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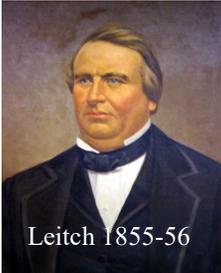
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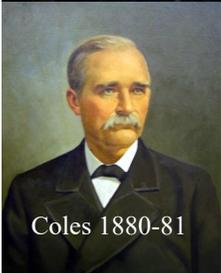
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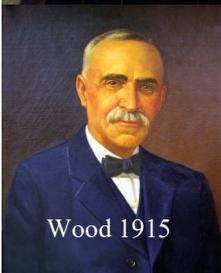
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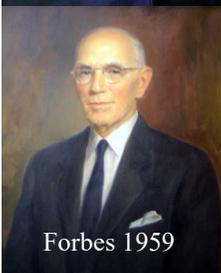
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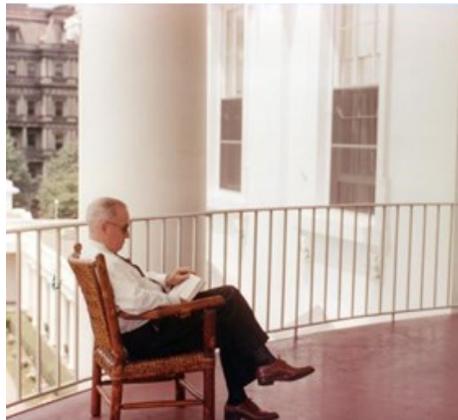
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Brother Harry S. Truman Reading on the White House Balcony

“Readers of good books, particularly books of biography and history, are preparing themselves for Leadership. Not all readers become leaders, but all leaders must be readers.”
President Harry S. Truman

“Leadership successes and failures, great and small, have existed as long as humans have lived in groups, and stories about those successes and failures have been written about as long as there’s been writing. Harry Truman said that Roman history taught him nearly everything he needed to know to be a successful president. Circumstances change, but human motivation doesn’t. If we would understand our contemporaries, we must read about their ancestors.” R.W. Michael H. Shirley, Tuscola Lodge No. 332, Tuscola, Illinois.

“The ritualistic ceremonies of the three Masonic Degrees are a foundation of the world’s oldest, largest, and most famous fraternity. In these ceremonies are contained all the philosophy and lessons of Freemasonry, and each stone in the foundation is a symbol of one kind or another. Many of the symbols are called to the attention of the new member as the degrees are being conferred, but there is much to the ceremony that does not meet the eye at the time, so that a study of the subject is intriguing as one finds new gold while conducting the search.” Brother Allen E. Roberts, “The Craft and Its Symbols”

Visit our Lodge library soon and borrow one of the Masonic books to read. Just remember to return it!

A list of library holdings is being updated; contact the Lodge Secretary for assistance.



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

Name:	Master Mason Degree:
Stephen G. Brown	09/25/1995
P. Douglas Cheape, Jr.	09/06/1955 (64 Yrs)
Ancel B. Davis, Jr.	09/20/1986
James F. Dickerson	09/01/1995
Craig M. Downing	09/01/1995
William K. Fields	09/20/1986
Lowell T. Hill, Jr.	09/02/2008
John E. Hopkinson	09/02/1982
Carlos E. B. McReddie	09/05/1984
Philip H. Nelson, Jr.	09/27/1999
Jason A. Pattison	09/16/2010
William H. Reichert	09/28/2017
Richard A. Rohm, Jr.	09/18/2002
Michael Sheffield	09/12/1975
David T. Simpson	09/16/2004
Charles M. Ward	09/20/1986

LODGE RITUAL CLASS

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

This months' classes will be on September 11th and 25th (Wednesdays) at 6:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Wor. Nick Bragg.
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 Cell: (434) 882-2743

22nd Annual Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Golf Tournament

In Memory of Ill. George Page, IGH 33°

In Honor of Joyce Page

OCTOBER 4TH, 2019

Check-in at 8:30 am, Tee Off at 9:30 am

Sycamore Creek Golf Course

Manakin-Sabot, VA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

WSL60 Stated Communication: September 16th, 7:00 pm
WSL60 Ritual Class: September 11th and 25th, 6:00 pm (see notes below)
WSL60 Officer Meeting: September 11th, 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
Cabell Lodge Family Fish Fry Dinner—September 28th, 4:30—7:00 pm. \$10 donation.

GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

MAHOVA Family Day—October 12th at 9am
Contact GL Phone: 804-222-3110

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION—November 8th—10th
Hilton Richmond Hotel, Richmond, VA

APPENDANT BODY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Eastern Star—Queen Esther Chapter No. 14:

September 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 invited to attend.

Knights Templar Commandery No. 3:

September 24th at 6:00 pm

Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 58:

September 24th at 7:30pm

Shriners Piedmont Club:

September 25th at Shadwells.

Order of Amaranth—Blue Ridge Court No. 8:

September 6th at 6:00 pm

CONGRATULATIONS

19th Sovereign Grand Commander

MW Jim Cole (PGM 2001) was appointed as the 19th Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. Scottish Rite.

Traveling Gavel on Sept 19th

Brothers, our Worshipful Master Jason Parham, will be traveling to Mineral Lodge No. 311 on September 19th for a Fraternal Visit and to pass on the Traveling Gavel. If anyone can make it, please try to come. The stated communication starts at 7:30 pm.

