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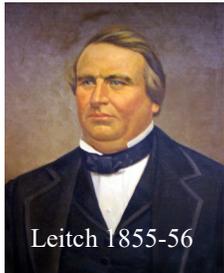
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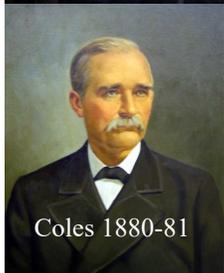
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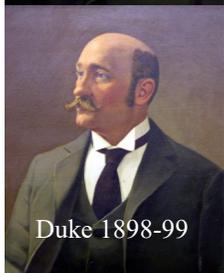
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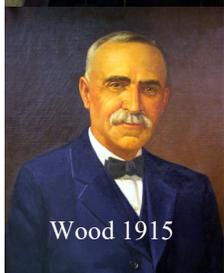
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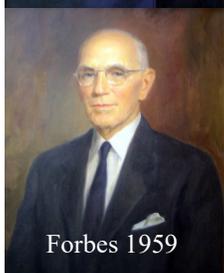
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

What a wonderful month it was in Widow's Sons' Lodge again. We voted in two new affiliates and one to receive the degrees in Freemasonry. On July 24th we will have a Master Mason Degree practice and the 27th we will have our degree. If we could fill our lodge room for this degree it would mean a lot for our new Fellowcraft who will be Raised.

I'm proud to say our District Deputy told us we have exceeded what our Grand Master asked us to do by being active in our community. We have done well over 10 service projects and outreach to Charlottesville and surrounding counties. Thank you to all that participated.

As many know we actually have 13 stated meetings in Widow's Sons'. Our table lodge on the 24th was well attended by so many Brothers from all over the state. Brother Kerry (Captain) Kirk of Henry Lodge 57 delivered a wonderful presentation on the meaning of Masonic charity. Many thanks to all the many Brothers who helped make this a memorable event, especially our Junior Warden, RW Greg Hosaflook.

Every month I send out many Masonic Birthday cards to our members. I wish I could say I've met you all but I haven't. If you have not been able to attend recently we will welcome you back with open arms. If you may have forgotten certain signs or tokens just show up a little earlier and we can give you a refresher. If you are unable to drive to lodge don't hesitate to ask for help. That is what we are here for as your Brothers. Dinner as always is a free meal starting at 6pm and Lodge at 7pm the 3rd Monday of the month. Looking forward to seeing everyone on July 17th.



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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>
L. Mark Ascoli	07/27/1988
Mark A. Chandeysson	07/17/2008
Larry W. Claytor	07/15/1986
Robert A. Clore	07/24/1971 (52 Yrs)
Andrew F. Conely	07/29/2006
Vestal Greer	07/29/2006
Jeffrey A. Kennedy	07/01/2009
David C. Merchant	07/28/2004
William C. Olewnik, Jr.	07/26/2018
Richard K. Powley	07/24/1967 (56 Yrs)
James L. Reinhold	07/28/1999
R. Lee Richards	07/19/1991
Michael R. Skeens	07/17/2008
Barty L. Sorrells	07/22/2006
Peter R. Thorsen	07/21/1978
Paul Vereshchetin	07/29/2013

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

July 3rd, 6:00 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL60 Practice for MM Degree

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

July 24th, 6:00 PM—MM Degree Practice at WSL60 Lodge Room

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

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

July 27th, 6:00 PM—MM Degree at WSL60 Lodge Room

August 11-12, 2023 Reid James Simmons Academy for Masonic Ritual, Roanoke Scottish Rite Temple (see more below)

REID JAMES SIMMONS ACADEMY FOR MASONIC RITUAL

Brothers, the 2023 Reid James Simmons Academy for Masonic Ritual will be hosted by the Roanoke Scottish Rite Temple this year. The Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual is organized by the Grand Lodge Committee on Work, and is conducted by the Grand Lecturer, Assistant Grand Lecturer, and the Reid James Simmons Academy officers.

The academy is designed to provide group and individual instruction in Masonic Ritual. There are multiple concurrent ritual workshops during the morning and afternoon session to teach catechisms, lecturers, and various parts within each degree.

Individual Registration is \$50 (**WSL60 Has paid for members to attend for free**).

See link for registration and hotel information: <https://www.rjsacademy.org/>

LOCATION:

Roanoke Scottish Rite Temple
622 Campbell Avenue SW
Roanoke, VA 24016

THE FREEMASONS OF THE INDEPENDENCE

SCOTTISH RITE, NMJ BLOG

The United States' Founding Fathers, including George Washington, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, and Paul Revere are well known across the U.S. for laying the foundation upon which our country has been built, just as their devotion to the Fraternity is lauded among Masons.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." - Preamble of the Declaration of Independence.

