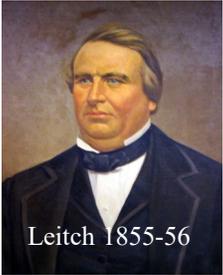
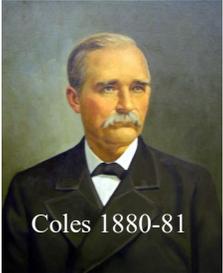


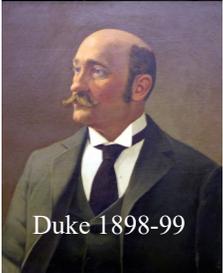
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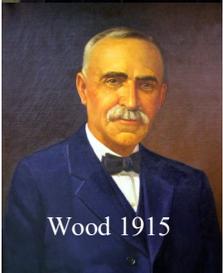
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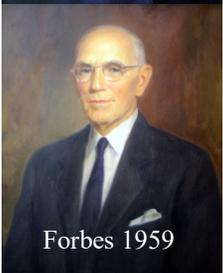
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

We had another great month in Widow's Sons' Lodge. Thank you to the Brothers that were able to make it to the Masonic Home for Bob Harrison's 70th Masonic Birthday. What a milestone to hit!

We had close to 25 Brothers that had Masonic Birthdays in August. Including our Junior Warden RW Greg Hosaflook, who celebrated his 25th Masonic year! Greg is a tremendous help for the 10th Masonic District and around the state. He gave us a great talk on the importance of Masonic funerals. If you haven't been to one please set aside some time the next time we have one. It means a lot to our fallen Brother and to his family.

We still have 2 candidates for Entered Apprentices coming up. We weren't able to get all of our schedules together to do this degree. Again if you would like to learn a part in any degree please come to the Officers Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM.

We will have the Omohundro Masonic School coming up at Waddell Lodge and the 10th District will do the second half of the Master Mason's Degree. Please see our Junior Warden to take a part in that.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jason A. Pattison
2023 Worshipful Master



Brothers, don't forget to sign up and participate in the upcoming Charlottesville ALZ WALK happening on October 21st. Walk site opens at 9 am at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital at 500 Martha Jefferson, Charlottesville, VA.

To sign up for the Freemason Team, visit:
www.ALZ.ORG/Walk



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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
Stephen G. Brown	09/25/1995
Ancel B. Davis, Jr.	09/20/1986
James F. Dickerson	09/01/1995
Craig M. Downing	09/01/1995
William K. Fields	09/20/1986
Lowell T. Hill, Jr.	09/02/2008
John E. Hopkinson	09/02/1982
Carlos E. B. McReddie	09/05/1984
Philip H. Nelson, Jr.	09/27/1999
Jason A. Pattison	09/16/2010
William H. Reichert	09/28/2017
Richard A. Rohm, Jr.	09/18/2002
Michael Sheffield	09/12/1975
David T. Simpson	09/16/2004
Charles M. Ward	09/20/1986

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Sept. 5th, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting and afterward practice for EA Degree

Sept. 9th, 4-6 PM, BBQ Fundraiser, Murray Lodge #175

Sept. 17th, 2-6 PM—District 10 Family Day, Windwood Coves, Lake Anna. RSVP RW Jim Dickerson

Sept. 18th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting, Meal at 6:00 PM

Sept. 23rd, 4:30-7 PM, Cabell Lodge No. 328, Kents Store, VA

Oct. 7th, 9-1PM —MAHOVA Family Day in Richmond, VA

Oct. 8th—Thanksgiving Service, James Dean Cole Chapel at MAHOVA

Oct 28th- Omohundro Ritual School, Waddell Lodge, Gordonsville, VA

The Silent Sermon—Author Unknown

A member of a certain Masonic Lodge, who previously had been attending meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The Worshipful Master found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for his Master's visit, the man welcomed him, led Him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself at home but said nothing. In grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs.

After some minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more.

Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glance at his watch and realized it was time to leave, he slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and place it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery lesson. I shall be back in lodge next month."

We live in a world today which tried to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best lessons are the ones left unspoken. What silent message would God have you share with someone today?

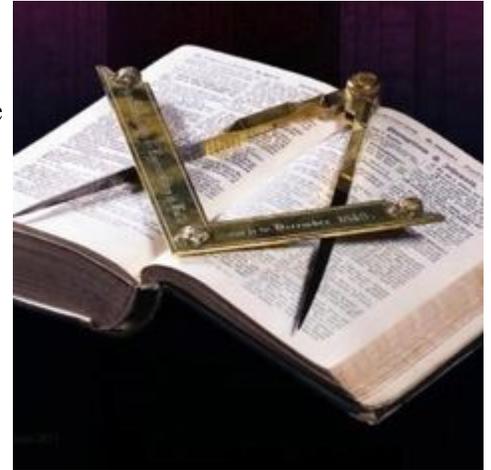
"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

— Matthew 5:16

WISDOM, STRENGTH AND BEAUTY

BY: RICHARD D. MARCUS

Triads are groups of three ideas or objects. Triads appear in nature, politics, and religion. To early man, the cosmos consisted of the sun, the moon, and the stars. He called the natural elements earth, wind, and fire. He could see triads in the three-leaf clover. He knew he lived in a three-dimensional world. In politics, the US Constitution established three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. And in religion, most faiths teach fealty to God, your neighbor, and yourself. All are arranged in intriguing triads of ideas. Let us endeavor to understand some of the power in triads both historically and for us as Masons.



