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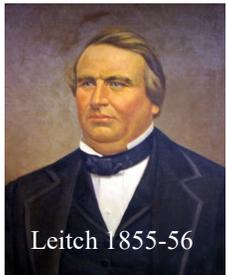
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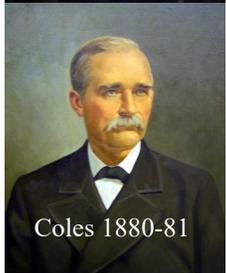
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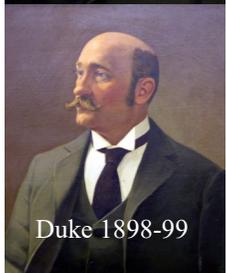
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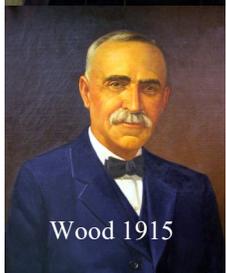
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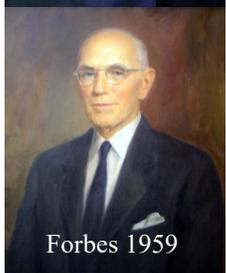
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

March was another exciting month in Widows Sons Lodge. Rt. Wor. Brother James Friend Dickerson presented the Lodge a challenge coin & program from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial rededication. It was a great time up in Alexandria for the Washington Memorial. I'm looking forward to more fun Masonic adventures like that in the future.

Our program in March was given by Rt. Wor. Brother Ross Morland shared a program on "Being the Example". It's always a pleasure to have RW Morland in our Lodge.

As District 10 Masonic Home of Virginia Ambassador I was given the pleasure to present our Lodge with the 2022 Stokes & Morlock Awards to Wor. Brother Ed Creasy, 2022 Worshipful Master.

We have the one day conferral at Fairfax 43 on April 29th. Between the 7th and 10th District we have about 15 candidates. If you would like to attend let myself or the secretary know and we can provide you with some more details.

Our program for April will be given by our DDGM RW Bill Hughes. It will be on Vietnam-The Dogwood Vietnam Memorial-The Hill That Heals-and National Vietnam Veterans Day.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 3rd Monday at 6pm for dinner and 7pm for our stated meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jason A. Pattison

2023 Worshipful Master





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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
Daniel A. Albert	04/26/1965 (58 Yrs)
Frank W. Bauer	04/17/1985
M. Wayne Bilby	04/01/1991
Nickolas J. Digiorgio	04/10/2019
Timothy J. Edwards	04/24/1976
Joseph S. Gorak	04/04/2022
James M. Landreth	04/05/1976
Peter-John Leone	04/25/2012
Monte S. Parsons	04/02/1992
Ronald G. Ridge	04/26/1965 (58 Yrs)
A. Frederick Seaman, Jr.	04/13/1971 (52 Yrs)
Matthew C. Stimart	04/06/2009

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Apr 4th, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL Practice for FC Degree

Apr 17th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting, Meal at 6:00 PM

April 20th—Annual McLaurin Golf Tournament (See page 8 for more details)

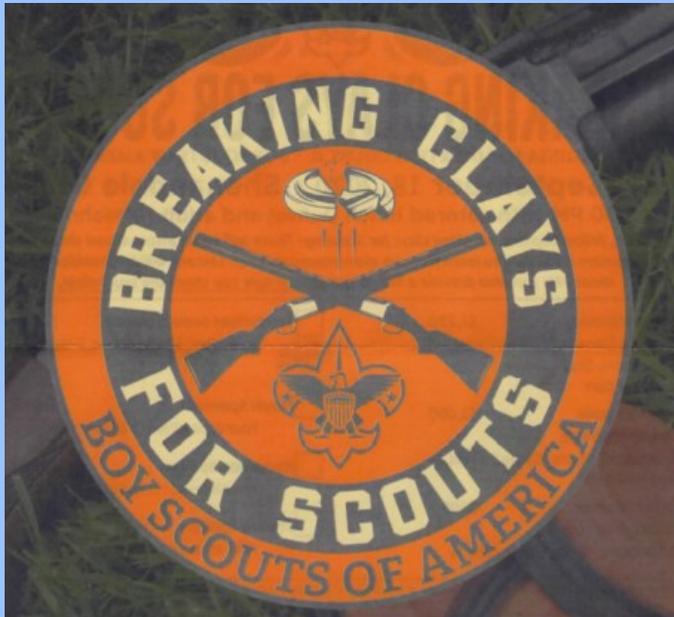
Apr 25th, 7:00 PM—Keystone RA Chapter No. 58 Meeting, See Chapter Newsletter and Email

