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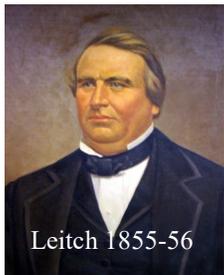
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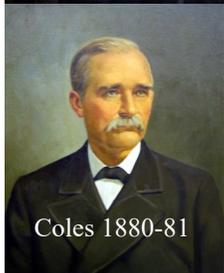
Stated Communications May 17th, 2021

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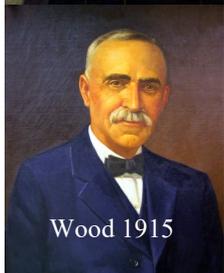
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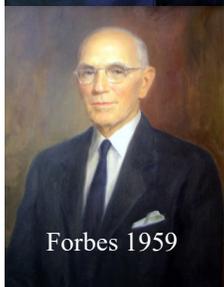
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Our Stated Communication in April was a success!! Widow's Sons' is getting closer to normal. I think everyone is really looking forward to not wearing masks, social distancing, taking temps, etc. We are heading in the right direction, but until we get there we will still wear masks, social distance, etc.

We honored two 50 year Masonic veterans in April: RW Gerald William (Bud) Hogan and Brother Alfred Frederick Seaman, Jr. MW Jeffery Hodges made the presentations. Congratulations to these two brothers on achieving this milestone, and thanks to MW Jeff for conducting the presentations.



Our program in April was on Masons in WW II. RW Bill Hughes presented the program. It was interesting as usual and it was obvious that a lot of time and effort went into it. Thank you RW Hughes.

Also in April a Brother passed his Fellowcraft examination with flying colors! He will be raised to be Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 10 at 6:30 pm. Because of COVID-19, several Brothers have been waiting a long time to advance in masonry. I hope that you will come out to Lodge and support our Brother on the 10th.

At our May Stated we will have the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master: our own RW Jason Pattison. I look forward to receiving him in the East and hearing his remarks. That's another good reason to attend Lodge on the third Monday May 17.

Brethren, continue to stay safe as we slowly but surely put this virus behind us. Continue to check on our widows and our brothers battling health challenges and keep those in need in our prayers.

We can see light at the end of the tunnel. If I can help you in any way call or text me 434-960-6776 or email me at hlw@comcast.net.

Fraternally Yours,

Harry Walker

2021 Worshipful Master



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

Name:	Master Mason Degree:
James K. Anas	05/04/1970 (51 Yrs)
Adam L. Buffington	05/06/2013
A. Clayton Coleman, Jr.	05/02/1977
Eddie O. Creasy	05/24/1982
George William Estes	05/29/1967 (54 Yrs)
John D. Fisher	05/04/1987
J. Leonard Hartman	05/05/1959 (62 Yrs)
Carl E. Hollar, Jr.	05/17/1974
Andrew D. Keller	05/28/1997
Yale S. Landsberg	05/25/1977
Robert J. Mariano	05/10/2004
Ahmed Nafei	05/24/2010
William N. Park	05/16/1995
Ray W. Sites	05/23/1966 (55 Yrs)
Geoff Springer	05/25/1996
James W. Stafford	05/15/2014
Carl W. Stankwitz	05/05/2011
Paul H. Wood	05/01/1961 (60 Yrs)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

- May 3rd, 6:00 PM—MM Degree Practice in Lodge Room
6:30 PM— Widow's Aid Fund Officers Meeting
King Solomon Lodge #194
- May 10th, 6:30 PM—Master Mason Degree
- May 13th, 6:30 PM—Practice for Reception of DDGM10
- May 17th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting, DDGM OV
- May 27th, 6:00 PM—Officers Meeting via Zoom
- Sept 17th—Official Visit of the Grand Master of Virginia to
District 10 at Louisa Methodist Church
More information to follow



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- 4. Select "Change your Charity" from the drop-down window**
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- 6. Click the "Search" button**
- 7. Make sure you choose Masonic Home of Virginia by clicking the correct "Select" button**
- 8. Verify your choice by looking at the "Supporting" field.**
- 9. REMEMBER, you must always log into <https://smile.amazon.com> in order for the MAHOVA Charity to receive funds.**

THOUGHTS ON MEMORIAL DAY

BY: RW FORDHAM D. TABOR—WALTON LODGE NO. 559



At this time in cities, towns and villages all over America, our citizens are gathering to honor those whose measure of patriotism was the sacrifice of light itself. We pay tribute to those who have given their lives in the cause of liberty. We salute those who have laid to costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom. It is our privilege to join our fellow Americans in paying homage to the dead of all wars. We bow our heads in respect to the greatest of all sacrifices and we stand humbly grateful to them.

