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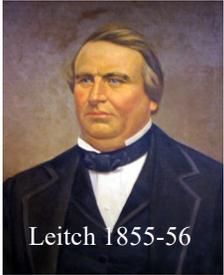
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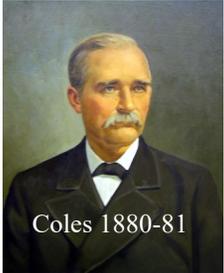
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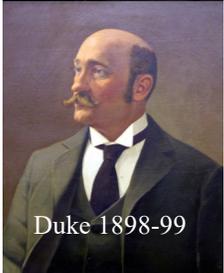
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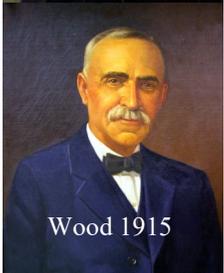
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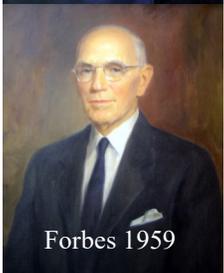
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great May! We were honored to celebrate Memorial Day a little early in our Lodge. We had RW Bill Hughes speak on Memorial Day and he told us some heroic stories about some of the soldiers that fought for this great country. If you haven't heard RW Hughes talk about his service you are certainly missing out on something special.

Don't forget in June, Widows Sons' Lodge always has two stated meetings. The one I want to focus on is our St. Johns Day celebration. It will be a Hawaiian themed event. So bring your best Hawaiian shirt for the occasion. We will have several wine toasts. For those who do not want to partake in the wine we will have plenty of non-alcoholic options as well. Our SD Tom Castellanos will be making a Hawaiian themed meal for us that evening.

We have plenty of candidates working on their degrees right now. Thank you to all the coaches for helping them through their degrees. We should have a handful of Master Masons very soon.

If you haven't been to lodge recently and you'd like a ride or need a refresher please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the lodge officers. We would love to see you soon.



Sincerely and Fraternally,
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>
Duane A. Adams	06/12/1989
James S. Boggs	06/25/1990
William R. Bond, III	06/24/1975
Harry J. Brown, Jr.	06/27/1966 (58 Yrs)
James A. Christenson	06/12/2002
Randall R. Dorsey	06/06/1972 (52 Yrs)
William B. Downer	06/06/1961 (63 Yrs)
David N. Goodwin	06/15/1996
John E. Grinnalds	06/08/1999
Gerald W. Hogan	06/29/1970 (54 Yrs)
Ivan E. Letner, Jr.	06/15/1996
Forrest R. Marshall, Jr.	06/15/1996
Gerald F. Reimers	06/25/2003
W. Edgar Spigle	06/15/1996
Julian H. Taliferro, Jr.	06/08/1994
Bobby W. Thompson	06/04/1997
Thomas L. Varner, Jr.	06/07/1983
John F. Williamson, Jr.	06/22/1996

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

June 4th, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL60

June 13th, 6:00 PM—MM Degree (Coat and Tie)

June 17th, 7:00 PM—WSL60 Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:00 PM in Dining Hall (Summer Attire)

June 18th, 10:00 AM—WSL60 Supporting American Red Cross Blood Drive

June 24th, 6:00 PM—WSL60 Annual Table Lodge (Hawaiian Theme—Rock Your Best Hawaiian Shirt)

June 25th, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 Meeting in Red Room

June 25th, 7:00 PM—Keystone Chapter No. 59 Meeting in Red Room

June 27th, 7:00 PM—District Ritual Class at Cabell Lodge No. 328)

****No Men's Lunch scheduled for June**



Brothers, Worshipful Mark Chapman received a Certificate of Merit during the Grand Masters Official Visit to District 7 and 10 for his years of dedicated service to Widow's Sons' Lodge, the Masonic District and to Masonry in general.

Wor. Chapman has left his mark on the Lodge and his brothers in various ways and means. His paintings will forever hang within our Lodge and Chapter rooms and be a continuous inspiration for Masons to come.

PRACTICAL TIPS TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES AS MEN AND MASONS

The Eisenhower Productivity Matrix:

<https://bigthink.com/the-learning-curve/why-the-eisenhower-matrix-is-a-fantastic-productivity-hack/?ref=refind>

How to Master the Art of Small Talk: <https://www.vox.com/even-better/24083942/master-small-talk-interesting-conversation-strangers?ref=refind>

The Square Magazine: <https://www.thesquaremagazine.com>



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
St. John Table Lodge

DATE: Monday, June 24th at 6:00 PM

**All Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons
are welcomed!!!**

DRESS: Your favorite Hawaiian Shirt

NO CHARGE!!!

Guest Speaker: Most Worshipful John Quinley

**RSVP to WSL60 lodge Secretary RW Mike Griffin
MGriffin@TGBlaw.com**



SO WHAT IS A TABLE LODGE ANYWAY?

