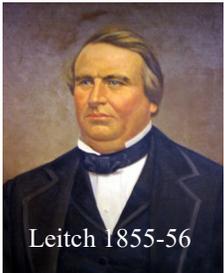
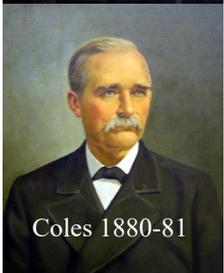


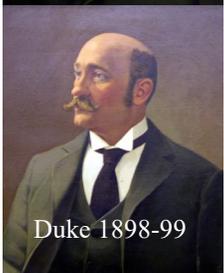
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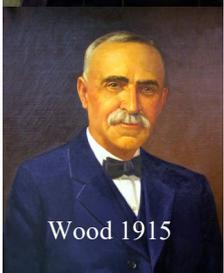
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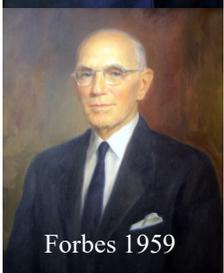
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brothers,

It was another hot month temperature wise and a busy month in Lodge again. We had the pleasure of doing an EA degree this month and two Fellowcraft degrees. There seems to be much interest in Freemasonry in Charlottesville lately.

It was an honor to have RW Ross Morland come and speak on the Widows Sons riders association. I think it's fun to learn about all the different opportunities we have in this great fraternity. That night we had three fraternal visits. One of those visits yielded the traveling gavel from the 10th district. So that means our officers will be traveling soon to bring it to another lodge within the 10th district.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in August. I hope we have a full lodge room as we did in the month of July.



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>
Michael L. Arnold	08/30/2004
Alexander Banks, V	08/26/1968 (56 Years)
Robert L. Bishop, Jr.	08/29/2015
Stephen J. Blair	08/29/2015
Dale R. Blosser	08/29/1988
Joseph F. Brown, III	08/12/1992
Brian E. Campbell	08/28/1990
Robert M. Carlisle	08/18/1956 (68 Years)
David S. Davidson	08/07/1967 (57 Years)
Steve E. Fetcho	08/27/2005
George P.A. Forschler	08/03/1967 (57 Years)
Henry H. Hagenau	08/27/2011
Charles M. Hale, Jr.	08/09/1977
Robert A. Harrison, III	08/27/2005
Lowell T. Hill, Jr	08/16/2008
Jeffery E. Hodges	08/26/1985
Jason E. Hodges	08/27/2005
James E. Holler	08/27/1984
Gregory D. Hosaflook	08/22/1998
Ian C. Kelly	08/27/2005
Patrick M. Kelly	08/27/2005
Boyd L. Knott	08/24/1970 (54 Years)
John Coulter Maddox	08/02/1971 (53 Years)
James T. O'Kelley, Jr.	08/04/2018
Timothy B. Parent	08/27/2005
Stewart A. Plemons	08/29/2015
William F. Reinhold, III	08/26/1996
William E. Rose	08/26/1972 (52 Years)
Larry B. Saunders	08/27/2005
Kent Schlusel	08/07/1990
Steven R. Thomas	08/28/2008
William D. Vincent	08/27/2005



UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Aug 6th, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL60

Aug 9-10th—Reid James Simmons Academy, Roanoke, VA (See below)

Aug 19th, 7:00 PM—WSL60 Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:00 PM in Dining Hall (Summer Attire—No Shorts)

Aug 22nd, 7:00 PM—District 10 Ritual Class (Day Lodge No. 58)

Aug 27th, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 Meeting in Red Room

Aug 27th, 7:00 PM—Keystone Chapter No. 59 Meeting in Red Room

Sep 7th, 4-6 PM—District 10 Masonic Family Picnic, Steak Dinner

REID JAMES SIMMONS ACADEMY

FOR MASONIC RITUAL

Brothers, the 2024 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

FREEDOM OF FAITH

BY: UNKNOWN

In America we are proud of the fact that the Church is separate from the State, and justly so! Our freedom of faith is our most precious heritage, a thing of priceless worth. Too often we take it for granted, forgetting what it cost and to whom we are indebted for it. The right of each man to worship God in the way his heart loves best is so in keeping with the idea and spirit of Masonry, so much a part of its genius, that we need to celebrate it anew in the 150th year of our National Life. If for no other reason, because both directly and indirectly, our Craft had much to do with it becoming a part of our Constitution.