Today they impose upon us the living, the sacred trust of their final hours, their common dreams for the safety and welfare of America, and for enduring peace. We cannot take part in these ceremonies without renewing our faith in the beliefs which those men and women cherished, without reaffirming our determination to defend those ideals for which they offered up their lives.

Decoration Day, or Memorial Day as we know it, was originally set aside and traditionally celebrated on May 30th, to honor those men of the Union Army who gave their lives in the War Between the States. Its announced purpose was “to strew with flowers or otherwise decorate the graves of soldiers who died in the defense of the United States.” This purpose has since been expanded to include all person who have lost their lives in the military service of the United States. Thus, today we honor the dead of all wars, from the Revolution to the present; those struggles waged in the cause of freedom against the forces of tyranny and oppression. Those honored dead will have died in vain, should there ever come a time when we no longer remember the heritage they forged for us, or if we forget what St. Paul has said, “We are not our own; we are brought with a price.”

That heritage began with those early American Patriots who cast their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor into the fury of that first great struggle for American freedom. With unswerving steadfastness, they vowed to stand or fall with the principles of government they held so dear. History has shown that they did not strive for glory. They knew they were fighting a battle for the human race—a battle for liberty. We remember with grateful heart those master craftsmen, Washington, Hancock, Franklin, and countless others, who erected the foundations on which our country is built. We salute those heroes like John Paul Jones, the memory of whose stirring, “I have not yet begun to fight,” will ever provide a stimulus in time of apparent defeat.

We honor those who preserved the Union. In 1867, the Grand Army of the Republic, so beloved by Lincoln, marched past the White House in the vast public demonstration celebrating the end of that struggle of brother against brother. President Andrew Johnson and other high officials took their salute, because the Great Emancipator had been assassinated shortly before—he who truly “gave the last full measure of devotion.” Flags and flowers will decorate the graves of the Southern soldiers who fought as Americans will ever fight for what they consider just and right. In memory of the wish of Abraham Lincoln who said, “with malice toward none, with charity for all,” we salute those brave men of the Confederacy. It took a civil war to give us an indissoluble union of American states, and that union must be forged ever closer as we prepare for the defense of our homeland and all that we hold dear against any conspiracy aimed at world domination.



THOUGHTS ON MEMORIAL DAY ~ CONTINUED

While all of those gallant men who fought for their country in that war have passed across to a distant shore, a few of the Patriots who fought in the Spanish-American War are still with us. We salute their comrades who fell at San Juan Hill and at Santiago. They did their duty; they gave their lives to add their share to the glorious tradition of our arms that commenced at Lexington and has carried on through the years. Their victorious resulted in the emergence of the United States as a major power with important international responsibilities.

We pass down through the corridor of time to World War I—a war fought with democracy pitted against autocracy and militarism. Many of the veterans of that titanic struggle are still with us, and we join them in saluting their comrades who fell at Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood, at the Meuse-Argonne, and at St. Mihiel. We pay an especial tribute to those unsung heroes who sailed the ships, both naval and merchant, during the savage and unrelenting submarine warfare that was unleashed by a vicious foe, those men who performed their daily tasks with diligence and devotion and who lie in the bosom of the deep. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in our nation's capital is a symbol of that war—truly a sacred stone of remembrance.

In the 1930s, the forces of tyranny and totalitarianism again commenced their march to power. Our country, slowly at first, but with ever increasing tempo, poured its entire resources into the fray of World War II. A generation of the flower of our youth and early manhood offered themselves without question on the altar of freedom. The whole earth is dotted with the graves of their dead. We salute those departed comrades and cherish the imperishable memory of their devotion to their country's cause. Their heroic deeds at Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, and Okinawa, at Salerno, Anzio, and Normandy, will never be forgotten.

To those heroes who have more recently fallen at Pork Chop Hill and Hamhung in Korea, and to those who fell victims at places with almost unpronounceable names, we pay respectful homage. These are the first to fall at the outset of our battle with Communism, a struggle that may continue for many years. The fallout of a godless materialism contaminates the earth; a hateful philosophy divides the world into hostile camps; destruction looms on the near horizon. Some countries today have even lost their heritage of freedom, overcome by the forces of totalitarianism. Freedom in those countries is a mockery, a word to be dreamed of but not to be enjoyed. Cambodia and South Vietnam are but two of the latest victims. This struggle must not, and dare not, be lost if the ideals and dreams of our forebears are to be preserved, if the lamps of liberty are to remain lighted throughout the world. This would be a day of unspeakable sadness if it were not for the realization that the dead did not die in vain. So this is a befitting time to rededicate ourselves to the principles laid down by our founding fathers and upheld so heroically by those we honor. Their ideals have made American the symbol of hope among the freedom loving peoples of the earth. Their sacrifices have preserved our heritage for us.