Apr 25th, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 9 Meeting, See Chapter Newsletter and Email

April 29th, 9:00 AM—One-Day Conferral, Fairfax Lodge No. 43

May 20th—District 10 Bring-a-Friend Breakfast Day Lodge No. 58

Breaking Clays for Scouts Event



Brothers, it is the time of year again for the Breaking Clays for Scouts. This event is for fun and fellowship and to hang out with some of the Boy Scouts of America in shooting clay pigeons. There is an instructional shooting practice for first time shooters and novices. Contact RW Jim Dickerson (ph. 434.466.4663) to join the WSL60 team he is organizing for the event.

Friday, May 12th, 2023

Shenandale Gun Club

RR 42, Swoope, VA 24479 11:30 am to 3:00 pm

FIVE MASONIC THOUGHTS BY: BRO. WILLIAM A. CARPENTER

From a "Masonic Culture" handbook issued by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania we have extracted several items which came from the inspired pen of Brother William A. Carpenter, the current Right Worshipful Grand Master, written many years ago. They stand the test of time.

OUR BASIC FUNCTION.

The basic function of a Masonic Lodge is to make Master Masons.

This does not mean the formality of raising candidates. It extends far beyond that period in the life of a Mason. The task of making Master Masons must be directed toward all of us, those who are Master Masons and those who are in the process of becoming Master Masons.

The fruits of our efforts to teach and to learn about Freemasonry, the interest that we show the candidates as we welcome them into the new world of Freemasonry, will be evident in the years to come.

If we sow well, we are bound to reap well.

BEING WELL AND DULY PREPARED.



Being "Well and Duly Prepared" is a Masonic expression. Masons understand its significance in the Lodge Rooms. However, they may also interpret it outside the Lodge. No Mason enters even the ground floor of the Lodge unless he is "Well and Duly Prepared." So simple is his dress that it provokes no envy. He is dressed properly for the occasion, and everyone so dressed feels perfectly at ease among his Brethren. No place here for the rich to boast of fine raiment and resplendent jewels, nor for the poor to envy his more fortunate Brother or covet his wealth. Their clothing in each case symbolizes labor and innocence. With hand and brain, each is ready to serve his fellowman; with forbearance and toleration, each is willing to forgive the crude and ignorant everywhere.

To carry the symbolism of Masonic investiture still further, every Mason should be clothed in the habiliments of truth. His wardrobe should contain the robe of justice, with which to protect those who, for any reason, have been deprived of their just rights; the mantle of charity, with which to comfort those made destitute, many times by no cause of their own; the tunic of toleration, with which to hide the weakness of the wayward, and help them to the road of recovery; the cloak of mercy, with which to cover the wounded and suffering in mind or body with unstinted sympathy and kindness.

These garments are all of genius quality, measured and cut by a Master Tailor. They are serviceable and in good taste on every occasion. They, too, may be had without money and without price, and, the man who wears them is truly "properly clothed," and "Well and Duly Prepared" as a Master Mason.

FREEMASONRY IS MANY THINGS.

Freemasonry is a Story of Life; with all its joys, its heartaches, its failures and its final triumph over all earthly things.

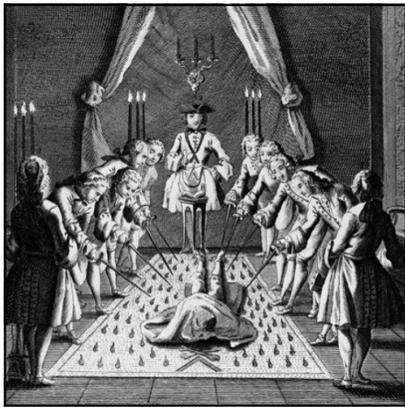
Anyone can read it, in countless books. Its teachings, its symbols, and its ambitions, are open for general observation. They are practiced in the light, and held up for all the world to see.

