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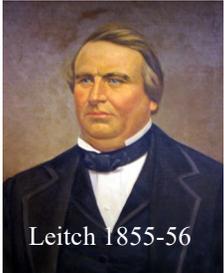
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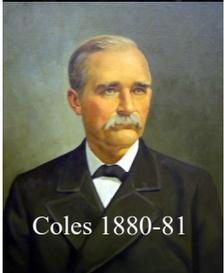
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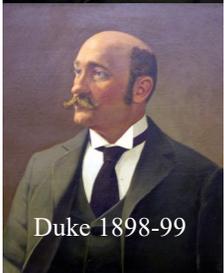
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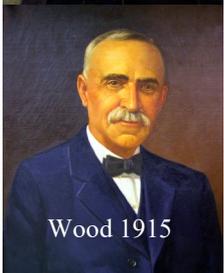
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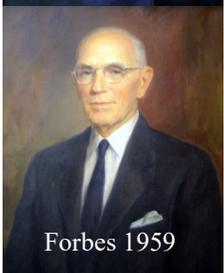
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Duke 1898-99



Wood 1915



Forbes 1959



Hodges 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Welcome to 2024 Brothers!

I'm looking forward to serving this Lodge for another year. I would like to thank all of the officers that are serving this year. We have some newer Brothers that have decided to help run our Lodge in 2024. This is important to the health and longevity of Freemasonry in Charlottesville.

In January we are having our Robert Burns celebration. We will have a Burns Dinner at 6pm in the dining room. RW Bill Bond will be doing our program that evening. This is a must see if you have not been a part of a Burns celebration before. Afterwards we will have a short business meeting upstairs. All Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are welcome because it will be before Open Lodge.

February we will be having our District Deputy Grand Masters official visit. Let's make sure our Lodge is well attended for his visit.

Don't forget this year is Widows Sons No. 60's and Day Lodge No. 58's 225th anniversary. We will have some very important information about this coming very soon

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jason A. Pattison

2024 Worshipful Master



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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
Randall L. Arnold	01/07/2012
Lee W. Bullwinkel	01/19/1973 (51 Yrs)
James G. Carpenter	01/25/1993
Halbert E. Davis	01/31/1983
James D. Dunbar, Jr.	01/30/1984
Rolling E. Fields	01/19/1973 (51 Yrs)
Kurt M. Gloeckner	01/31/1972 (52 Yrs)
Jimmy G. Houser	01/05/1976
Curtis Parker Leake	01/12/1977
James W. Marshall	01/13/1973 (51 Yrs)
Thomas A. Patrick, III	01/30/1984
E. Mack Powell	01/31/1961 (63 Yrs)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

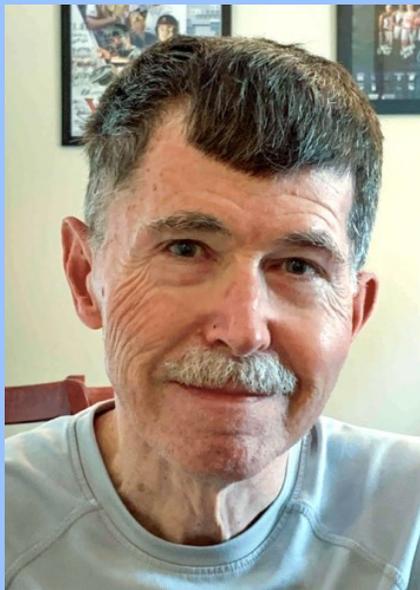
Jan. 2nd, 6:00 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL60

Jan. 15th, 6:00 PM—ROBERT BURNS NIGHT SUPPER, followed by a short Stated at 7 PM.

Jan. 23rd, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 Meeting in Red Room, Meal between meetings.

Jan. 23rd, 7:00 PM—Keystone Chapter No. 59 Meeting in Red Room

Feb 19th, 7:00 PM—WSL State Meeting, DDGM10 Official Visit



Gregory Holland Faust

Bro. Faust affiliated with WSL60 on Jan 18, 1988 and remained a dual member in both his Iowa Lodge and WSL60 as well as remaining active in the Order of DeMolay and OES in Davenport Chapter #178. In WSL60 he served as Junior and Senior Stewards in 1990 and 1991, respectively, and as Marshal in 1992. The family did not request Masonic Rites. The family requested donations be made in his honor to the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinsons Research.