The dead we honor would not be content merely to hear words of praise about themselves. They would feel that they had failed if that is all they heard from us. They would be more apt to demand of us an accounting of the manner in which we have treated the legacy of freedom they have handed down to us. It is up to us, the living, as Lincoln said at Gettysburg, "to dedicate ourselves to the great task remaining before us." We have a great heritage, but if we take it lightly we are in danger of losing it, and the sacrifices of our heroes will have been to no avail. Each and every one of us must do his utmost in our daily lives and actions to exhibit those qualities of honor, patriotism and devotion which will preserve that heritage unsullied. Let us resolve to rededicate ourselves here and now to the cause of freedom, that the torch of liberty be not extinguished. Let that light shine in, lighting America brightly.



THOUGHTS ON MEMORIAL DAY ~ CONTINUED

Don Blanding, meeting a soldier returning from the front, his face and body bearing the marks of strain and combat asked—

A SOLDIER'S WAR EXPERIENCE, Don Blanding

What did you see at war, soldier, what did you see at war? I saw such glory and horror as I've never seen before. I saw men's hearts burned naked in red crucibles of pain, I saw God-like courage as I'll never see again.

What did you learn at war, soldier, what did you learn at war? I learned that we must sometimes learn what we have not learned before. That victories won on battlefields are victories won in vain, Unless in peace we kill the germs that breed new wars again.

What did you pray at war, soldier, what did you pray at war? My God, I prayed that we might do sometime what we have not done before, That we might mobilize for peace, nor mobilize in vain, Lest Christ and men be forced to climb stark Calvary again.

In respect to the memory of our fallen comrades, we must wage peace as they waged war—with everything we have. May God give us the wisdom and the courage to keep our country strong and to maintain the peace for which they gave their lives. God grant to them their well-deserved rest, and to us the strength to finish their task in our time.

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Silent Auction—Shriner's Hospital

Bidding will close on May 12th. Starting bid is \$100. The winner will be announced at the May Stated Meeting on May 17th. The money raised will go to the Shriner's Hospital in memory of Brother Norman Eugene (Gene) Carpenter. He was a past Potentate (1987). The size of the throw is about 4' x 6'.

Submit the bid to the Lodge email address:

WidowsSons60@gmail.com

Or call the WSL60 Secretary: (434) 227-6702.

Widow's Aid Fund Meeting

The Annual WAF meeting will be Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 6:30 PM at King Solomon's Lodge in Crozet. A report of the finances and membership will be given. Officers will be elected and vacancies on the Board of Directors will be filled.

Mike Hollar, President



APRIL STATED PRESENTATIONS



A Committee of RW Robert E. Simpson and RW Mike D. Griffin presented RW Gerald William Hogan in the East where MW Jeffery E. Hodges presented him with his 50 Year Masonic Veteran's Grand Master Certificate, Dues Card and Lapel Pin.



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The April Stated Program was given by RW Bill Hughes, Cabell Lodge No. 328, on some Masons that served in the military in World War II, including his relatives.

