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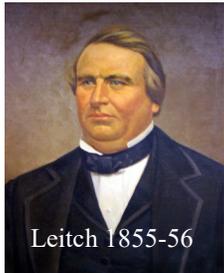
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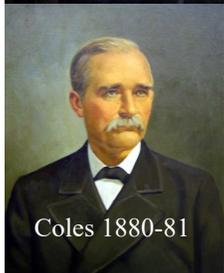
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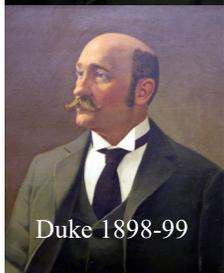
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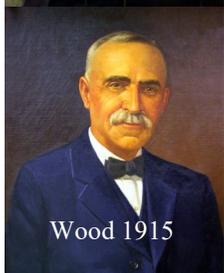
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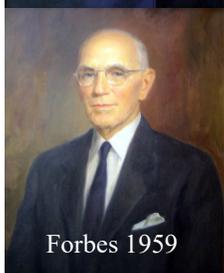
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

WSL 60 had a very successful February! At our Stated Communications, we received an excellent report by RW Bud Hogan on our Masonic Corporation, which really underlined the strength of our Lodge. Also, a report on the Widow's Sons' Charity Fund was given by Bro. Kent Schlüssel and was well done. Those two corporations are doing good work for our Lodge. Thank you all.

We had the pleasure of presenting our Junior Warden, Bro. Adam Buffington, with his Life Member in Perpetuity certificate, Membership Card, and lapel pin from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Brother Adam is a big asset to our Lodge. Congratulations!!

Bro. Jim O'Kelley presented our Lodge with a Masonic plaque for our Lodge display case from his recent trip to Jerusalem. Bro. O'Kelley also brought Bro. Ed Robb to Lodge to celebrate his 54th Masonic Birthday. Thank you Bro. Jim!

RW Bill Reinhold presented the program with slides on his trip to the Holy Land with a group of Knights Templars. Some really interesting slides and commentary. Thanks RW Bill.

On Wednesday, February 19th, a candidate was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. The candidate was virtually perfect in his Catechism! RW Hogan has taught him well. We look forward to raising him to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the near future. Thanks to all the brethren who participated in and helped with this Degree.

March Stated is on the 16th. Mark your calendars and come to Lodge! District Deputy Grand Master Jason Pattison will be making his official visit to our Lodge and we need to support one of our own. A catered dinner will be served at 6 pm. PLEASE call or text me for your dinner reservation. Please. We need to know how many to plan for. My cell is (434) 960-6776. Try to let me know by Wednesday the 11th. Thanks in advance.

Looking down the road: Lodge picnic planned for May at Ole Creasy Farm; Table Lodge in June. Also, this summer, a presentation will be made by Assistant Coach Larry Mangino of the UVA Men's Basketball Team.

Remember, if you need a ride to Lodge or help in any way, let me know and we will take care of it. I hope to see you in Lodge in March.

Fraternally yours,

Harry Walker
2020 Worshipful Master





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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
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 (54 Yrs)
Kerry L Harlow	03/23/1987
Walter A. Hedzik	03/07/1977
John L. James	03/09/1965 (55 Yrs)
Christopher R. Kintner	03/30/2009
Michael T. Rose	03/26/1997
Bland M. Wade	03/14/1960 (60 Yrs)

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 March 11th (Wednesday) at 6:00 PM.

For more information, please contact RW Mike Griffin.
 Email: MGriffin@TGBlaw.com
 Cell: (434) 981-5428

GRAND MASTER VISIT To The 10th DISTRICT, June 19th

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.

District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit, March 16th.