Our fathers founded our Republic upon a new basis, reversing the whole history of mankind. Before that time a country without its National Church with its Official Creed, was quite unknown. But America broke new ground, made a new adventure which must be recognized, by far, the most important since the Reformation, and even more far-reaching. Such a thing was not done without difficulty.

Even in Colonial Times, Church and State were one. In New England the ideal was theocracy, a Church which included the State. In the South, if the State included the Church, they were none the less united. Religious liberty was almost unknown, except by those who defied the law and endured the persecution to enjoy it.

Few realize that prior to the Revolution it was against the law not to go to Church. It was a crime not to Baptize a child in the established Church. It was a crime to bring a Quaker into the colony, and there was a law on the statute books - though, happily not enforce - that permitted the burning of heretics. Witches had been burned in New England Quakers had been hung. Everybody was required to pay tithes to maintain the Church, and that regardless of their religious affiliations. Those who failed to do so were thrown into prison.

Smarting under these infringements on religious liberty, Jefferson led, and Madison followed, in the fierce struggle to separate Church and State. To Jefferson, more than to any other man, we owe our liberty of faith today. The famous law which first forbade any religious tests for public office was written by Jefferson, and its principles were embodied in the first amendment to the National Constitution. The heart of that stature, couched in noble language, is as follows:

“We the General Assembly of Virginia, do enact that no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall he be enforced, restrained, molested, or burdened in his body or goods, or shall he otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or beliefs but that all men shall be free to profess, and by arguments, to maintain their opinions in matters of religion and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or effect their civic capacities.”

FREEDOM OF FAITH ~ CONTINUED

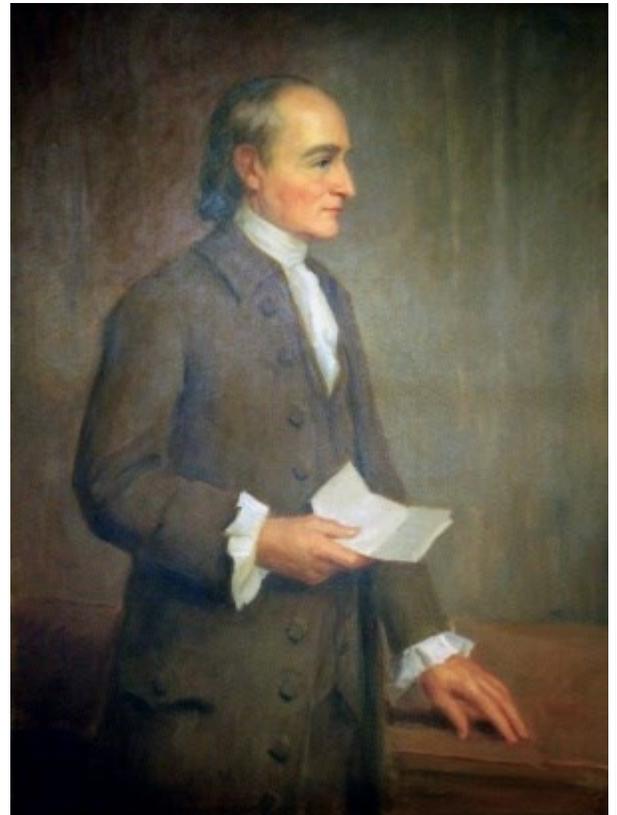
What seems a natural and inalienable right of man to us today, was a daring demand in those days. It is a curious fact that while Jefferson did not differ widely in his religious views from Franklin, Adams and even Washington he was singled out for the most savage attacks for his part in writing the above law, and pressing for its passage in Virginia - and later, in the Nation. Throughout his life he was a target of bitter abuse, nor did it cease after his death. Even the casual reader of the newspapers and pamphlets of that day knows how Jefferson was lampooned for his fight for liberty of faith. He was called a 'skeptic,' an 'infidel,' an 'atheist' - names which had terrifying meanings in those days - all because he demanded that each man have the right to hold such religious faith as seemed to him right and true and good. So much our liberty of faith cost against such odds the spirit of tolerance had to make its way.