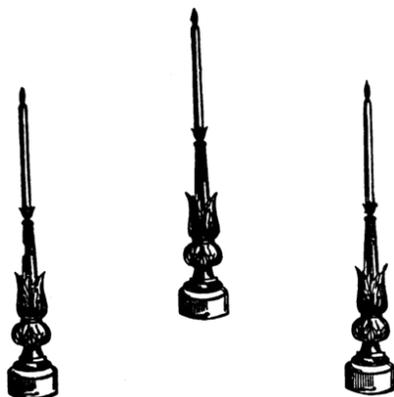
Before we become aware of triads, we think in opposites or dual concepts. Developmental learning theorists easily prove that infants learn through simple stimulus and response events. Touch a newborn baby's cheek, her instinctive reflex will be to turn her head in that direction. She quickly learns to identify her Mother's voice from all others. As language is acquired, knowledge can be gathered by asking, "why?" After a child asks a question she is rewarded with an answer. The pattern engages a pair of concepts or dyads. Even as we advance in learning, we make decisions using dyads by giving reasons for and against an action. A straightforward method for determining a course of action involves drawing a vertical line on paper and arranging the pro and con arguments on either side. Furthermore, Socratic teaching methods train students by asking questions. The students must provide the answer or else the teacher must supply it. Catechisms are similarly simple teaching devices for youth. The first question in the Westminster Confession asks, "What is the chief end of man?" The student replies, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." The question is neat; the answer is clean. This is an uncomplicated style of learning for the young.

But as men, we become more complex. Answers tend to include modifiers such as on the one hand this, but on the other hand that. Dualistic thinking is insufficient for more advanced analysis. Socratic methods tend to give way to Hegelian philosophy that was based on threes: thesis, antithesis, and synthesis. Inspired by Christian insights and grounded in his mastery of a fund of knowledge, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel attempted to answer all questions--natural, human, and divine--using dialectical reasoning that swung from thesis to antithesis and back again to a richer synthesis. Two opposing forces resolve into a creature wholly different, like the cross-fertilization of two different rose bushes producing a more perfect hybrid. Higher learning tended to use triads. Among the seven liberal arts and sciences are grammar and rhetoric. Grammar uses subject, verb, and object – three things. Adjectives are inflected into good, better, and best – also triads. Grammatical tenses are conjugated into run, ran, and have run. Rhetoric is similarly infused with triads. "A rhetorical comment," is a phrase meaning tangential or unnecessary words. Yet expert rhetoricians reveal much about the persuasive power of words and ideas in orderly lists. In Latin, word order doesn't matter. In English, "man bites dog," demonstrates that word order matters. We remember the three things that abide which are faith, hope, and charity. The order matters. The Bible did not say charity, faith, and hope. We remember from the French Revolution: equality, liberty, and fraternity – a triad. Providing citizens with equality and liberty produces the ideal of fraternity. Rhetoricians argue that the ear wants to hear the most complex at the end of the list as it finishes or completes the first two thoughts.

Triads appear in many ancient systems of thought. In numerology, triads are seen as the combination of odd (1) and even (2) that sums to three. Three becomes a symbol of perfection in many ancient cultures and mystic philosophies. Threes also appear very early in geography and in geometry. We can find any location on a plane by reference to three points. Even anthropological artifacts reflect triads. From the union of marriage comes a child. The complication of three elements is needed to provide sufficient complexity to achieve an idealized perfection. Triads are also prominently employed in Lodges and Masonic writings. Why triads dominate over dyads or quartets of ideas may not conclusively be known, but speculative Masonry permits us ample opportunity to reflect on the reasons.

WISDOM, STRENGTH AND BEAUTY ~ CONTINUED

Threes appear prominently in the lecture of the winding stairs as we are shown the first three steps. They remind Fellowcrafts of the three degrees of Masonry and the three principal officers of the Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens. We learn that a Lodge is not singular. A Lodge is not dual. It is plural with a minimum of three. Similarly, displaying of the three Greater Lights and the three lesser lights are central rituals for the opening and closing of the Lodge. As the furniture of the Lodge, they separately are symbols with meanings and lessons, but the fact that they are grouped into threes is not accidental. The three lesser lights are named wisdom, strength, and beauty. They are said to help make Masons better men. Naturally, we could have added other virtues to the list: patience, fortitude, or peace making, but the fact that there is but three draws your attention.