HIS SPIRIT TO GOD

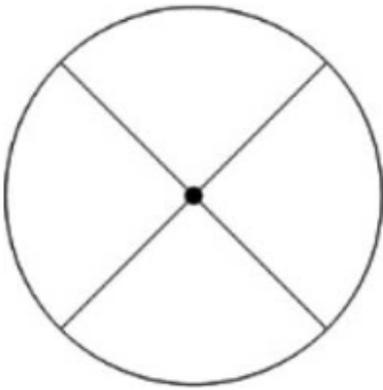
HIS MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS

HIS BODY TO THE EARTH.

SUN, MOON AND STARS

BY: BRO. ROBERT BETTENCOURT

At a recent visit to the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, I was reminded that ancient civilizations began by developing agriculture and that they started by first studying the sky. While the earth was believed to be at the center of the universe, the sun was the primary source of light, enabling the growth of every living thing. Monuments like Stonehenge were created to track how the sun appears to incrementally change its location day after day, such that the days get longer from winter to summer, and shorter from summer to winter. The 365 days of the year could be readily divided into quarters, or seasons, with the longest day at the beginning of summer and the shortest at the beginning of winter (the solstices). The point when the lengthening day equaled the night was the beginning of spring, and the point when the lengthening night equaled the day was the beginning of fall (the equinoxes).

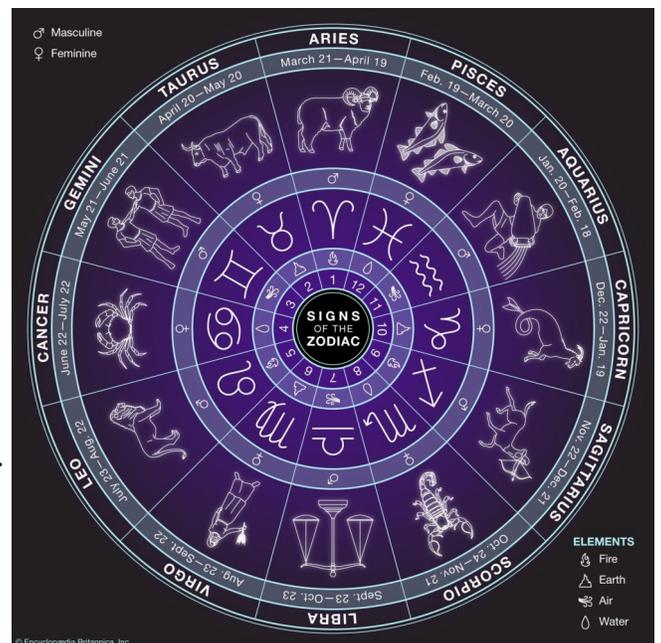


Geometrically, the solar year was depicted as a cross within a circle — the cross having four right angles. Each right angle is a square; that is, an angle of ninety degrees or the one-fourth part of a circle, each representing one of the seasons. Mankind’s understanding of this basic pattern allowed for fruitful planting of crops. It also led to a universal awe and reverence for the sun, which was viewed as having divine powers. The moon was likewise recognized as a divine entity or deity, albeit less powerful. When seen from Earth, the moon cycles from “new” to “full” twelve times every solar year, with its phases illuminated by the sun. From this pattern, the ancients divided the year into twelve parts called “months” (the term month having originated from the word for moon).

The stars, which share the nighttime with the moon, were discerned by ancient astronomers to slowly trace a circle above the horizon during the course of each year. In the northern hemisphere, one specific combination of stars was seen to be ascendant in each of the twelve months. These twelve constellations became what we know as the zodiac.

In this regard, astrology resulted from the overlap between astronomical observations and spiritual awe. Babylon was the first civilization known to have an organized system of astrology, arising by the second millennium before Christ, long before the building of King Solomon’s Temple.

