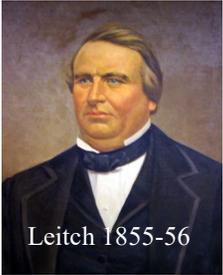
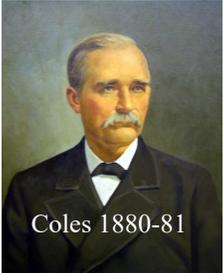


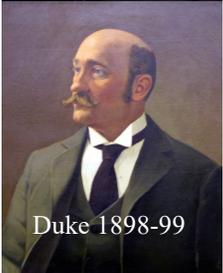
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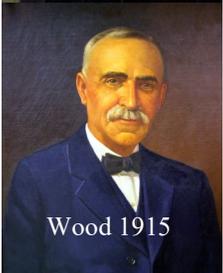
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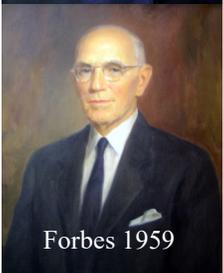
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

In April, we had another wonderful Stated Communication in Widow's Sons' Lodge #60. We had a wonderful talk about the Vietnam war from our District Deputy. I learned a lot and gained a new respect for our military veterans.

At our May 15th Stated Communication, we are having RW Brandon Black give a talk on the Shriner's history and some of the activities of the local Piedmont Shrine Club.

On April 29th, we were honored to raise to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason our newest member, Brother Samuel Lee Griffin, at a One Day Conferral event. We did this with 7th and 10th Masonic District members at Fairfax Lodge #43 in Culpeper, VA. I know our Senior Warden (RW Mike Griffin) is especially proud that his son "Sam" has joined our Masonic Fraternity.

Looking into the near future, please make plans to bring a friend to breakfast on May 20th (8:30-10:00 a.m.) to the Masonic District 10 endorsed "Bring a Friend" event at Day Lodge #58 located at 100 E Main Street, Louisa, VA.

On June 4th, we are planning a Masonic District 10 "Steak Out" at Windwood Coves on Lake Anna in Mineral, VA. The event details, including time and directions for this event will be announced later... but please reserve the date on your calendar. This will be a fun activity for all family members.

One of my favorite Lodge activities is coming soon. The WSL60 "Table Lodge" on June 24th starting at 7 p.m. I am looking forward to the toasts and fellowship. Please contact myself or the JW (RW Greg Hosaflook) for details.



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>
James K. Anas	05/04/1970 (53 Yrs)
Adam L. Buffington	05/06/2013
Eddie O. Creasy	05/24/1982
John D. Fisher	05/04/1987
Carl E. Hollar, Jr.	05/17/1974
Andrew D. Keller	05/28/1997 (26 Yrs)
Robert J. Mariano	05/10/2004
Ahmed Nafei	05/24/2010
Christian D. M. Owens	05/10/2021
William N. Park	05/16/1995
Ray W. Sites	05/23/1966 (57 Yrs)
Geoff Springer	05/25/1996
James W. Stafford	05/15/2014
Carl W. Stankwitz	05/05/2011
Paul H. Wood	05/01/1961 (62 Yrs)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

May 2nd, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL Practice for upcoming MM degree

May 3rd—7th—Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia Williamsburg, VA

May 15th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting, Meal at 6:00 PM

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

May 23rd, 7:00 PM—Keystone RA Chapter No. 58 Meeting, See Chapter Newsletter and Email

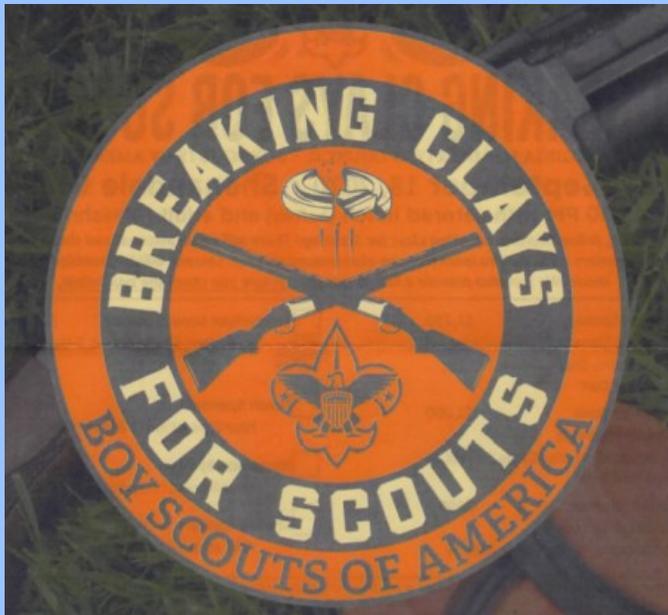
May 23rd, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 9 Meeting, See Chapter Newsletter and Email