Brethren, our very own RW Jason Pattison, District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District will be making his official visit to Widow's Sons' Lodge #60 at our March Stated Communication. Let's all meet at Lodge and give him a great audience as our representative of the Grand Lodge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

- WSL60 Officer Meeting: March 2nd, 6:00 PM**
- WSL60 Stated Communication: March 16th, 7:00 PM**
- DDGM Official Visit (see notes below)**
- WSL60 Ritual Class: March 11th, 6:00 PM (see notes below)**

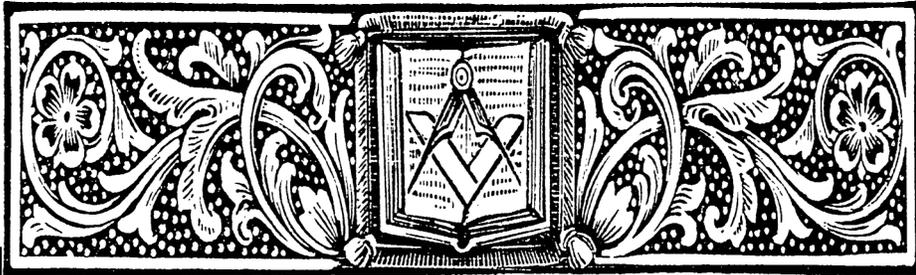
DDGM Official Visit— Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master RW Jason Pattison to WSL60 on March 16th.

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**

GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

Grand Master's Official Visit to the 10th Masonic District: June 19th at 6:00 pm; (see notes below)



APPENDANT BODY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Eastern Star—Queen Esther Chapter No. 14:
 March 14th (Saturday) at 10:00 AM

Knights Templar Commandery No. 3:
 March 24th (Tuesday) at 6:00 PM

A meal is served between Commandery and Chapter Meetings

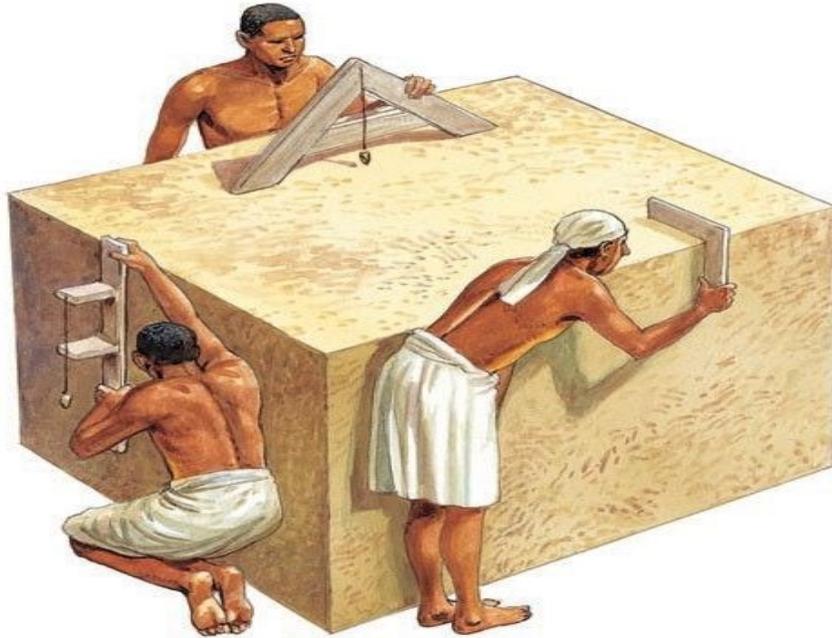
Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 58:
 March 24th (Tuesday) at 7:30 PM

Shriners Piedmont Club:
 No meeting for March

Order of Amaranth—Blue Ridge Court No. 8:
 March 6th (Friday) at 6:00 PM

More information for the appendant bodies can be found at the following:
www.wsl.avenue.org/headbeone.php

FINAL WORD



The world is in crisis, and it is the duty of Masons to assist as custodians of the societies they helped usher in through the Industrial Revolution. The duty of a Mason and the oaths he takes are no small thing. They are of the utmost importance and seriousness.

The initiations the Mason undergoes should not be squandered but rather produce real transformational change down to the roots of the soul. For this reason, it is imperative that we learn to understand, harness, and enhance the Masonic initiatory rituals to their fullest capacity. Only this will bring about the type of change in Being, and in Thinking, that we will need to be successful moving forward. Masons should not become better men, but the best.

