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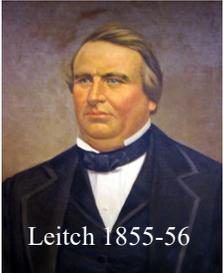
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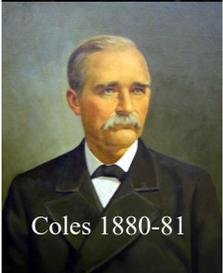
Stated Communications August 19th, 2019

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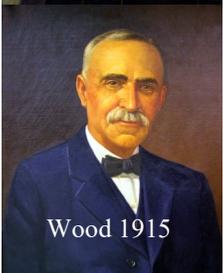
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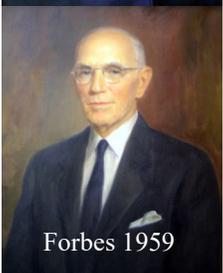
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST:

Brothers,

I hope everyone is surviving our current heat wave! With the temperatures in excess of 100 degrees, try to find an opportunity to reach out to your older brothers and widows and make sure they do not need help surviving extremes; maybe share your extra fan or window unit with someone who truly needs it. I have a couple extra if anyone needs one!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the August Stated Communication. RW Greg Hosaflook will be presenting our program. I'm sure it will be fantastic and you won't want to miss it. Brother Keller has recently received another order of Lodge Collared shirts, and it would be a great opportunity to wear one at our August Stated, which happens to be business casual.

I would like to remind the brethren that on August 16th and 17th will be the Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual that will be in Roanoke, VA. Brothers, as RW Bud Hogan has said, this is an excellent time to come and learn ritual from the Committee of Work. This will be a great opportunity to learn the different parts of the ritual for all the degrees, see the floor work, relearn any catechisms. The Lodge has donated a monetary gift for the enrollment cost to the Academy which allows any of our Brothers to attend for free. Please, if you are going, contact the hotel to reserve a room. They seem to be going fast. As always, any brother is encouraged to attend our Lodge's Ritual Classes on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday (August 14th and 28th at 6:00 pm) of every month.

As a last note, I would like to mention the great honor it was to receive the 10th Masonic District Traveling Gavel from members of Cabell Lodge during their fraternal visit. This gavel travels around the 10th Masonic District to all the different lodges when three or more members of one lodge visits another. I am hoping to be able to either travel myself, or have some brothers travel to Lodges around the district to meet new brothers, make new contacts and expand our Masonic Network. Let's see where we take the Gavel to next.

Respectfully,

Worshipful Jason Parham



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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
Michael L. Arnold	08/30/2004
Alexander Banks, V	08/26/1968 (50 Yrs)
Robert L. Bishop, Jr.	08/29/2015
Stephen J. Blair	08/29/2015
Dale R. Blosser	08/29/1988
Joseph F. Brown, III	08/12/1992
Brian E. Campbell	08/28/1990
Robert M. Carlisle	08/18/1956 (63 Yrs)
William W. Clark, Jr.	08/27/1951 (68 Yrs)
James E. Craig	08/16/2008
David S. Davidson	08/07/1967 (52 Yrs)
Harold W. Davis	08/04/1975
Steve E. Fetcho	08/27/2005
George P. A. Forschler	08/03/1967 (52 Yrs)
Charles M. Hale, Jr.	08/09/1977
Robert A. Harrison, Jr.	08/19/1953 (66 Yrs)
Robert A. Harrison, III	08/27/2005
Jason E. Hodges	08/27/2005
Jeffery E. Hodges	08/26/1985
James E. Holler	08/27/1984
Douglas D. Hudson	08/20/1951 (68 Yrs)
Patrick M. Kelly	08/27/2005
Ian C. Kelly	08/27/2005
Boyd L. Knott	08/24/1970
Daniel T. LaPlume	08/27/2005
John Coulter Maddox	08/02/1971
Brady L. McLane	08/04/2004
James T. O'Kelly, Jr.	08/04/2018
Timothy B. Parent	08/27/2005
Stewart A. Plemons	08/29/2015
William F. Reinhold, III	08/26/1996
William E. Rose	08/26/1972
Larry B. Saunders	08/27/2005
Anthony C. Schienschang	08/31/2010
Kent Schlusel	08/07/1990
Steven R. Thomas	08/28/2008
William D. Vincent	08/27/2005

LODGE RITUAL CLASS

Brothers, the Lodge will be hosting Ritual Classes to learn ritual, floor work, catechisms, etc.

This months' classes will be on August 14th and 28th (Wednesdays) at 6:00 pm.

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

LODGE DRESS CODE FOR SUMMER!!!

Announcement from Worshipful Master Jason Parham:



Dress code for July and August Stated Communications will be casual.