321 Mineral Avenue, Mineral, VA 23117

The Importance of William Preston



Soon after the “revival”, or the organization of the Grand Lodge in 1717, Rev. James Anderson, the author of the “Book of Constitutions” of 1723, and Dr. John T. Desaguliers, the master mind of the organization, arranged the lectures into the form of questions and answers for the first time, and this was adopted by the Grand Lodge as the authentic lectures. In 1732, Martin Clare revised the lectures. In 1763, Wm. Hutchinson again revised and “improved” the lectures and gave more Christian applications to their rites and ceremonies.

The greatest of all ritualists, however, was William Preston who was made a Mason in a lodge of “Ancients” in 1763, and soon after induced that lodge to be reconstituted by the “Moderns.” In 1767 he became Master of his lodge. He believed that Freemasonry should not only be a progressive moral science, but that it should have an educational value in giving its votaries more knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences. His “Illustrations of Masonry” was the result, and no book having more influence has ever been written on Masonry. He was the father of the monitor. By 1774 he had completed his system of “work” and established a school of instruction, and from that time to the present the Preston “work” has been, and undoubtedly far into the future it will continue to be, one of the most potent influences of the ritual.

Preston’s system of work changed through development, particularly in the 1780s. His book [*Illustrations of Masonry*] was intended as a commentary on his system and an illustration of it, without, of course, revealing anything which could be regarded as a masonic secret. Preston’s work, particularly the explanations and symbolism given in the system as practiced from the time he launched the Order of Harodim in 1787 until the revisions made necessary by the decisions of the Lodge of Promulgation which started to meet in 1809, has given a great deal to masonic working of the present time in England, probably in Ireland and Scotland also, and consequently in many parts of the British Commonwealth. Whatever opinions may be held on the character of William Preston, there can be no doubt that his thoughts on, and arrangement of, masonic ritual, procedure and symbolism represent *the* major contribution by any one man to the practice of Freemasonry. He took the very rough and ready forms which had developed by the 1760s and by the sheer influence of what he taught and wrote, forced the words and practices used by the 1800s to be something of much higher quality.

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A Warm Masonic Tale

(Author unknown)

This is a tale of Masonic men surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings.

One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up: "I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand-up and gather in a circle around the campfire." So, they did that.

"Now, everybody holds hands with the man next to him." They did that, too.

"Now, what do you see looking ahead?" "The face of a brother through the flames."

"What do you Feel in front of you?" "The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night."

"What do you Feel at your side?" "The warm hand of a brother."

"OK. Now drop the hands and turn around." They do so. "Now what do you See, looking ahead?" "Complete darkness."

"What do you Feel, looking ahead?" "A sense of loneliness, of being alienated". "What do you Feel at your side?" "Nothing at all."

"What do you Feel on your backside?" "The warmth of the fire."

"So, it Is with Masonry," said the old man.

"In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother."

"When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother.

But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you."



LODGE FAMILY PICNIC AT THE CREASY FARM



Brothers, the annual Lodge Family 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 any additional information.

Email: ecreasy523@aol.com Phone: (434) 293-8366

AUGUST STATED PRESENTATIONS



RW Greg Hosaflook presented a program on several letters written by Private Meredith F. Seay to his wife during the Civil War. After the presentation, WM Jason Parham presented RW Hosaflook with a Lodge Polo Shirt as a gift for his presentation.



MW Jeffery Hodges presents Bro. Alexander Banks V with his 50 Year Masonic Veteran's Grand Master's Certificate, Lapel Pin and Membership Card from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



WM Jason Parham requested the following brothers to approach the East to recognize their Masonic Birthdays (left to right): Bro. Alexander Banks V (50 years), MW Jeffery E. Hodges (34 years), WM Jason Parham, Bro. Stewart Plemons (4 years), Bro. Anthony Schienschang (9 years) and Bro. Steve Fetcho (14 years).

LODGE OF SORROW

Brother Norman Eugene Carpenter was called to the Celestial Lodge above on August 13th, 2019. On August 17th, 2019, Masonic Rites were conducted by MW Jeffery E. Hodges. Brother Carpenter was an honorary member of Widow's Sons' Lodge #60 and was active in the ACCA Shrine Temple in Richmond, serving as Potentate in 1987. Brother Carpenter was made a Master Mason on June 8th, 1951.

Brother Bruce Thompson will have a Memorial Service with Masonic Rites at Hill and Wood Funeral Home located at 15075 Spotswood Trail, Ruckersville, VA 22968, on October 5th at 3:00 PM. Brother Thompson was an honorary member of Widow's Sons' Lodge #60 and was made a Master Mason on March 6th, 1954, at Charleston No. 153, WV.

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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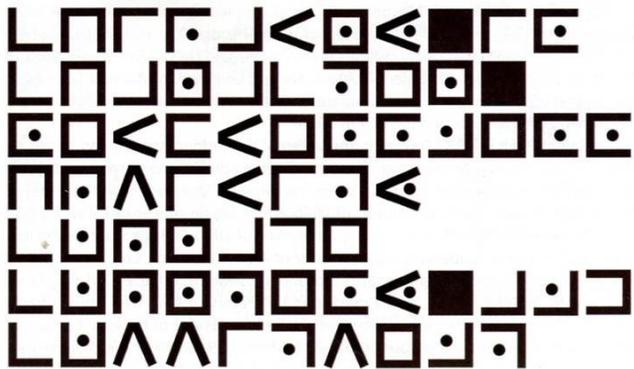
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MASONIC CODE SOLUTION:

**CHIVALRY IS CHARACTER,
SELFLESSNESS,
HUMILITY, COURAGE,
COURTESY AND COMMITMENT**

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