The three Greater Lights parallel the three lesser lights. First displayed on the altar is the Holy Bible or scriptures from other religions. The Holy Bible is a collection of writings, histories, and moral teachings that provide guidance in our actions. They are sometimes known as wisdom literature; indeed, one of the books in the Apocrypha during the inter-testamental period is the Book of Wisdom. King Solomon is recalled as a wise king whose wisdom was demonstrated by the story of two women claimants for a baby. Furthermore that wisdom is symbolized atop the Worshipful Master by his hat, the crown of the ruler who is wise. The square is the second Great Light. A right angle is key to forming a strong wall or a proper column--a wall that will withstand the vicissitudes of weather and seasons. Being on the square is commended to all Master Masons. We are charged to follow the rules and regulations of the Craft and of the country in which we live. We see the square as a symbol of right living in our own lives as well as order in society. The Senior Warden represents strength: he is the strong supporter of the Worshipful Master. Yet it is intriguing that the symbol of strength, the square, is worn as the jewel of the Worshipful Master.

The third symbol placed on the altar is the compasses. We use a compass to draw an arc or a perfect circle. There is beauty and perfection in structures built with arches and celestial windows. Cathedrals featured rose windows over the altar, which were circular stained-glass windows beautifully adorned for the contemplation of the glory of God. We are further taught a message hidden in the compasses to keep our actions within due bounds. Beauty is orderly, balanced, and under control. So too, the Junior Warden talks of the arc of the sun as it rises to Meridian height as being the beauty and glory of the day. Hence we repeat patterns of wisdom, strength, and beauty in the three officers as well as the Greater and Lesser Lights. The rhetoric of listing wisdom, strength, and beauty in this order places importance on beauty. Beauty is an odd ideal for a fraternity. Yet beauty is seen as the resolution of a life that is brimming with wisdom and strength. Men who exhibit wisdom and strength create harmony. Harmony is itself a characteristic of beauty in social settings as it is in aesthetics. In the Aurora Lodge (a German-speaking lodge in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin), the German word for beauty is Schönheit, which involves balance and symmetry, as in the beauty of a well-built structure. Perhaps we can visualize that a Lodge filled with wise and strong men will produce better men in a manly sense of symmetry, strength, and beauty.

The three degrees emphasize three stages of life. Our youth and adolescence are emphasized in our training as Entered Apprentices; our manhood and useful work are keys to the Fellowcraft degree; and contemplating our own mortality is vividly illustrated in the Hiram story for Master Masons. The posting monitors used by all three degrees today begin with three grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Meetings in Lodge are designed to reinforce these three principles as we practice fraternity, charity, and virtue – three moral guides. Triads are used by Lodges to train our minds. As we grow in understanding we will tend to use more and richer triads. Intelligence, force, and harmony provide elegant synonyms today for wisdom, strength, and beauty. Likewise, religion, law, and morals are pillars of Masonic teaching. By religious study and contemplation we search out wisdom. By the force and rule of law, we establish a strong and orderly society. And by inculcation of personal morality, we strive for beauty in our private and public lives. The lesson for us is that the triads used in our rituals and in our lectures are purposeful and helpful to us. Let us strive for perfection by becoming better men in wisdom, strength, and beauty.

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AUGUST PRESENTATIONS



RW Greg Hosaflook presented a program on Masonic Rites at Funerals.



The WSL60 Sponsored Team for the Golf Tournament Fundraiser for the Grand Lodge Scholarship Program

L-R: Bros. Mike Arnold, Jason Pattison, Chris Owens, Tom Castellanos



Special recognition of WSL60 member Robert A. Harrison, Jr. for his 70th Masonic Birthday was held at the Masonic Home of Virginia (Bro. Bob Harrison's current residence); the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia present Bro. Harrison his 70 year award.



The WM recognized the WSL60 brothers present that had a Masonic birthday in August see photo above:

L-R: WM., J.C. Maddox (52 yrs), K. Schlusel (33 yrs), H. Hagenau (12 yrs), G. D. Hosaflook (25 yrs), J.E., Hodges (38 yrs)



L-R: Bro. Alberto A. Pola, WM, Bro. Randy L. Arnold

Newly Affiliated Brother Al was raised at Skaneateles Lodge #0522, Skaneateles, NY on Mar 17, 2010; and Bro Randy was raised at Eddy Lodge # 21, Carlsbad, NM, on Jan 7, 2012.

Elected Officers for 2023

Worshipful Master: RW 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.
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ADDITIONAL EVENTS OF WSL60



Ladies Night at Timberwood Grill
held on August 23rd



Brother Adam Buffington being accepted and
Knighthood into the Royal Order of Scotland at
their yearly meeting held this year in Wash-
ington, DC. A handful of Brothers from WSL60 are
members of this honorary and invitational Ma-
sonic Order.