Many scholars hold that four of these Babylonian constellations, one of which ascends at the height of each season, became known as fixed signs. Over time, these four signs were associated with the classical elements described by the Greek philosopher, Aristotle (384-322 B.C.). Aristotle called these elements fire, earth, air, and water. Modern Freemasonry began in the decades after the shocking revelation and the Church suppression of the fact that the earth is not at the center of the universe.



SUN, MOON AND STARS

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In 1633, Galileo was sentenced by the Inquisition to life in prison. The Age of Enlightenment which followed was often advanced by private discussions among intellectuals, men who did not wish to suffer Galileo's fate. In that environment, scientists and philosophers were compelled to reconsider and rationalize thousands of years of astronomical and spiritual development, development which was thrown into confusion by the amazing truth of heliocentrism. Masonry was at the forefront of this rationalization or blending of scientific and divine concepts, even as the Church refused to accept and often actively suppressed the heliocentric model throughout the 1700s.

So it is no surprise that both scientific and divine concepts are found in the rituals and symbols of Freemasonry. In our Craft Lodges, the senior deacon's rod has an image of the sun, as he is the messenger for the worshipful master who symbolically dispenses light dawning in the East. The junior deacon's rod has an image of the moon, as he is the assistant to the senior warden who stands in the West at the close of the day. The column closest to the senior warden is surmounted by a globe decorated with stars and, in many lodges, the zodiac.



The classical elements of fire, earth, air, and water have likewise found their way into Masonry, particularly within our obligations, as is obvious if one listens closely, a good reason to attend conferrals of our Craft degrees time and again. There appears to be a natural progression of the three Craft degrees from earth toward heaven, with fire being a symbol for the Divine, easily recognized in the sublime degree. Some scholars believe the fixed signs of the Babylonian Zodiac found their way into Royal Arch Masonry through the prophet Ezekiel and from there also into Christianity. They theorize that the eagle, the man, the ox, and the lion, described in the prophet's vision while he was in Babylonian exile (Ezekiel Chapter 1, verse 10) are the four fixed signs of the Zodiac, representing fall, winter, spring, and summer, the powerful lion of summer (Leo) being associated with the celestial realm.

It is beyond coincidental that Ezekiel's man (Aquarius), ox (Taurus), and lion (Leo) exactly match Babylonian signs in the precise order of seasonal progression (i.e. winter/spring/summer); the tricky one is the eagle of fall, because Scorpio is usually recognized as a scorpion. Digging deeper, one learns that only Scorpio has an alternate sign, that being the eagle. This conclusion is endorsed by none other than Albert Pike in his seminal work, *Morals and Dogma*, and is specifically described in the 25th degree, "Knight of the Brazen Serpent." In the 1944 reprint, Pike's detailed analysis is found at page 448: "The Celestial vulture or eagle, rising and setting with the scorpion, was substituted in its place, in many cases, on account of the malign influences of the latter: and thus the four great periods of the year were marked by the bull, the lion, the man (Aquarius), and the eagle; which were upon the respective standards of Ephraim, Judah, Reuben, and Dan and still appear on the shield of American Royal Arch Masonry."

The lion of the Tribe of Judah is vital to our understanding of the Master Mason degree, the Royal Arch, and ultimately, to Templary. In conclusion, there is a joy we Masons experience by seeing these ancient symbols in our rituals. That joy is enhanced by understanding how these symbols connect us with the shared history of all mankind.

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Robert Burns Night

January 15th, 6:00 PM Meal
7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
Masonic Temple Dining Hall

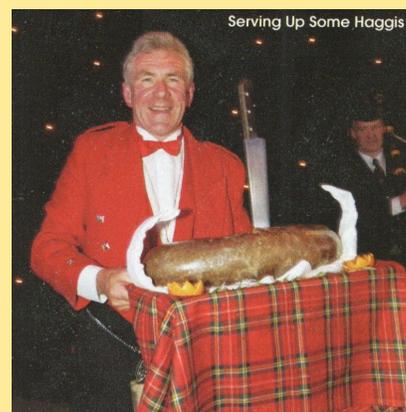


**BROTHERS, PLEASE JOIN WIDOW'S SONS'
LODGE NO. 60 AT OUR ANNUAL
ROBERT BURNS NIGHT SUPPER AS WE PIPE
AND DRUM IN HAGGIS TO BE SERVED AND
AS WE CELEBRATE THE FAMOUS MASONIC
SCOTTISH BARD,
ROBERT BURNS. COME IN YOUR KILTS IF
YOU HAVE THEM!!!**



DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!!!

