lodge masonry comes the foundation that creates the real bond among Masons everywhere. We all begin in the Blue Lodge and that is where it ends regardless of how many other Appendant Masonic Bodies a Mason holds membership. Look well to the East.

Fraternally,

MW William B. Rogers
Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina 2016



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

Name:	Master Mason Degree:
William F. Baskerville	03/04/1985
Richard L. Bradley	03/25/1986
Gregory Joe Cooley	03/04/1975
William J. Douglas	03/24/1976
Mark J. Hall	03/22/1999
J. Stevens Hall	03/25/1966 (53 Yrs)
Kerry L Harlow	03/23/1987
Walter A. Hedzik	03/07/1977
John L. James	03/09/1965 (54 Yrs)
Christopher R. Kintner	03/30/2009
Michael T. Rose	03/26/1997
Bruce Thompson, Jr.	03/06/1954 (65 Yrs)
Bland M. Wade	03/14/1960 (59 Yrs)

2021 DDGM Voting

Brothers, at our next stated meeting in March we will be voting on the nominee and alternate for 10th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master for 2021. Attend and cast your vote.

GRAND MASTER VISIT To The 10th DISTRICT, MARCH 30th

The Grand Master's Official visit will be at Louisa United Methodist Church, 100 E. Main Street, Louisa, VA at 6pm. Tickets are \$25 and available from the WSL Secretary or DDGM10 . Ladies are welcomed.

GL Scholarship Fund Fundraiser

Brothers,

The Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund Fundraiser will be the Ian McLaurin Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, April 18th, 2019.

This tournament is hosted at the Kiskiack Golf Club, 8104 Club Drive, Williamsburg, VA.

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/annual-ian-mclaurin-shipley-jr-memorial-golf-tournament/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Widow's Sons' Lodge Events:

Bring-a-Friend Event—March 9th, 12:30 pm
Fellowcraft Degree/EA Catechism—March 14th, 6:00 pm
WSL Stated Communication: March 18th, 7:00 pm

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
 (The WM announced a WSL60 Member Visitation to Cabell Lodge No. 328 to occur on March 6th at their stated)

GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

Grand Master's Visit to 10th Masonic District, March 30th—see text below

Richard Loving Ritual School—March 23rd, 9:00 am—see text below

Robert R. Kennedy Jr. Ritual School—April 12th and 13th, Waynesboro, VA

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org>

APPENDANT BODY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Eastern Star—Queen Esther Chapter No. 14:
 March 9th at 10:00 am

Knight Templars Commandery No. 3:
 March 26th at 6:00 pm

Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 58:
 March 26th at 7:00 pm

Shriners Piedmont Club:
 March 27th, 6:00 pm

Order of Amaranth—Blue Ridge Court No. 8:
 March 1st at 6:00 pm

RICHARD LOVING RITUAL SCHOOL

Brothers, there will be a Ritual School at Fairfax Lodge No. 43 in Culpeper, VA on March 23rd, starting at 9:00 am. This is a good opportunity to learn speaking parts and floor work of Virginia's Masonic Rituals.

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/regional-schools/>

DDGM10 VISIT



Powers Stokes Award

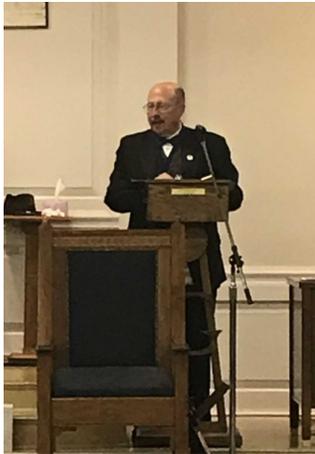
Presented to WSL60 for Lodge Members gifts made to the MA-HOVA during the year of 2018

The Powers Stokes Award is presented to lodges whose total annual gifts to the Masonic Home of Virginia (from the Lodges, its members and widows) equals or exceeds \$25.00 times the number of members on the Lodge Roster and WSL60 has 225 members.

This award helps to show that the Lodge has proven itself to be a leader in our Fraternity's charitable efforts.



MW John Powers Stokes, 1963



Brethren,

We had our official visit from the District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District, Right Worshipful Arleigh Hamilton Rice, Jr. RW Rice was introduced by Right Worshipful Greg D. Hosaflook and Right Worshipful Harvey L. Fleshman (see top picture, RW Hosaflook on left of DDGM10 and RW Fleshman on right of DDGM10).

RW Rice delivered his message to the Brethren, starting with a greeting from the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful William E. Hershey, Jr. He went on to say that the Grand Master wishes to promote support for the Masonic Home, Grand Lodge Scholarship and Masonic Relief Funds, the Grand Lodge Museum, Lodge Officer Training, Masonic Youth Organizations and the Widow's Program.

