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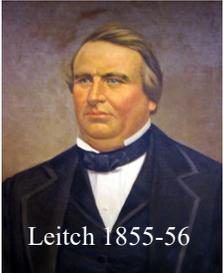
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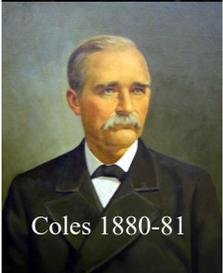
Stated Communications June 17th, 2019

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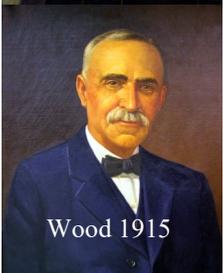
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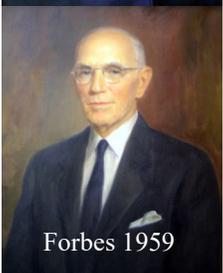
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST:

Dear Brethren,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day weekend. We have a big month ahead of us, including the initiation of a new brother on June 12th at 6:00 pm, as well as our Stated meeting on June 17th and Table Lodge on June 24th. I would encourage my Brothers to attend the degree on the 12<sup>th</sup>. You do not have to participate in the ritual of the Entered Apprentice degree, but it is always good to show support for a candidate as he is brought into the Fraternity, to see a degree conferred on an individual, and to relive the beginning of a journey that we all have taken.

At our June Stated, I would appreciate the brethren assembling in the Lodge room around 6:30 p.m. for our Eagle Scout recognition program; we will be presenting Grand Master Certificates to some worthy Eagle Scouts. At our June Stated, RW Bill Baskerville will give a presentation on the US flag in recognition of Flag Day. I am excited about the upcoming Table Lodge to celebrate St. John the Baptist Day and hope to see a good turnout. We will have some speakers, some toasts and a great time of brotherhood and fellowship. This is open to all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons.

I hope all the brothers can make an effort to attend all of the functions and lend a hand if their cable tow will allow! I look forward to seeing everyone.

S&F,

Worshipful Jason Parham

### LODGE DRESS CODE FOR SUMMER

Announcement from Worshipful Master Jason Parham:

Dress code for July and August Stated Communications will be casual

(Lodge Polo Shirts)

### Masonic Little League

**JUNE GAMES:**

**Colliers International v. Masonic Lodge 06/01/2019, 11:30-1:30pm**

**Domino's v. Masonic Lodge 06/08/2019, 2-4pm**

**All Games are located at Pen Park in Geer Family Field. WSL60 is this Little League's Sponsor.**



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

Name:	Master Mason Degree:
Duane A. Adams	06/12/1989
David P. Archart	06/14/2015
James S. Boggs	06/25/1990
William R. Bond, III	06/24/1975
Harry J. Brown, Jr.	06/27/1966 (53 Yrs)
N.E. "Gene" Carpenter	06/08/1951 (68 Yrs)
James A. Christenson	06/12/2002
Randall R. Dorsey	06/06/1972
William B. Downer	06/06/1961 (58 Yrs)
David N. Goodwin	06/15/1996
John E. Grinnalds	06/08/1999
Harvey J. Hague	06/30/2008
Gerald W. Hogan	06/29/1970
Ivan E. Letner, Jr.	06/15/1996
Joseph L. Marchi	06/15/1996
Forrest R. Marshall, Jr.	06/15/1996
Oran O. Oakey	06/23/1959 (60 Yrs)
Howard T. Parson, Jr.	06/01/1981
Gerald F. Reimers, II	06/25/2003
Jeffrey K. Robbins	06/29/2015
Robert N. Romanac	06/08/1994
W. Edgar Spigle	06/15/1996
Shawn B. Swingler	06/16/1998
Julian H. Taliaferro, Jr.	06/08/1994
Bobby W. Thompson	06/04/1997
Thomas L. Varner, Jr.	06/07/1983
Randy J. Whitlow	06/15/1996
John F. Williamson, Jr.	06/22/1996



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Widow's Sons' Lodge Events:**