Please RSVP by January 8th to
Wor. Mike Griffin (Secretary)
WidowsSons60@gmail.com
Ph: 434-981-5428



DECEMBER PRESENTATIONS



Left: WM Jason called Brother DAVID RIDDICK to the East where he presented him with a Certificate from the Grand Master for learning the catechisms for all 3 degrees
L-R: WM and Bro D. Riddick



Right: Bro. Andy Keller presented RW Jason Pattison with a new Masonic wrist watch from the Lodge for his service as WM in 2023
L-R: Bro. Andy Keller and WM



Left: The WM presented Bro Chapman with a portrait of his 1817 attire during the UVA bicentennial ceremony when he served as WM in 2017. The gift was for his retirement from service as Lodge Secretary after 12 years.
L-R: WM and Bro. Mark Chapman



RW J. F.. Dickerson presented past and present our Lodge Masonic Home of Virginia Ambassadors with an engraved tumbler gift for their service.
L-R: Bros. J.F. Dickerson, J. A. Pattison, R. G. Snodgrass; W. F. Reinhold

Elected Officers for 2024

Worshipful Master: R.W. Jason Andrew Pattison
Senior Warden: R.W. Gregory Dean Hosaflook
Junior Warden: Wor. Christopher Nicholas Bragg
Treasurer: R.W. James Friend Dickerson
Secretary: Wor. Mike Daniel Griffin
Chaplain: R.W. Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.

Senior Deacon: Bro. Thomas Matthew Castellanos
Junior Deacon: Bro. Randall Lee Arnold
Senior Steward: Bro. David Francis Riddick
Junior Steward: Vacant
Marshall: Bro. Jacobi Keith Leathers
Tyler: Bro. William Chester Olewnik, Jr.

WSL60 2024 OFFICER INSTALLATION



On December 18th, at the monthly stated Meeting, the members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Elected and Installed their officers for the upcoming 2024 year. The installing officer was Most Worshipful J. E. Hodges, the Installing Marshall was Bro. Lawrence Levine and Installing Secretary was Bro. Mark S. Chapman.

RW Jason A. Pattison was elected and installed for a third term as WSL60 Worshipful Master. The following are the remaining elected officers:

Senior Warden—Gregory Dean Hosaflook
Treasurer—James Friend Dickerson
Senior Deacon—Thomas Matthew Castellanos

Junior Warden—Christopher Nicholas Bragg
Secretary—Mike Daniel Griffin
Junior Deacon—Randall Lee Arnold

The Worshipful Master made the following appointments:

Chaplain—Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.
Marshall—Jacobi Keith Leathers

Senior Steward—David Francis Riddick
Tiler—William Chester Olewnik, Jr.

Committee Appointments:

Community Builders Award Chairman: Bro. M. S Chapman
Lodge Masonic Home Ambassador: W. F. Reinhold
Audit Committee Chairman: Bro R. A. ".Rob" Harrison, III
Eagle Scout Committee Chairman: Bro. Kent Schlusel
Sickness & Distress Committee Chairman: Bro. J.F. Dickerson

Lodge Education Officer: Bro.G.D. Hosaflook
Widow's Flower Coordinator: Bro. P. H. Nelson, Jr.
Scholarship Committee Chairman: Bro. J. A. Pattison
Jewel Committee Chairman: Bro. A. D. Keller
Lodge Instructor of Work: Bro.M. D. Griffin

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WSL60 2024 DUES

Brethren, it is that time of year again for us. The Lodge Secretary has mailed out the 2023 dues notices to all the members. Below is a link that allows members to pay online through the Grand View Website. If you do not have a profile created, contact the Lodge Secretary for more information.

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