BY: WILLIAM ARNOLD

Well according to the Masonic Dictionary, After the labors of the Lodge have been completed, Freemasons frequently meet at tables to enjoy a repast in common. In England and America, this repast is generally called a banquet, and the Lodge is said to be, during its continuance, at refreshment.



This would seem more akin to what we would refer to as a Festive Board or English Festive Board. So lets examine what happens at a Festive Board (aka Table Lodge).

The Master, of course, presides, assisted by the Wardens, and it is considered most proper that no profanes should be present. But with these exceptions, there are no rules specially laid down for the government of Masonic banquets.

It will be seen, by an inspection of the article Refreshment in this work, that during a the eighteenth century, and even at the commencement of the nineteenth, refreshments in a English Lodges were taken during the sessions of the Lodge and in the Lodge room, and then, of course, a rigid rules were in existence for the government of the Fraternity, and for the regulation of the forms in which the refreshments should be partaken. But this system has long grown obsolete, and the Masonic banquets of the present day differ very little from those of other societies, except, perhaps, in a more Strict observance of the rules of order, and in the exclusion of all non-Masonic visitors.

The table is in the form of a horseshoe or elongated semicircle. The Master sits at the head, the Senior Warden at the northwest extremity, and the Junior Warden at the southwest. The Deacons or equivalent officers sit between the two Wardens. The Brethren are placed around the exterior margin of the table, facing each other; and the void space between the sides is occupied by the serving Brethren or attendants. It is probable that the form of the table was really adopted at first from motives of convenience. But M. Hermitte (Bulletin, Grand Orient, 1869, page 83) assigns for it a symbolism. He says that as the entire circle represents the year, or the complete revolution of the earth around the sun, the semicircle represents the half of that revolution, or a period of six months, and therefore refers to each the two solstitial points of summer and winter, or the two great festivals of the Order in June and December, when the most important Table Lodges are held.



SO WHAT IS A TABLE LODGE ANYWAY? ~ CONTINUED



The Table Lodge is formally opened with an invocation to the Grand Architect. During the banquet seven toasts are given. These are called Santes d' Obligation, or obligatory toasts. They are drunk with certain ceremonies which are prescribed by the ritual, and from which no departure is permitted. These toasts are:



- 1) The health of the Sovereign or Chief Magistrate of the State.
- 2) Grand Master and the Supreme power of the Order, that is, the Grand Orient or the Grand Lodge.
- 3) Master of the Lodge; this is offered by the Senior Warden.
- 4) The two Wardens.
- 5) Visiting Brethren.
- 6) The other officers of the Lodge, and the new initiates or affiliates if there be any.
- 7) All Freemasons wheresoever spread over the face of the globe.

SO WHAT IS A TABLE LODGE ANYWAY? ~ CONTINUED

One of the most curious things about these Table Lodges is the vocabulary used. The instant that the Lodge is opened, a change takes place in the names of things, and no person is permitted to call a plate a plate, or a knife a knife, or anything else by the appellation by which it is known in ordinary conversation. Such a custom formerly prevailed in England, if we may judge from a passage in Doctor Oliver's Revelations of a Square (page 215), where an instance is given of its use in 1780, when the French vocabulary was employed. It would seem, from the same authority, that the custom was introduced into England from France by Captain George Smith, the author of the Use and Abuse of Freemasonry, who was initiated in a Continental Lodge.