RW Rice then stated what his goals were for his year as DDGM10. His goals are to support the GM official visit on March 30th (see text on page 2), promote ritual school attendance (see note on page 2), promote DLC and blood drives. RW Rice also wanted to promote Masons Community involvement, such as for the upcoming Louisa Alzheimer's Walk Fundraiser on May 11th in Mineral, VA.

Appendant Body of the Month!

Brothers,

This month will give an introduction to one of the main two appendant bodies of Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite. The Scottish Rite is also known as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, or the A.A.S.R. The Scottish Rite is a system of 29 degrees starting from the 4th degree to the 32nd degree. Within the U.S., there are two main Scottish Rite Headquarters. One is located in Lexington, MA. This is the headquarters for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ). The other headquarters is located in Washington, D.C., entitled the House of the Temple. This is the headquarters for the Southern Jurisdiction (SJ) and is often called "The Mother Council of the World". The Northern Jurisdiction having 15 states and the Southern Jurisdiction having 35. Each state is called an Orient and the state is broken down into section called Valleys, which each as their own Scottish Rite Temple.

The Scottish Rite degrees are broken down into four bodies. The four bodies are: The Lodge of Perfection, the Chapter of Rose Croix, the Council of Kadosh (called Princes of Jerusalem) and the Consistory. The different Jurisdictions confer the degrees differently in each body. In the Lodge of Perfection, both Jurisdictions confer the 4th to 14th degrees. Within the Chapter of Rose Croix, the NMJ confers the 15th to 16th, while the SJ confers 15th to 18th. The Council of Kadosh in the NMJ confers the 17th to 18th and the SJ confers the 19th to the 30th. The Consistory in the NMJ confer the 19th to 32nd degrees while the SJ confers the 31st to 32nd degree. There is an additional degree, called the 33rd Degree and it is an honorary degree that is conferred on those Scottish Rite masons that have distinguished themselves in service to the craft and rite and have been outstanding in their contributions to Freemasonry.



Lodge of Perfection



Council of Kadosh



Chapter of Rose Croix



Consistory



SCOTTISH RITE DEGREE EMBLEMS

Bring-a-Friend Events

Brothers,

The Lodge will be hosting a Bring-a-Friend event on March 9th at 5:00 pm. This will be a time that you can bring any friend to the Lodge for some good fellowship and a great meal. It will be held in the Masonic Temple Dining Room on the 2nd floor with speakers and movies on Freemasonry.

There will also be another Bring-a-Friend event (breakfast) for the 10th Masonic District on May 4th, at Day Lodge No. 58 in Louisa at 8:00 am.

Again, these events are to bring any friends who are interested in Masonry, or who you believe would be a great addition to Masonry and to learn what Freemasonry is about.

Masonic Little League

RW Andy Keller announced at stated that the Lodge has received a plaque from the Masonic Little League Baseball Team for the Lodge Sponsors and that it will be mounted on the Lodge Wall near the entrance.

RW Keller will provide the schedule for the Little League games within the future and asks that Brothers attend these games to show our support for the Little League team and to encourage the kids as they play their game.

Once the schedule has been determined, it will be added in a column within the journal with dates, times and locations for any Brothers who would wish to attend the games.



FEBRUARY STATED PRESENTATIONS



RW Snodgrass, Masonic Home Ambassador, presented WM Jason Parham with the prestigious WM John Powers Stokes Award for Lodge Member Gifts made to the Masonic Home of Virginia during the year 2018. See page 3 for more info on the Powers Stokes Award.



WM Jason Parham recognized the Masonic Birthdays of Brother RW William F. Reinhold (47 years, right of picture) and Brother John T. Lawson (61 years, middle of picture).



RW William "Bud" Hogan called to the East by GL Committee of Work RW Tom Woolfolk to be presented with his Gold Card for complete memorization of Virginia Masonic Ritual.



WM Jason Parham presents DDGM10 Arleigh Hamilton Rice, Jr. with a framed and matted prints of the Lodge Room Paintings as a gift on his visit to WSL60.

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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LOAVES AND FISHES



Brethren,

As part of being a Mason, we are always encouraged to give to the community and to help in whatever way we can. A way to give to the Charlottesville Community is through volunteering at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry or by donations of food to the Holy Comforter Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen. Our Lodge helps both of these food pantries. The food donated in the barrel located in the Lodge entrance hallway goes directly to the Holy Comforter Food Pantry; last year WSL60 donated 170 lbs of food to them. And they need our support this year too. So please drop off a can of food in the barrel when you visit your Lodge, or contact the Volunteer coordinator for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry to help distribute food to those in need... See the following website for more information: <http://www.cvilleloaves.org/>