June 4th— 10th Masonic District “Steak Out” Family event at Windwood Coves. More info to follow

June 10th, 7:00 PM—Outdoor Lodge at Rustburg, VA. 6:00 PM Meal

June 24th, 7:00 PM—WSL60 Table Lodge

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

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THE BEST FIRST STEP TO MORE LIGHT

BY: GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF VIRGINIA

In each of the first three degrees of Freemasonry, the candidate expresses a desire for light. But once he has been raised, we tend to leave him to his own devices. Those true seekers will find the Royal Arch degrees to be the best “first step” on the path to more light in Masonry. The six Royal Arch degrees are intimately related to the first three degrees in Masonry. They detail the story of the completion, dedication, destruction, and rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple including the recovery of the lost secrets. The Royal Arch Degree completes the Blue Lodge Mason's basic instruction and prepares him for a lifetime of seeking light. In Virginia our ancient Constitution of Masonry (Chapter 3, Section 4, Number 7) states, “to exercise all degrees of the Ancient Craft, and consequently the Royal Arch.” This clearly shows the intimate connection between the Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch from ancient times.



MARK MASTER DEGREE

The first degree in Royal Arch Masonry is the Mark Master Degree, which is a wonderful expansion of the Fellowcraft Degree. It explains the payment of wages in much greater detail and the necessity of displaying your skill in the quarries in order to earn those wages. Each craftsman must design his own peculiar mark and receives a pointed lesson regarding how this mark is used to bond brother Mark Masters to each other. Finally a lesson is given regarding “abiding the law,” even when it does not please us.

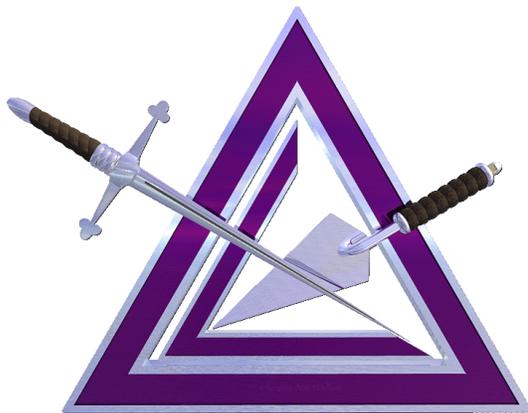
PAST MASTER DEGREE

The Past Master Degree is a modern accommodation to the ancient custom that only those who have presided over a Lodge could receive the Royal Arch Degree. This degree provides several pointed lessons regarding one's difficulties, rights and responsibilities when presiding over a Lodge and confers upon the candidate the title of being a “virtual” Past Master. The Grand Lodge of Virginia considers these lessons so important that the conferral of this degree is required before a Brother can be elected as Warden in his Lodge.



SELECT MASTER AND ROYAL MASTER

The two Council Degrees (Select Master and Royal Master) are shorter in length than the other degrees in Royal Arch Masonry and are usually conferred at the same meeting. In most other Grand Jurisdictions they are not included in the Royal Arch degrees but come under a completely separate organization called the Cryptic Council. These degrees are referred to as “cryptic” because they introduce the candidate to a secret work which took place underground and to a conversation which took place on the evening prior to the death of one of our first three Grand Masters. The candidate learns of the leader of a plot to extort certain secrets and why this conversation caused him to recant. In Virginia these degrees are included in Royal Arch Masonry because they are a very necessary piece of the puzzle which is solved at a later time in the Royal Arch Degree.

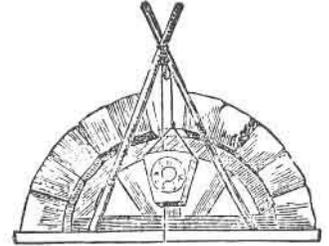


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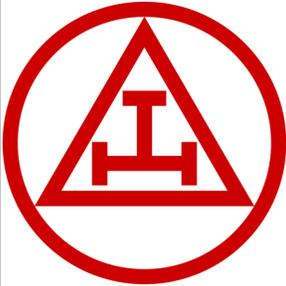
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MOST EXCELLENT MASTER

The Most Excellent Master Degree is peculiar to American Masonry. It is the rich story of the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple and a re-enactment of the ceremonies surrounding that event. Those craftsmen found worthy were received and acknowledged Most Excellent Masters by King Solomon.