- WSL Stated Communication: June 17th, 7:00 pm**
- WSL Ritual Class: June 5th and 19th, 6:00 pm (see notes below)**
- WSL Officer Meeting: June 5th—6:00 pm**
- WSL EA Degree: June 12th—6:00 pm**
- WSL Table Lodge: June 24th—6:00 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**

**Lee Lodge Annual Fish Fry: June 1st at 1:00 PM**  
**Coyner Springs Park, Waynesboro, VA**  
**RSVP Bro. Jeff Sackett (540-910-1325)**

**GRAND LODGE EVENTS:**

**Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual—August 16th—17th**  
**in Roanoke, VA. See note below**

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org>

**LODGE 2019 Dues**

Brothers, we still have some members who have not paid their 2019 Lodge Dues.

Please contact our Lodge Secretary:  
 Wor. Mark Chapman, at the following to settle on your 2019 dues.

Email: [agw123@earthlink.net](mailto:agw123@earthlink.net)  
 Cell: (434) 227-6702.

**LODGE RITUAL CLASS**

Brothers, the Lodge is continuing the Ritual Class this month and will be focusing on the upcoming EA degree on the 12th.

The first classes will be on June 5th and 19th (Wednesdays) at 6:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Wor. Nick Bragg.  
 Email: [nick22882@gmail.com](mailto:nick22882@gmail.com)

**APPENDANT BODY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

**Eastern Star—Queen Esther Chapter No. 14:**  
 June 8th at 10:00am

**Knights Templar Commandery No. 3:**  
 June 25th at 6:00pm

**Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 58:**  
 June 25th at 7:00pm

**Shriners Piedmont Club:**  
 No meeting for June

**Order of Amaranth—Blue Ridge Court No. 8:**  
 June 7th at 6:00pm

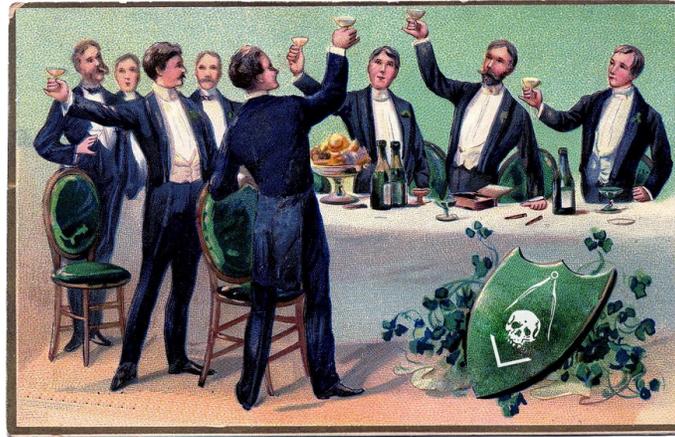
**Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual**

Brothers, the Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual is happening this year on August 16th and 17th at the Scottish Rite Temple in Roanoke, VA. More information to follow.

<https://rjsacademy.org/>

# WIDOW'S SONS' LODGE #60

## TABLE LODGE 2019



Brothers, it is that time of year again for the Widow's Sons' Table Lodge. Our guest speaker, the Deputy Grand Master, RW Douglas Vernon Jones, will be giving a presentation.

**Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are welcomed to attend.**

When: June 24th at 6:00 PM

Where: Widow's Sons' Lodge Dining Hall

Dress Code: Suit and Tie

Cost: \$10 Donation

### MENU:

Michie Tavern's Fried Chicken

Blackeye Peas

Green Beans

Stewed Tomatoes

Cold Slaw

Corn Bread

Dessert: Jim Dickerson's Mixed Fruit Cobbler

## Eternal Cycles of Life

The operative Masons chose the two Saints John as patron Saints because one prepared the way, or as they said, laid the foundation of our spiritual Temple, and the other builded thereon, or as an old ritual has it, "One finished by his learning what the other began by his zeal, and thus drew a second line parallel to the former."

Brother Albert Mackey comments: "We are thus led to the conclusion that the connection of the Saints John with the Masonic Institution is rather of a symbolic than of a historical character. In dedicating our Lodge to them, we do not so much declare our belief that they eminent members of the Order, as demonstrated our reverence for the great Architect of the Universe in the symbol of his most splendid creation, the great light of day."