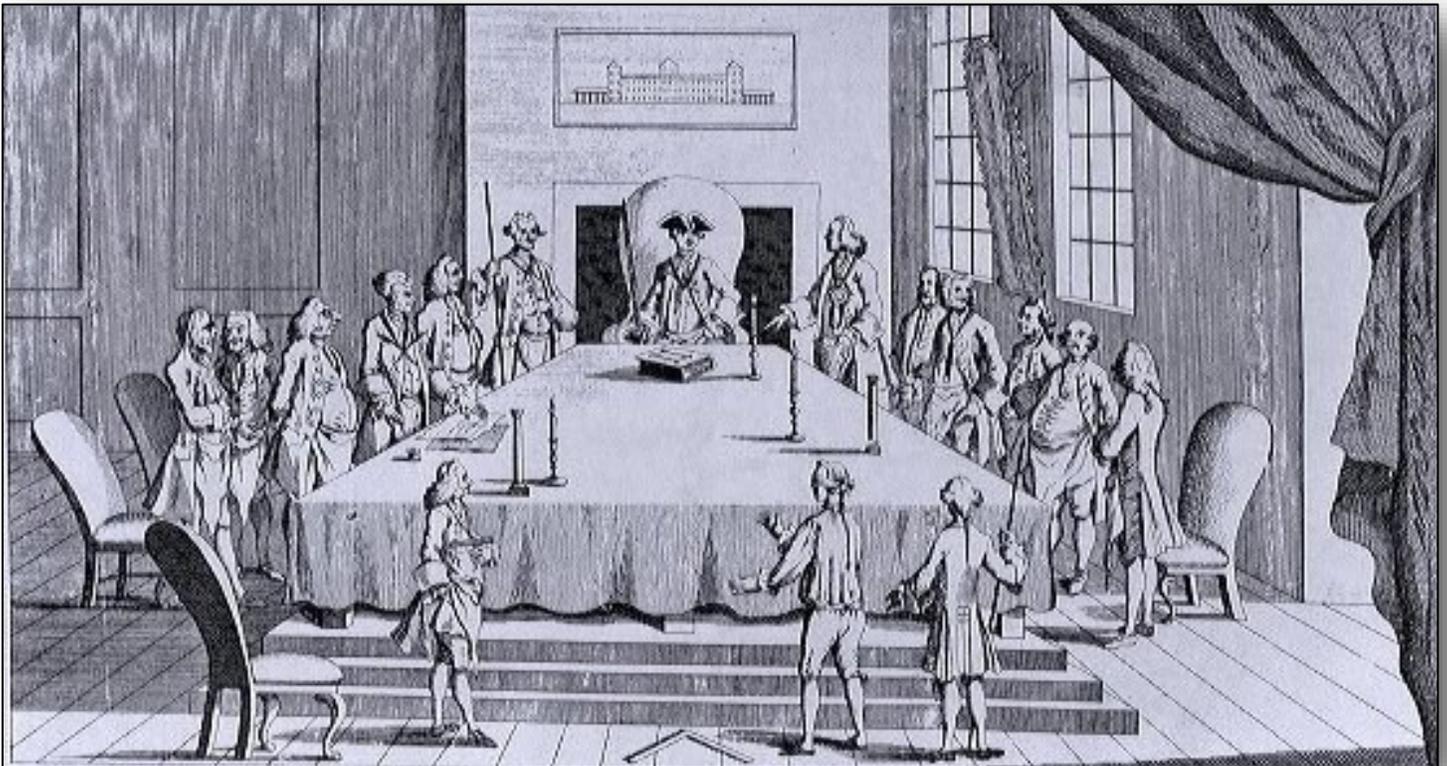
So what is it we do in our Lodge when we say "Table Lodge"?

What we are doing is more accurately termed a "Casual Lodge" meeting. Since we are serving collation prior and we are not formalizing the meal with the all the pomp and circumstance. In this instance a Casual Lodge is appropriate and make the atmosphere more relaxed and less stress. If we were to actually engage in a table lodge or festive board we'd be eating and drinking during our meeting and no regular lodge business would be preformed.

Although the good news is I am planning a Lodge festive board for possible December. All routine Lodge business can be conducted with officers prior to the start of the festive board.

Reprinted from the Potunk Lodge No. 1071 website:

<https://potunklodge.org/2020/09/17/so-what-is-a-table-lodge-anyway/>



MAY PRESENTATIONS



After a delicious meal with Brethren and guests, the WM recognized WSL60 Scholarship Winners and their families.



RW Mike Hollar was presented his 50 Years Service Award by MW Hodges after a committee composed of RW Reinhold and RW Skeens presented him in the East.



WM Pattison with RW Bill Hughes and presenting him with a WSL60 Mug for his Memorial Day Program Presentation



WM Jason Pattison recognized the following brethren with May Birthdays:
L-R: WM Pattison, RW Andy Keller, RW Mike Hollar and Bro. Jacobi Leathers

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: R.W. 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.

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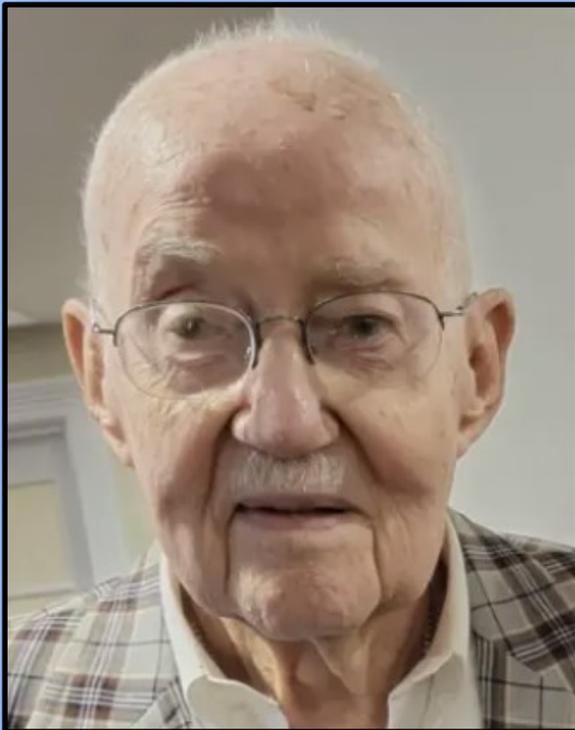
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Charlottesville Community and beyond.
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Brethren: It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Robert A. Harrison, Jr. Brother Bob was 95 years old and lived at the Masonic Home with his wife. He was a 70 year mason, raised on August 19th, 1953.

*"His Spirit to God, His Memory in our Hearts,
His Body to the Earth"*