The duty of every true Mason must be to view the world—regardless of race, skin tone, sex, class, or creed—as one human family, as one interconnected lodge. When economists today speak of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), this is where Masons should be especially active as the work force and foundational infrastructure of our societies yield to advanced technologies and robotics.

Masons must make sure this new industry does not lose sight of the spiritual implications of this massive change and help guide these technologies toward the spiritual wellbeing and betterment of everyone on the planet. As the operative Masons who built the Cathedrals strove to fashion base matter into spiritual harmony for the good of the souls of local people, so should modern Masons strive for the same in advanced technology, turning the scientific and engineering laboratories again into sacred spaces and altars dedicated to the spiritual upliftment of all.

Obtained from the Southern California Research Lodge Fraternal Review Newsletter, March 2020, Vol. 61, Number 2, pg. 16

Excerpted from Jedediah French, “Introduction,” in *The Art and Science of Initiation*, Jedediah French and Angel Millar, eds., (Shepperton, Surrey, UK: Lewis Masonic, 2019), 14.

I am Freemasonry

Ray V. Denslow

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry.

In my heart are wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my alters is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widow's tears, and the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I Am Freemasonry.

Article presented to Hiram's Journal by RW Bob Simpson.

NEW MASONIC WEBSITE

<https://beafreemason.org/>

Be a Freemason
NOT JUST A MAN. A MASON.

MASONIC LIFE DEGREES FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY FAQ SPREAD THE WORD GET IN TOUCH

BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, TRUTH.

Not Just a Man. A Mason.

A Freemason is committed to bettering himself, his community, and the world. He is on a journey of self-discovery believing in something greater than himself, a journey in which he will be supported by other good men.

Become the best version of you. Answer the call. Begin the journey.

TAKE THE FIRST STEP

Brothers, a new Masonic website has been made and was presented to this year's Grand Conference of Grand Masters by the Northern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite, the Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite and International Shriners on helping present information for individuals who are interested in joining. No matter where someone is, this website will direct them to their local lodge to help them start their petition process.

FEBRUARY STATED PRESENTATIONS



WM Harry Walker invited Bro. Adam Buffington to the East and presented him with his Life Member in Perpetuity Certificate, Dues Card and Lapel Pin from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



WM Harry Walker recognized the Masons present with Masonic Birthdays in February. From left to right is: RW William Reinhold (47 yrs), WM Harry Walker Jr, and Bro. Edgar Robb (54 yrs).



Bro. Jim O'Kelley was invited to the East where he presented a Masonic Plaque from Jerusalem to the WM for Widow's Sons' Lodge Display Case.



RW William Reinhold presented the February program relating to his recent trip to the Holy Land with a group of Knights Templars. RW Reinhold presented photos of his trip and the many locations that he was able to travel to. In token of appreciation, WM Harry Walker presented RW Reinhold with a Widow's Sons' Lodge #60 tumbler.

Elected Officers for 2020

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

Senior Deacon: RW Gerald William "Bud" Hogan
Junior Deacon: RW Jason Andrew Pattison
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

Long-Range Planning Committee Update

Brethren: In the Winter 2020 edition of the Virginia Masonic Herald, the Grand Master encouraged us to conduct an honest assessment of the health of our lodges and create a clear vision for making them stronger. Our committee is focused on that mission. We assigned ourselves the initial task of creating a shared understanding of what success looks like for the various aspects of our lodge. Once we've established this foundation, we'll begin work on drafting a new lodge strategy focused on improving the masonic experience of our members. We believe the strength of the lodge is the mason, and the strength of the mason is the lodge. Please share your thoughts and encouragement with our committee members. We have a big task in front of us.

Mike Griffin, Committee Chair (434-981-5428) MGriffin@TGBlaw.com

Harry Walker, WM; Ed Creasy, SW; Adam Buffington, JW; Bud Hogan, SD;
Mark Chapman, SEC; Philip Nelson; Greg Hosaflook; Andy Keller