FIVE MASONIC THOUGHTS ~ CONTINUED

Freemasonry is not practiced in the dark, neither are its teachings the dogma of some forbidden cult. We, as Freemasons, are required to reflect the light; to practice its teachings and love by their direction. No greater thing can be said of Freemasonry than that it is an ideal way of life.

No other fraternity offers such profound lessons in its Ritual or Work as does Freemasonry. Each word and each act in the ceremonies of the Lodge carries a true lesson to each of us, if we will but open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and hearts to accept.

We can study Freemasonry for years, as we attend its meetings, and each time we stop to think on the things said and done, we get a new meaning and inspiration from them. There is a never-ending source of pleasure in the various shades of meaning that can be read into each line of our work. Each new meaning and interpretation that we put into some word or act will make that passage live for us, and we will begin to see Freemasonry for what it is intended. Great men have devoted many years of study and meditation to the cause of Freemasonry and when their work is finished they realize that they have only begun to see the light and that they have only started to uncover the true meanings of the work.



Freemasonry has been talked of and written about by countless men in every country of the world. Its members have been persecuted in all lands at one time or the other, but it still grows and flourishes as no other fraternity on earth today.

There must be something good and great in Freemasonry, for it to stand through the years as a beacon of light to its members and as a symbol of the true way of life for all to see and follow. Its greatness is not due to its secret teachings, its mysteries or fanfare of its deeds, but rather to the profound lessons taught to its members and to the comfort, inspiration and enlightenment brought to all who will but study.

Freemasonry frowns on advertising its good deeds, preferring to let those who benefit from them reflect its goodness, that others might have hope and desire the better things of life. Freemasonry offers comfort to those who sorrow, hope for those who despair, wise counsel for those who err, and the joys and contentment of life to all.

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND.

The making of a Freemason consists in a continued course of education, and of character forming. While it may be accepted that it is an innermost desire, followed by obligations that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer form and better sense, a man is never a Freemason until he truthfully and loyally lives up to his obligations. And he cannot do that until he understands them, and eventually knows their scope and real meaning.

Freemasonry can very well be divided into many phases. Its landmarks, its customs, its constitution and its laws, just to mention a few, if studied and mastered, can provide a most interesting course for the Master Mason seeking Masonic knowledge. Its historical background can provide an interesting program of investigation to the member attracted to a desire for research.

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will stand investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated. A member of the Craft who merely takes his degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and then remains as just a spectator at Lodge meetings, may hold to the opinion that Freemasonry differs little from other societies. To the contrary, the Master Mason who delves deeply into Masonic literature, takes a lively interest in every part of the Ritualistic and lodge Work, and learns the origin, meaning and moral bearing of its symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations .

FIVE MASONIC THOUGHTS ~ CONTINUED

The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. May it be accepted that Freemasonry is a way of living to the Master Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his, and his alone, by virtue of his Masonic Membership.

The best informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic reading, our Masonic studying and our research for more Masonic Light.

NEEDED: A KNOWLEDGE OF FREEMASONRY.

At no time in Masonic history has there been a greater need for understanding of what Freemasonry is and what it stands for than there is today. Much has been left undone in the education of Members of our Lodges.

The first essential in Masonic education is that desire to become interested and enthused in Freemasonry followed by a thirst for knowledge as to what Freemasonry is all about. Here is where the instructors can serve well and can influence the candidate in a continuous search for more Masonic Light.

The qualifications for instructing are less exciting than may be imagined. What is essential is a basic knowledge of Freemasonry by the instructor. In this day and age, with so many counter attractions, it becomes more evident that greater efforts must be put forth to instruct our new Members in the ideals and fundamentals of Freemasonry.