In honor of Independence Day, it is fitting to reflect upon those who made this national holiday possible. The signing of the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution were borne from our Founding Fathers' unwavering belief in the right to "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Thus, today, we celebrate the bravery and patriotism of the men who did what was deemed treasonous in order to achieve what they knew was right for their fledgling nation.

Among these liberty-seeking men were some of the United States' most prominent historical figures, including George Washington, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, and Paul Revere. Just as these courageous men are well known across the U.S. for laying the foundation upon which our country has been built, their devotion to the Fraternity is lauded among Masons.

George Washington, First President of the United States of America

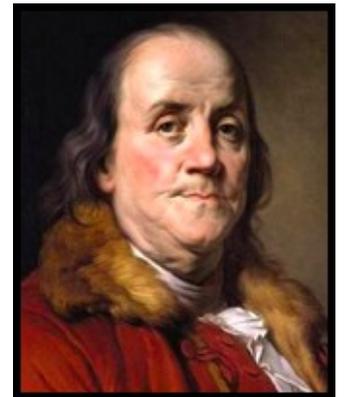
As the first President of the United States of America, George Washington is one of the most famous Founding Fathers and Freemasons in American history. Washington acted as the backbone of the American Revolution and set an example for future presidents by serving the American people with dignity and humility.



Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father, Politician and Freemason

Once described as "An Illustrious Brother whose distinguished merit among Masons entitles him to their highest veneration," Brother Benjamin Franklin was a true embodiment of Masonic values. A writer, an inventor, an activist, a revolutionist, and a Freemason, Benjamin Franklin's life was never dull.

Born in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, Franklin was an enthusiastic writer from the first. At the early age of 12 years old, he became an apprentice for the printing company owned by his brother, James. Three years later, James had established the first US newspaper, The New England Current, and, much to young Benjamin's dismay, his brother forbade him to submit his own work to the paper.



However, having always been an advocate for freedom of speech, Franklin submitted his work under the pseudonym, Silence Dogood. Ardently committed to this fundamental right, Franklin once said, "Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech."

THE FREEMASONS OF THE INDEPENDENCE ~ CONTINUED

In 1731, at the age of 17, young Franklin's travels took him to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was quickly initiated into the Philadelphia Masonic Lodge. His dedication to Freemasonry led him ultimately to become Grand Master of PA in 1734 and Secretary of John's Lodge from 1735 to 1738. His other notable Masonic accomplishments include editing and publishing the second edition of James Anderson's Constitutions of the Free-Masons.

Over time, Benjamin Franklin's popularity and political clout grew and he was eventually selected as the Pennsylvania Delegate to the Second Continental Congress. During the rise of the Revolution, Franklin became an appointed member of the Committee of Five, which was responsible for drafting, presenting and, ultimately, signing the Declaration of Independence.

John Hancock, Governor of Massachusetts



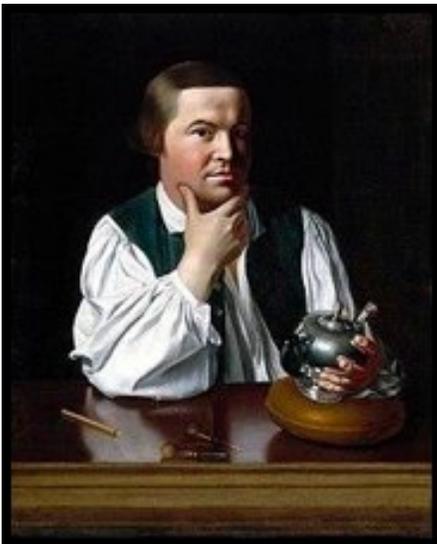
John Hancock played a pivotal role in sparking the rebellious flame of independence that liberated the American colonies from under British rule. Like many notable figures of the Revolution, Brother John Hancock was born in Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard Law and spent much of his life dedicated to the Revolutionary cause, his political aspirations, and the Craft.

During a trip to Quebec in 1762, Hancock was first made a Freemason in the Marchants Lodge No. 277. Upon his return to the colonies later that year, he became a devoted Brother to the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston.

Hancock's career in politics was prolific. While serving as President of the Second Continental Congress, Hancock etched his place in American history when he scribed his famously flamboyant, oversized signature upon the Declaration of Independence. As legend has it, Hancock claimed he wanted King George III to be able to read his signature without the use of his eyeglasses.

Following the Revolutionary War, he was elected as the first Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As Governor, he pushed for the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and would end up holding the office twice. In poor health during his second term, John Hancock passed away while in office and was buried in Boston. His grave remains a popular destination for those visiting the city to this day.