If you have a Lodge Polo Shirt, please try to wear it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

- WSL60 Stated Communication: August 19th, 7:00 pm**
- WSL60 Ritual Class: August 14th and 28th, 6:00 pm (see notes below)**
- WSL60 Officer Meeting: August 5th, 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**

First Responder's Cookout—Louisa Volunteer Fire Dept.—Sept 11th at 11 am. 300 E. Main St, Louisa, VA

GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

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

12th Annual James Stanley Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament Thursday, August 8, 2019—Lexington Golf and Country Club Registration at 9:00 am, Shotgun Start at 10:00 am

APPENDANT BODY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Eastern Star—Queen Esther Chapter No. 14:

Dark in August
100th Year Celebration of Queen Esther Chapter #14, O.E.S—December 14th, 12:30 pm. All Masons and Families invited to attend.

Knights Templar Commandery No. 3:

August 27th at 6:00 pm
August 3rd—GRAND COMMANDER Official Visit to 9th District, 11:00 am Social Hour, 12:00 pm Lunch, 1:00 pm Meeting

Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 58:

August 27th at 7:30pm

Shriners Piedmont Club:

No Meeting in August

Order of Amaranth—Blue Ridge Court No. 8:

Dark in August

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. Widow's Sons' has paid for the enrollment cost, so any Brother is able to go for free. Just need to pay for room and board.

<https://rjsacademy.org/>

The Trowel and Spiritual Evolution

“Behold , how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” Psalms 133:1

The trowel is the symbol of that which has the power to bind men together. What is this unifying power? We frequently meet with men who seem to lack unity in their makeup; a spirit of disorganization or anarchy is at work in them so that they seem to live at cross-purposes with themselves. What they know they should do they do not, and many things which they do they do against their own will. They may have personal force, but it is scattered and their lives never come into focus.

Of these men we say that they lack character. Character comes from the word that originally meant a graving tool; after long use the name of the tool came to be applied to the engraving itself, and thus the term has come to stand for a man whose actions give one an impression of definiteness and clear-cuttedness, like an engraving. The trowel is intended to remind us of that true character, the essential ingredient necessary for one man to properly bond with another.

Francis Bacon so thoroughly exemplified the spirit of fraternalism, that is of men bonding together to perform works of great charity, that his memory is largely associated with the Fellowcraft Degree. Bacon was at various times in his life Lord Chancellor of England, a philosopher, an author, a statesman, scientist, orator and humorist. He was one of the prophets of the scientific revolution and instigated the formation of the Royal Society. Bro. Bacon edited the first King James version of the Holy Bible and is thought by many to actually have authored several works attributed to Shakespeare.

Bacon secretly founded the first Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons in England. He wrote the second degree ritual, which by his creation emphasized the liberal arts and sciences. In addition, he founded the first Rosicrucian Brotherhood and secretly laid the groundwork for the eventual establishment of the United States of American. Using Masonic symbolism, Bacon wrote the *New Atlantis*, which many contend contains the keys to all Masonic ritual.

Bacon’s example, so essential to the true symbolism of the Trowel, was that of a Master Mason building for the future. In building for the future, one must instill in others the vital essence of one’s own purpose. Bacon’s dreams were realizable because the early Freemasons embraced his vision and purpose. His dreams were the cement that bound the brotherhood to the process of regeneration, that is, to everlasting renewal.

That philosophy is embodied in the three degrees of Freemasonry. From grade to grade, the candidate is led from an old to an entirely new quality of life. The candidate begins his Masonic life as the natural man and ends it by becoming a regenerated “perfected” man. He symbolically rises from the dead a Master, a just man made perfect, with larger consciousness and faculties, an efficient instrument for use by the Great Architect in His plan of rebuilding the Temple of fallen humanity, and capable of advancing other men to a participation in the same great work.

Thus, the Trowel also teaches us that the real purpose of modern Freemasonry is, not the social and charitable purposes to which so much appropriate attention is paid, but the expediting of the spiritual evolution of those who aspire to perfect their own nature and transform it into a more god-like quality. The challenge of Freemasonry is to be reborn “incorruptible” which must be preceded by the death of the lower nature. Consequently, the intention of Masonry is not the building of a temple, but the greater science of soul building using the cement of brotherly love and affection.

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The Operative and Speculative

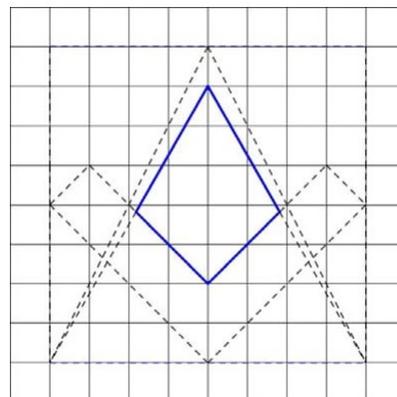
Just as operative masons use special tools for particular situations, so speculative Masons must learn to use specialized trowels for spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection. Operative craftsmen use corner trowels, curbing trowels, guttering trowels, brick trowels, pointing trowels- each one shaped and fashioned for a particular operation.

Speculative Master Masons must learn to use the specialized trowels of appreciation, admiration, compliment, and congratulations to spread the mortar of mutual esteem that harmonious community life requires. Speculative Master Masons must learn to use the specialized trowels of forbearance and conciliation to spread the cement of mutual respect and confidence without which democracy cannot function. Speculative Master Masons must learn to use the specialized trowel of reverence for truth and for the dignity of every individual, no matter how disagreeable either may be, to infuse into public life the essential ingredients of personal freedom.