The writings of Jefferson abound in allusions to his religious views, which he made no effort to conceal. They also show his familiarity with the Bible, in which he surpassed any leading man of his time, not excepting Franklin who was a student of it. The ethics of Jesus fascinated him. During his first term in the White house he found time to make a syllabus of the teachings of Jesus compared with the moral codes of other religions, in which he made a strong case for the superiority of the ethics of Jesus. In 1816 he wrote to his friend Thompson of what he had been doing:

'I have mad a wee little book, which I call the Philosophy of Jesus. It is paradigm of his doctrines, made by cutting the texts out of the book and arranging them on the pages of a blank book, in a certain order of time and subject. A more beautiful and precious morsel of ethics I have never seen. It is a document in proof that I am a real Christian, that is, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus.'

Yet this was the man denounced as an 'atheist,' and held up to scorn as enemy of God and man, because he held that others had a right to disagree with him and yet enjoy the honors of citizenship. No wonder he wrote his confession of faith in the word: 'I have sworn upon the Altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.' Ignorance and intolerance were the two enemies which he fought all his days, without truce.

From Paris he wrote to George Wythe in 1786: 'I reach, my dear sir, a crusade against ignorance, establish and improve the law for educating the people.' To that end he himself had founded the University of Virginia, in which there were no religious tests for professors or pupils. Students of theology were invited to attend and enjoy the lectures and the library. As he said: 'Ay bringing the sects together and mixing them with the mass of other students we shall soften their aspirates. liberalize and neutralize their prejudices and make the general religion a religion of peace, reason and sanity.'



FREEDOM OF FAITH ~ CONTINUED

In his own life Jefferson was brought up in a Church, and was a fairly regular attendant on its services. As an Architect he planned at least one church, and gave freely to the erection of others and to the support of public worship. A lover of the Bible, he gave freely to Bible Societies. No one ever heard him use an oath, and his magnanimity was such that he placed a marble bust of his political antagonist, Hamilton, in the hall of Monticello. Such was the man who, dying murmured with his last breath, as he sank into sleep the old, beautiful Bible Prayer: 'How Lettest Thy Servant Depart In Peace.'

While it has not been shown that Jefferson was a Mason, as was at one time thought, all Masons will honor in the Lodge, and in their hearts, the man to whom, more than to any other of the men who laid the foundation of our Republic, we are indebted for the religious freedom - that is, for the glory of a free Church in a free country. For it was as much an emancipation for the Church as for the State, and it has been an unmixed blessing to both.

To have written the Declaration of Political Independence was a great honor, but not a few will think it an even greater honor to have led in the achievement of religious independence. It closed a long and bloody chapter of history it marked a new era, second only to that of the advent of Christ among men.

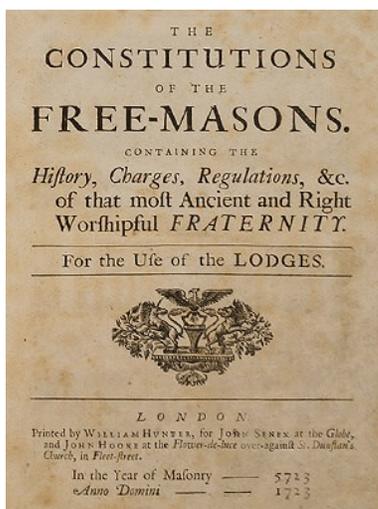
As has been said, Masonry had much to do with it, directly and indirectly. Directly in that the leaders with whom Jefferson worked and without whom he would have failed were, most of them, Masons. And indirectly by virtue of the fact that Masonry does its greatest work, not by laws and edicts, but by its teachings and influence. If any one will read the Virginia Statue on religious liberty, and the first amendment of the Constitution, along side the article on God and Religion in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England in 1732, he will discover that the spirit and purpose of all three documents are the same. The Masonic Constitution, written more than fifty years earlier, was one of the ancestors of the other statements.