60-Year Masonic Veteran—Brother Paul H. Wood

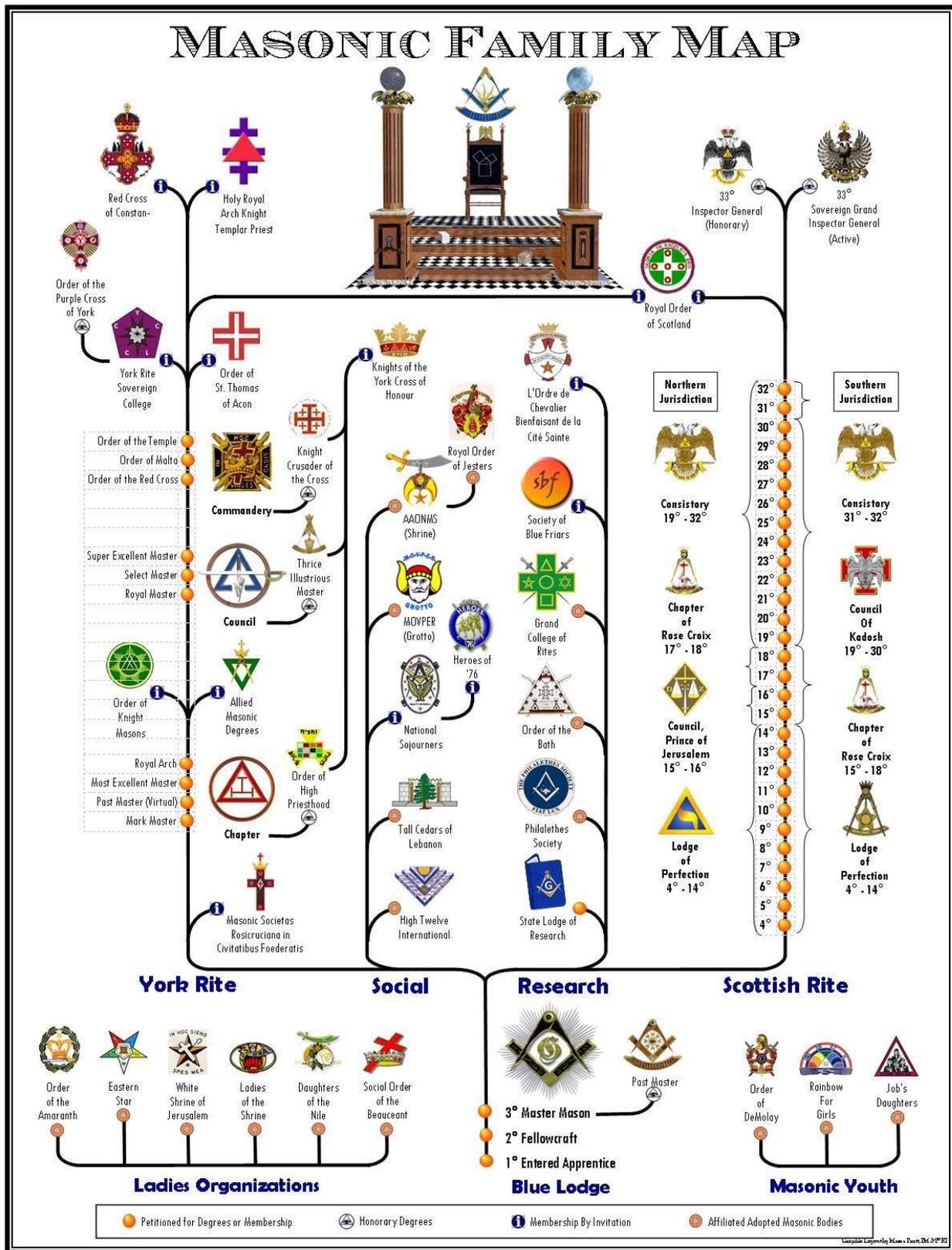
On May 1st, 2021, Brother Paul H. Wood celebrated his 60th year as a Master Mason. We congratulate him on this remarkable achievement. We honored the request of Bro. Wood that his 60 year masonic membership certificate and lapel pin from the Grand Lodge be mailed to his home . . . And wish him good health and prosperity in the coming 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

MASONIC FAMILY MAP



The Fraternity of Freemasonry expands well beyond the Blue Lodge. If you would like to expand your knowledge, your involvement or learn new parts of the craft or get more information on parts you think are missing, consider signing up for another branch of Masonry. Consider the York Rite or Scottish Rite. If you would like a more fun, relaxing, social and frivolous body, try the Shriners or the Grotto. No matter which body you decide to join, you will always be in good company, you will be with a brother who will help you through your masonic pathway.

Ask around the lodge for more information or petitions on different bodies.

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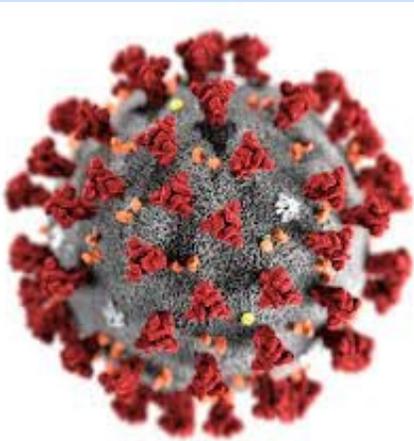
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Hiram's Journal

COVID UPDATE!!



Brothers, the Governor, effective April 1st, has lifted the restriction of meetings of 10 people or less to 50 people meetings. This means we can hold in person Lodge Meetings. We will still be following guidelines on staying 6 feet apart and wearing masks during the meeting. No meals are to be served. If any brother needs help registering to get a vaccination, then please contact

the WSL60 WM or Secretary for assistance or call the state Health District at 1-877-829-4682.