The two Saints John have been chosen as the patron Saints of Masonry because they most clearly typify and exemplify the teachings and mission of the fraternity. One was a prophet pointing to the light, whose mission was to prepare the way and lay the foundation for the work of the One who was to be the Light of the World. The other was to become the Apostle of love and to continue the work of his great Master.

The great object of Masonry is the attainment of light and the proper application of the principles of brotherly love. Therefore, these two Apostles are fittingly represented by the two perpendicular parallel lines which touch the circle on which rests the book of Holy Scriptures. One represents those who are seeking the light. The other is the teacher of those who found it.

The invincible fidelity of the Baptist reminds us of the Masonic hero who gave up his life rather than forfeit his integrity. As Bro. B.W. Bryant says, his baptism is the symbol of the "cleansing of the heart from the dross of selfishness and vice, and the spiritual initiation of the soul into the knowledge of the light" and is very appropriately coincides with the summer solstice, when all visible nature is at the zenith of life, light, and joy.

On the other hand, the festival of the Evangelist, who is so fortunately represented as a man in the winter and wisdom of life; who so insistently proclaimed the gospel of brotherly love; and whose writings teem with allegories of the mystical initiation into the secrets that lie beyond the veil of material vision, is very properly assigned to that period of the year when life has reached its full maturity and seems about to depart from the earth. Considering all this he too becomes worthy and appropriate figure for Masonic recognition.

"We therefore find these two figures, so peculiarly and even mysteriously connected with Masonry, that broad symbolism which admits of universal interpretation and appreciation. It is truly in harmony with the spirit of "that religion in which all men agree" and is therefore really Masonic. Their festivals falling upon the two extremes of the year well represent the cycle of nature and of human life, and thereby give us a key to the whole philosophy of Masonry. Though of Christian derivation, their Masonic interpretation carries the same lesson for the Jew and the Theist, as for the Christian brother. They tell of the eternal cycle of existence, of manifestation and disappearance, of activity and repose, which is the eternal and immutable law of God, and which is so fittingly expressed in our familiar phrase: 'From labor to refreshment and from refreshment to labor again'."

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## MAY STATED PRESENTATIONS



Wor. Mark Chapman gave a great program on how the Western discovery of Arabian texts on stained glass helped reshape architecture during the Gothic era with a demonstration. See Lodge compass in back of photo for demonstration of past work.



Wor. Parham recognized the May Masonic Birthdays of the following Brothers: L-R, Bro Ed. Creasy (JW, 37 yrs), WM; Bro. Adam Buffington (JD, 6 yrs) and RW Andy Keller (22yrs).



Prior to opening May Stated Communication, the Lodge recognized the recipients of four each \$3000 College Scholarships from WSL60 to the following local High School Students: Timothy Smith, Frances Newman and Isabel Brown. The fourth recipient, Sara Samadi, is not present in above photo. Samadi was unable to attend. Lodge Certificates of Achievements were presented in recognition of academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, work experience and quality of answers on the WSL60 scholarship applications.

### **WSL60 Eagle Scout Presentation**

**Brothers, at 6:30 pm before Stated on June 17th, please assemble in the Lodge Room for the WSL60 Eagle Scout Presentation!!!**

#### **Elected Officers for 2019**

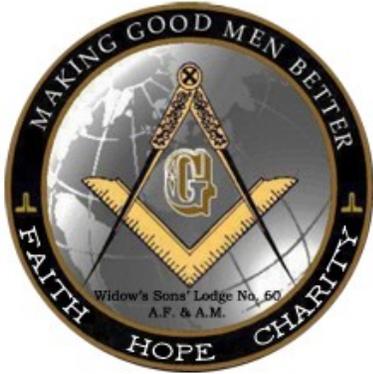
Worshipful Master: Wor. Jason Michael Parham  
Senior Warden: Bro. Harry Lee Walker, Jr.  
Junior Warden: Bro. Eddie O'Hare Creasy  
Treasurer: RW Mike Daniel Griffin  
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman

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

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## DATED MATERIAL PLEASE PROCESS

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