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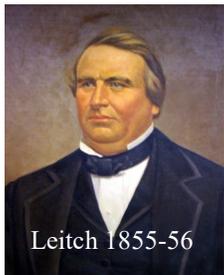
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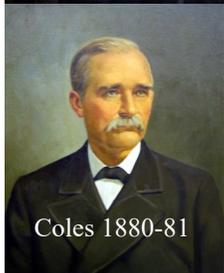
Stated Communications December 20th, 2021

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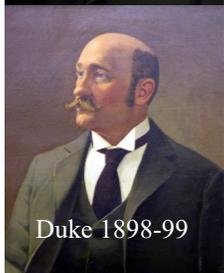
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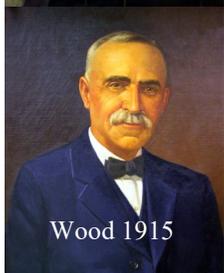
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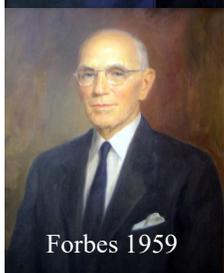
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

November was another excellent month for WSL#60. We passed a worthy brother to the Degree of Fellowcraft on November 10th. At our Stated Communication we had "step up night". Lodge officers for 2022 manned their stations and places that they will be in next year. Brother Ed Creasy is the incoming Worshipful Master and he did a fine job in this "dress rehearsal". A really strong slate of officers for the coming year. Best wishes to them for a successful 2022.

A highlight of our November Stated was the meal before the Lodge! RW Jim Dickerson with the aid of some good helpers prepared oyster stew. It was delicious. I ate 3 bowls!!! Along with the oyster stew, they served "cowboy beans" and my wife Linda made her homemade cornbread. This was topped off by dessert: apple cobbler and ice cream. I'm getting hungry as I type this!!

Another highlight was our program in November. RW Goldie Tomlin's presentation was about the Shriners. The work done by Shriner's Hospitals for children is tremendous and is an extremely good program for us to support. Brother Goldie did an excellent job. I'm proud to be a Shriner!!

December is always a busy month. We will be delivering beautiful poinsettias to our widows and I look forward to seeing and visiting my ladies. They are so appreciative of the poinsettias and the thoughtfulness of our Lodge.

December Stated will have a wonderful catered meal before Lodge. Cost is \$10 per person and reservations are appreciated. Believe me, \$10 is a real bargain!! Call or text me at 434-960-6776 or email me at [hlw@comcast.net](mailto:hlw@comcast.net).

Election and installation of the new officers happens of course at our December Stated. Come to Lodge on December 20th to support this fine group of officers.

December also is the end of my time as your Worshipful Master. It has been an honor for me to serve in this capacity. I have certainly received more light in Masonry during this journey and I'm thankful for you allowing me to be your Worshipful Master.

Finally Brethren, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Keep our brothers and widows with health challenges in our prayers. If I can help in any way, just let me know. Take care.



Fraternally Yours,

Harry Walker

2021 Worshipful Master



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

Name:	Master Mason Degree:
Stephen R. Baird	12/06/1993
William L. Bickley	12/06/1955 (66 Yrs)
Stephen R. Christianson	12/08/2010
T.C. Dickerson, III	12/06/1966 (55 Yrs)
Michael A. Hayden	12/05/1972
Jason A. Lynch	12/07/2006
Robert A. Murray	12/10/1999
William A. Nay	12/17/1992
James W. North, Jr.	12/05/1963 (58 Yrs)
Jason M. Parham	12/11/2014
Steven E. Price	12/07/2006
Daniel P. Price	12/12/2012
Jonathan M. Shelton	12/07/2006
Charles A. Via	12/06/1966 (55 Yrs)
Brian S. Weidman	12/04/2007

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:**

**Dec 3rd, 1:30 PM—Men's Lunch**  
 El Puerto Restaurant—Meadowbrook Shopping Center.  
 Contact Brother Jim Dickerson  
 434-466-4663 or [James@VirginiaHomesFarmsLand.com](mailto:James@VirginiaHomesFarmsLand.com)

**Dec 20th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting**  
**ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION**  
**MEAL at 6:00 PM, Cost is \$10**  
 Please contact WM to RSVP for head count.

**Dec 30th, 6:00 PM—WSL60 Officer's Zoom Meeting**



**Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr.**

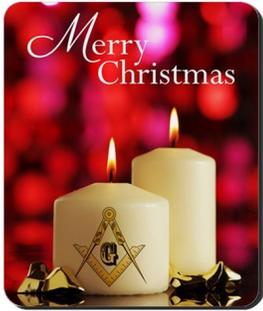
**2022 Grand Master of Masons in Virginia**



**Brothers, be on the lookout for 2022 Dues. Notices are in the mail and if you don't get one, contact the Secretary at (434) 227-6702. Call or text.**

**Lodge dues are to be paid by January 1st, 2022.**

# THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, DOWN AT THE LODGE



'Twas the Night before Christmas, and down at the Lodge  
Not a gavel was stirring, and in the hodge-podge  
Of aprons and jewels and chairs East and West  
you could savor the silence, most gladly divest

All metal and mineral, it mattered not,  
since Christmas was nigh and the coals were still hot  
In the hearth of your homestead, all Masons abed,  
as visions of trestle boards danced in their head;

When up on the roof there arose such a clatter,  
Our Tiler jumped up to see what was the matter!  
He picked up his sword and ran fast to the door,  
three knocks shook the panels - he wondered 'What for?'