Speculative Master Masons must learn to use the specialized trowels of kindness and gentleness, of compassion and service to all men, if they would spread the cement of genuine love and understanding. This must be the great objective of Masonic education, if builders are to learn how to use their tools properly, especially the trowel. This must be the fundamental program of Freemasonry, if it is to remain true to the central purpose of its ancient charges and landmarks. Just as an operative workman learns to use each trowel for particular need or situation, so every Master Mason needs to learn the uses of the spiritual trowels that symbolize the power of brotherly love and friendship.

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Symbology: THE TROWEL



Masonic symbolisms are of two kinds, direct and allusive. The trowel belongs to the first class, because naturally an indispensable instrument of the building art for which an explanation would have to be contrived in any case, in a system based upon architecture. The shape of the trowel, however, is distinctive, its blade being of a specialized form, different from any other known tool.

With this shape in mind, examine the outline of the space between square and compasses, usually filled in with the letter G, and it will become apparent that the point of the trowel is an angle of 60 degrees, while its base is one of 90 degrees, in which the handle is set. The moment that this proportion is recognized the outline of the trowel becomes the geometrical basis of the emblematic square and compasses themselves, and the line between the extreme points has the value of the letter Jod, the initial of the name of God in Hebrew. As Jod represents Spirit acting upon Matter, causing it inchoate particles to cohere in shapely proportions, so the trowel is the instrument employed by the master masons to unite fragmentary building material upon symmetrical and orderly plans.

The rescripts ordering the compasses to be open at an angle of 60 degrees, and defining the square as an angle of 90 degrees, are, like countless other Masonic allusions, references to geometrical formulas, well known to our ancient brethren, which have become lost to the craft of today.

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JULY STATED PRESENTATIONS



Worshipful Jason Parham gave a great presentation on an article entitled “The Masonic Cable Tow”, written by RW Lonnie Lee Godrey.



RW William “Bill” Hughes, current WM of Cabell Lodge No. 328, presented Worshipful Jason Parham with the 10th Masonic District Traveling Gavel for the Cabell Lodge’s Fraternal visit to Widow’s Sons’ Lodge #60. A Fraternal Visit requires three Lodge members, with one being a stationed officer. The Traveling Gavel’s intention is to promote visitation among the brethren of individual lodges within the district.

LODGE OF SORROW

Brothers, it is with the sad duty to report that Brother Bruce Thompson, Jr. laid down his working tools on June 28, 2019. Brother Thompson was a 65 year Masonic Veteran. He was raised on March 6th, 1954 and received his degrees in Charleston Lodge No. 153 in Charleston, WV and affiliated with Charlottesville Lodge No. 55 in 1973. He served as Worshipful Master of No. 55 in 1979.

EA: November 24th, 1953 FC: February 12th, 1954 MM: March 6th, 1954

PICNIC AT THE CREASY FARM

Brothers, the annual Creasy Farm Picnic this year will be held on September 7th from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Ed Creasy Farm Estate. It will be a Pot Luck to include: Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, etc.

It will be a great time for brotherhood and fellowship with some games and entertainment for all.

Please contact our Junior Warden, Brother Ed Creasy, for the additional information.

Elected Officers for 2019

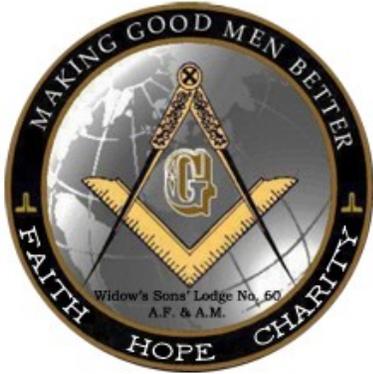
Worshipful Master: Wor. Jason Michael Parham
Senior Warden: Bro. Harry Lee Walker, Jr.
Junior Warden: Bro. Eddie O’Hare Creasy
Treasurer: RW Mike Daniel Griffin
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman

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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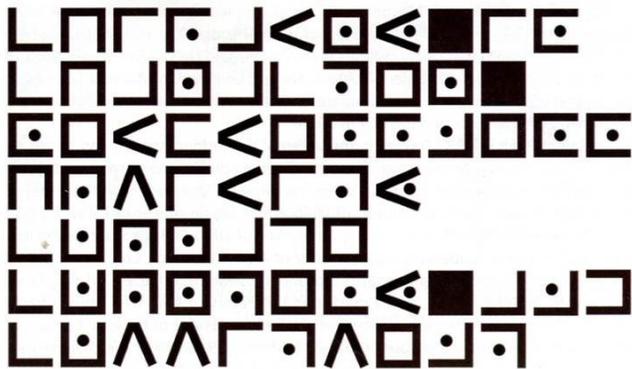
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Bring some cans of food for our Lodge Food Pantry barrel in the Lodge Entrance way the next time you visit the Masonic Temple.

See the following website for more information:
<http://www.cvilleloaves.org/>

Or contact the Lodge Secretary at
WidowsSons60@gmail.com