Every Lodge should have a definite program along authentic Masonic educational lines. We must understand what Freemasonry really is before we can practice Freemasonry in our lives. We must remember that Freemasonry is judged by the actions of its individual members. We must set an example to those outside the Craft at all times.

The need for Masonic knowledge is often evidenced in our Lodges, This can be alleviated where dedicated members qualify as instructors and then serve in teaching the principles and fundamentals of Freemasonry to all who will listen.

WHAT IS MASONRY?

by Bro. Walter H. Bonn, Victor, Iowa



It's not a sign or handshake, a hall where tilers sit,
It's not a guarded building, where passwords will admit,
It's not a place of symbols, which Wardens oft display,
It's not a lodge of members, who meet in white array.

It is the home of justice, of liberty and truth,
Of loyalty to country, of sympathy for youth,
Of succor for a brother, of gentleness and cheer,
Of tolerance for neighbors, whose life is often drear.



Reprinted from the website "The Masonic Trowel".

http://www.themasonictrowel.com/Articles/Freemasonry/other_files/five_masonic_thoughts.htm

MARCH PRESENTATIONS



RW Ross Morland presented a program on setting a Masonic Example for others to follow. Bro. Ross shared with us his relationship with his father and the positive examples his dad demonstrated to him. The examples he gave included the following: (1) Pay attention and listen intently, (2) Be inclusive with others, (3) No gossiping, (4) Be respectful of others, (5) Build relationships, (6) use constructive language, (7) Take responsibility.

WM Jason Pattison presented RW Ross Morland with a lodge gift of appreciation for his presentation on setting a Masonic Example.



RW Bill Hughes (DDGM10, right) presented a steel sculpture of a compass and square logo to the Lodge. He asked if anyone would wish to order one, to contact him.

Elected Officers for 2023

Worshipful Master: Wor. Jason Andrew Pattison
Senior Warden: R.W. Mike Daniel Griffin
Junior Warden: R.W. Gregory Dean Hosaflook
Treasurer: R.W. James Friend Dickerson
Asst. Treas: R.W. Mike Daniel Griffin
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman
Asst. Sec: R.W. Robert Edward Simpson

Senior Deacon: Bro. Christian Dwight Manly Owens
Junior Deacon: Bro. Thomas Matthew Castellanos
Senior Steward: Bro. Henry Paul Hagenau
Junior Steward: Vacant
Chaplain: R.W. Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.
Tyler: Bro. John Coulter Maddox

MARCH PRESENTATIONS Cont.



The Brethren shared a meal before the Stated Communication. Several Lodge members brought in homemade chili and there was a contest to decide the best tasting chili. The winning chili was from Bro. Tom Castellanos and was awarded a trophy. (2nd from left).



RW Jim Dickerson (left) presented WM Jason Pattison (right) with some souvenirs for organizing the bus trip to the GW Memorial cornerstone reenactment on Feb 20th.



← WM Jason Pattison presented the Morlock Award for MAHOVA fundraising in 2022 to Past Master Wor. Ed Creasy.

WM Jason Pattison recognized members with Masonic Birthday's in March. RW Bill Baskerville was in attendance and came to the East. →



Invitation to ACCA Shriners After Hours Tailgate

ACCA Shriners would like to invite your brethren and families to ACCA's After Hours Tailgate. We host this outdoor concert several times from Spring until Fall and always hope for good weather. We encourage you to bring a picnic for your group (and we also have a limited menu available, such as hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, beer and soft drinks). It is a great opportunity for you to meet new friends, bring old friends with you and do something different on a Thursday night.

We will also have an information table about Shriners and about the process of joining ACCA Shrine. There is no mystery that Masons are welcome to become Shriners, however, showing our extended families what fun we have might be surprising to some. Shriners mission is to support the Children's Hospitals, the second important part is having fun!



Please see the attached brochure, post it on your Lodge bulletin board, and Lodge newsletter, If you have any questions, feel free to call me personally.

Thank you for considering joining us one Thursday!

Fraternally yours,
William "Bill" R. Bond, III
ACCA Shriners, Membership Chair
434-960-5162

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8104 Club Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

TEE TIME:

Check in: 9:00 AM
Shotgun Start: 10:00 AM

Contact Secretary for more info:

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