Paul Revere, Folk Hero, Silversmith & Freemason



Born in the North End of Boston, Massachusetts, Paul Revere spent his formative years as an apprentice at his father's silver shop. As a young adult, Revere enlisted in the provincial army to support the patriot cause. Later in his life, he opened his own silver shop and became a well-regarded silversmith in his community, although he also dabbled in dentistry to help him make ends meet.

Throughout his life, Brother Paul Revere was an active, devoted Freemason, beginning his Masonic journey in 1761 when he became a member of the St. Andrews Lodge. After 34 years as a Freemason, Revere was elected as the second Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

There is likely no story more famous in the United States' history than that of Paul Revere's "Midnight Ride". A Freemason through and through, his courageousness and pivotal role in defying the forces of the British army made him a local hero and legend throughout the colonies, but especially in Massachusetts.

THE FREEMASONS OF THE INDEPENDENCE ~ CONTINUED

It was April 18th, 1775, when Revere was summoned by fellow Mason, Dr. Joseph Warren. There were rumors that the British army was making its way toward Lexington to capture Samuel Adams and John Hancock. There was also a mounting fear that the British planned to invade Concord military stores to destroy military ammunition. The story is well-known across the United States: Warren sent Paul Revere out riding to Lexington to warn Adams and Hancock and help them avoid capture, along the way warning the patriots of Massachusetts that the British were coming.

His legacy lives on to this day, especially in Massachusetts, where the town of Revere bears his name. The route of his famous ride is still marked by signs through Lexington and Concord.

John Adams, Second President of the United States of America

Although he was not a Freemason, it is fitting to revisit the eloquent and prescient words John Adams wrote to his beloved Abigail as the Continental Congress prepared to sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore.

You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration and support and defend these states. Yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means. And that posterity will triumph in that day's transaction, even although we should rue it, which I trust in God we shall not...

It may be the will of Heaven that America will suffer calamities still more wasting, and distress yet more dreadful. If this is to be the case, it will have this good effect at least. It will inspire us with many virtues which we have not, and correct many errors, follies and vices which threaten to disturb, dishonor and destroy us. The furnace of affliction produces refinement, in States as well as individuals...But I must submit all my hopes and fears to an overruling Providence, in which, unfashionable as the faith may be, I firmly believe.

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<https://scottishritenmj.org/blog/freemasons-of-the-independence>



JUNE PRESENTATIONS



RW Jim Dickerson and WM Jason Pattison hold up the Virginia Masons flag during the stated meeting.



WM Jason Pattison presented Mr. William Washington, Jr. with the Community Builders Award for founding the Bridge Ministry and therefore making the Community a better place to live. They are joined by Mr. Jay James (Bridge Ministry Assistant.) L-R: Mr. W. Washington, Jr. ; WM J. Pattison; Mr. J. James



RW Jason Pattison (WM) presented a program on the 20+ Freemasons onboard the Titanic during its maiden voyage.



WM Jason Pattison presented Mr. John Dozier with a Certificate of Recognition from the Grand Master of Masons of Virginia for his achievement as an Eagle Scout. Photo of Mr. Dozier and his family with WM Jason and ES Award Committee Chairman, Bro. Kent Schlusel.



The WM recognized the Brothers present who had Masonic Birthdays in June. L-R: WM Jason Pattison, William R. Bond, III (48 Yrs), John F. Williamson, Jr. (27 Yrs)

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

TABLE LODGE CELEBRATION



Brothers enjoying the BBQ meal prior to the opening of the Table Lodge which included a presentation on Charity.



Brother Kerry Kirk presented a program on Charity to the Brothers during the Table Lodge. WM Jason Pattison presented Bro. Kirk with a gift from the Lodge members as a token of appreciation for his visit to Charlottesville and his program.

*I do not attend the meetings
for I've not the time to spare.
But every time they have a feast
you will surely find me there-.*

*I cannot help with the degrees
for I do not know the work.
But I can applaud the speakers,
and handle a knife and fork.*

*I'm so rusty in the ritual,
it seems like Greek to me.
But practice has made me perfect
in the Knife and Fork Degree*



Brother Richard L. Kurtz

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Hiram's Journal

LET'S GO TO LODGE TONIGHT!

Unknown Author

My Brother, let's go to Lodge tonight
You haven't been for years.
Let's don our Lambskin Apron white
And sit among our peers.

I feel a kind of longing, see
To climb those creaky stairs
I know it'll be a thrill for me
To lay aside my cares.

We'll meet the Tyler at the door
And though he'll hesitate,
We'll hear him say just as before.
Come in or you'll be late.

I'd like to get out on the floor
Come on, let's get in line
I want to face the East once more
And give the same old sign

I want to hear the gavel rap
The Craftsman to attention
And see the Master don his cap
A night without dissention.

So come! Pass up that picture show,
Or your wrestling bout or fight.
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!
Let's go to Lodge tonight.