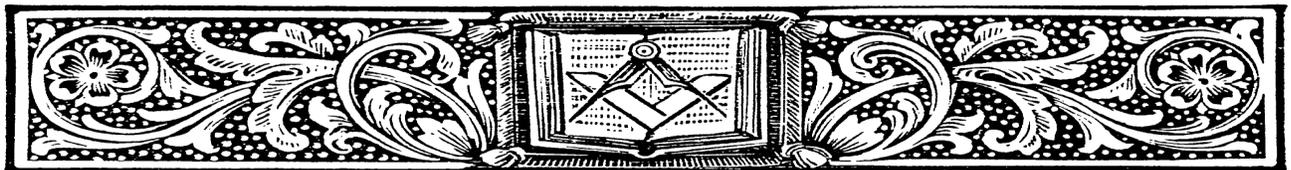
He answered the knocking with, raps of his own,  
and once the door opened he saw, with a moan  
Of delight it was Santa, all jolly and red  
Except for one notable feature Instead!

Upon his large finger lie wore what we knew  
was compass and square on a background of blue!  
'Why Santa!' he shouted and lowered his blade  
'I see you're a Mason!' the Tiler relayed.

He looked toward the Master's most dignified chair  
and said, voice near trembling, 'Most Worshipful there  
Is a Gentleman properly clothed at the gate!'  
The Master replied, 'Let's allow him - but wait!

You tell me a Gentleman, but I don't see  
His Apron beneath that red suit, can it be  
Our visitor hasn't been properly raised?  
Must we offer a test that is suitably phrased?

'I do beg your pardon,' old' Santa said quick  
As he pulled up his coat and displayed not a stick



# THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, DOWN AT THE LODGE

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But a cane with, engraving, two balls did appear  
and oh, what an apron, he wore and held dear!  
Adorned like the Master' complete with a sign  
Of "Lodge Number One, the North Pole" on one line!

"Now let man enter," the Master declared,  
and once in the Lodge room the Brethren all stared,  
For Santa was wearing a jewel not seen  
for many a century - there in between

The fur of his coat and the splendid red collar  
gleamed two golden reindeer that shone like a dollar!  
"It's Donner and Blitzen, who, I must confess  
Are actually images brought from the West



By my Warden, a craftsman like none in the world!"  
And with a great laugh from his bag he unfurled  
An ear of fine corn and some oil from the east,  
"My friend I have plenty, tonight we will feast



On all that is good! We are Masons, kind sir!"  
A murmur went throughout the Lodge, quite a stir,  
As presents and promises flew from his sack  
This Santa, a Mason, showed he had a knack

For making this Christmas the best you could glean,  
And soon even Deacons were laughing, they'd seen  
On this very night only happiness reigned!  
This jolly Saint Nicholas quickly explained

That only a Mason could be so inclined  
to make all kids happy, make all people find  
A Christmas so special, yes, Santa was right!  
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

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# NOVEMBER PRESENTATIONS



RW Goldie Tomlin, Grand Senior Steward, presented a program on the Shriners and spoke about their origins in Virginia and the work they do to support charities. Bro. Ed Creasy received RW Goldie in the East for a Photo during move-up night.



Wor. Mark Chapman marketed the prints of his Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Degree Paintings at the Grand Annual Communication. All profits from the print sales go to the MAHOVA Memory Unit.



At the 2021 Grand Annual Communication, Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones presented Right Worshipful Gregory Dean Hosaflook with the Reid James Simmons Award for Ritualistic Excellence.

RW Greg has helped out many different lodges around the area in degree work and was always willing to help teach and pass on knowledge of the ritual. He has worked on District 10's District Instructor of Work for many years.

## Elected Officers for 2021

Worshipful Master: Wor. Harry Lee Walker, Jr.  
Senior Warden: R.W. Jason Andrew Pattison  
Junior Warden: Wor. Christopher Nicholas Bragg  
Treasurer: RW Mike Daniel Griffin  
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman

Senior Deacon: Bro. William Heron Reichert  
Junior Deacon: RW Andrew Donald Keller  
Chaplain: RW Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.  
Marshall: Bro. James Thomas O'Kelley, Jr.  
Tyler: Bro. John Coulter Maddox

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## DATED MATERIAL PLEASE PROCESS

### Hiram's Journal



JAMES CLAIBORNE WOOD

JANUARY 28, 1970—NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Brother James Caliborne Wood was a LMIP member of WSL60 having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 15, 1996. Brother James served as Senior Steward, Chaplain, and Education Officer in the Lodge. The family did not request Masonic Rites.

ROBERT NICHOLAS ROMANAC

OCTOBER 31, 1940—NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Brother Robert Nicholas Romanac, 81, of Charlottesville, passed away on November 18, 2021. Robert was born on October 31, 1940, in Bellmore, New York. Brother Robert joined the Charlottesville Police Department in 1956 and retired in 1996. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at WSL60 on June 8, 1994. Masonic Rites will be held at the graveside of Holly Memorial Gardens on December 2, around noon.