ROYAL ARCH DEGREE



The Royal Arch Degree begins with a recounting of the destruction of the Temple, the taking of the Jews into Babylonian exile, the overthrow of Babylon by King Cyrus of Persia, and his order that the Temple in Jerusalem be rebuilt. The candidates portray three Most Excellent Masters returning from that exile to aid and assist in that rebuilding. While clearing some rubbish, they discover the secret underground work described in the Select Master Degree, and in spite of the difficulties and dangers involved, eventually discover the lost secrets referred to in the second section of the Master Mason Degree. The lost is finally found and restored. This degree also teaches that there is no substitute for truth and that the discovery of concealed things comes through hard work, persistence, and personal risk.

Reprinted from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia website:
<https://virginiaroyalarch.org/education/pdfs/Brochure-Degrees.pdf>

Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58 meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month on the 2nd Floor of the Charlottesville Temple. Please come by to tour the Chapter Room and see the Royal Arch Paintings. For more information, please contact: High Priest Most Excellent Russ Snodgrass, ph: 540.649.2063

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APRIL PRESENTATIONS



WM Pattison recognized members present that had Masonic Birthdays in April.
WM Jason Pattison (Left) and Bro. Nick J. DiGiorgio (Right, 4 Yrs)



Five members of WSL60 participated/attended the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial Rededication on Friday, April 21st.
Bros. Jim O'Kelley, Pat Kelly, Jim Carpenter, Larry Claytor and Mark Chapman



RW Bill Hughes presented a program on Vietnam war experiences.



On April 29th, the 10th Masonic District hosted a One Day Conferral of the three masonic degrees at Fairfax Lodge No. 43 in Culpeper, VA.
WSL60 was honored to raise Samuel Lee Griffin to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.



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
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Junior Steward: Vacant
Chaplain: R.W. Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.
Tyler: Bro. John Coulter Maddox

LODGE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Ode' To Our Secretary

If our Secretary writes a letter, it's too long,
If he sends a postal, it's too short,
If he doesn't send a notice, he is lazy.
If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in.
If he stays away, he is a shirker,
If he prods the members for dues, he is insulting.
If he fails to collect the dues, he is slipping.
If he asks for clarification or advice, he is "slow" or incompetent.
If he does not, he is bull headed.
If he writes his reports complete, they are too long.
If he condenses them, they are incomplete
If he talks on a subject in Lodge, he is trying to run things.
If he remains quiet, he has lost interest in the meeting.
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Our Secretary is NOT a Mind Reader NOR does he take dictation ...

If you want your announcement distributed to our Lodge members in the newsletter or in a lodge email, then the following should be provided to our Secretary in writing before the stated communication or newsletter publication dates (first day of each month) :

- What is the event
- Why should a brother want to attend the event
- When is the event date and time;
- Where is the event
- How should one get to the event, e.g. car pooling when, where, POC contact info;
- What is the dress code for the event;
- How much does the event cost
- What should he bring to the event (lunch?)
- Who is event coordinator (provide his contact info for questions)

A communication is not complete unless the WHATs, WHYs, WHENs, WHEREs, HOWs and WHOs are provided for an event.

Let's all work together to close the gaps in our communication skills and make a successful Lodge.

S&F,
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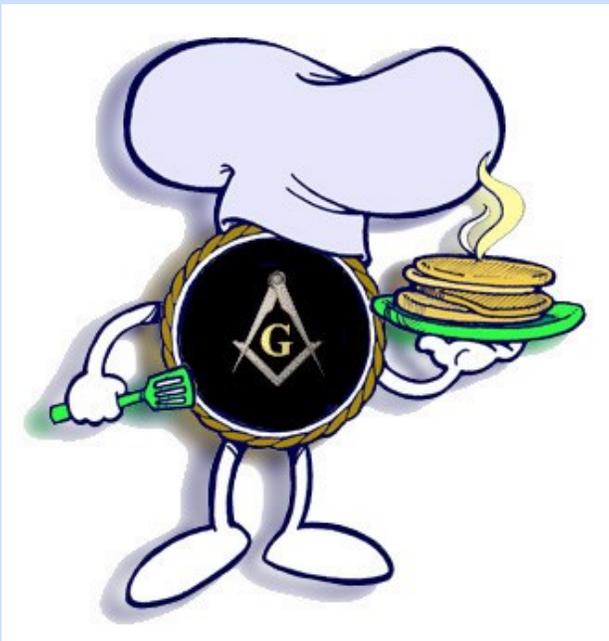
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BRING-A-FRIEND BREAKFAST AND MASONIC PROGRAM



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RSVP to Rt. Wor. Russ Baine
rusmadge@yahoo.com Day Lodge Secretary
to forward a head count 7 days prior to the
event.

100 E Main Street, Louisa, VA

8:30—10:00 AM