Thus by our history, no less than by our Constitution and genius, Masons are pledged to keep Church and State separated, and to watch vigilantly every insidious effort to unite the two. Such efforts are always afoot, disguised in all sorts of ways, but we ought to be able to detect the wolf even when it wears the white robe of a lamb. It asks for clear thinking and tireless vigil, but Masons will not fall asleep and let the work of our fathers be undone.

Just now the whole set of the old world is against the spirit and ideals of our Republic. Dictators strut to and for, declaring themselves supermen born to rule their fellows. Heretofore the loss of political liberty has always been followed by a loss of religious freedom. The two go together, as our fathers joined them and what God hath joined man must not put asunder.

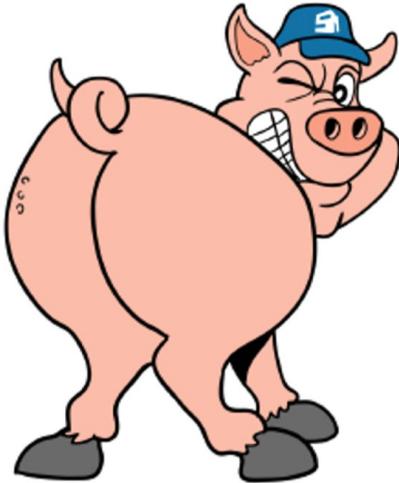
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Boston Butt Sale

Butts are smoked and approximately 5 pounds
Cost is \$40 each



Butts will be available for pickup at the Waddell Lodge No. 228, 106 Holladay Ave, Gordonsville on Saturday, August 10th around noon.

All proceeds go to

Waddell Lodge 228



PRACTICAL TIPS TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES AS MEN AND MASONS

Referent Power: The Ultimate Form of Influence

<https://www.nirandfar.com/referent-power?ref=refind>

How to Make Friends as an Adult

<https://calvinrosser.com/how-to-make-friends-as-an-adult/?ref=refind>

JULY PRESENTATIONS



WM Jason Pattison with the visiting delegation of Brothers from North Carolina.



Brothers enjoying a delicious meal and fellowship before the meeting. Organized by WM Pattison.



Delegation of visiting brethren from Ashland and Murray Lodges.



Murray Lodge No. 175 passed on the District Traveling Gavel to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.



WM Pattison recognized the following brethren with July Masonic Birthdays.

L-R: WM Pattison, Br. W.C. Olewnik, Jr. and D. F. Riddick



RW. R. Moreland gave a presentation on the VA Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association.

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
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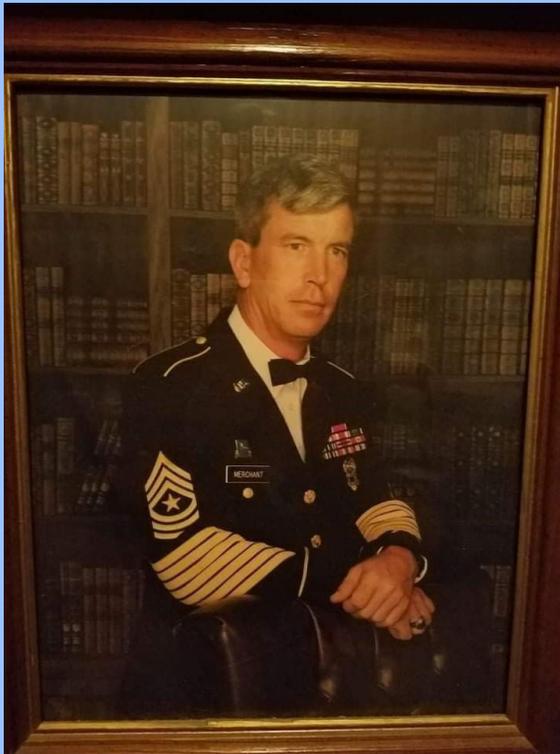
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Brethren: It is my sad duty to report the passing of Worshipful David C. Merchant. Worshipful Merchant was 70 years old and served as Master of WSL60 in 2008.

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