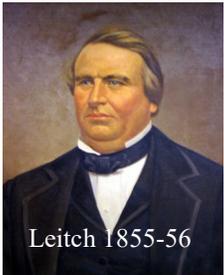
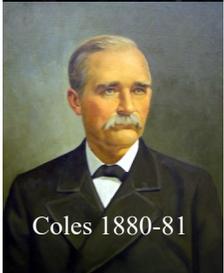


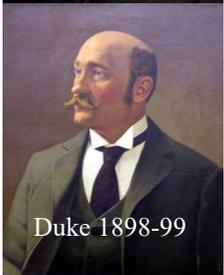
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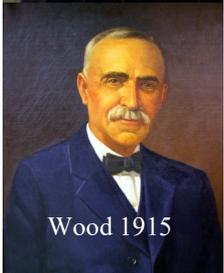
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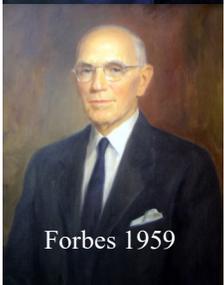
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Stated Communications October 21st, 2024

[Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Website](#)

[Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Facebook Page](#)

## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Welcome to October Brothers,

This is the Stated meeting I have been looking forward to all year. This month we will put putting on the celebration for our 225th Anniversary since the founding in 1799. So many of our officers and the officers of Day Lodge No. 58 had a major part in putting this celebration together. It will certainly be one to remember. I believe reservations may be closed now so I hope you got your spot. Next month's Hiram's Journal we will have plenty of pictures to see. Don't forget to check our Facebook page as well. RW Jim Dickerson will be posting plenty of pictures.

My time in the East is starting to come to its end. Only a few months away. I want to thank the Brethren for having faith in me to run this Lodge. I also want to thank all the Brothers that have helped me as I served this Lodge. I couldn't have done it without the help and guidance. I'm looking forward to RW Hosaflook's year in the East as I serve the Lodge as the Lodge Chaplain.

We hope to see you this month for our Stated meeting and the meetings to come. If you need help getting to Lodge please reach out to any of the officers. We will find a way to get you there.



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>
Simon C. Alexander	10/10/2012
Christopher N. Bragg	10/24/2013
Thomas M. Castellanos	10/25/2021
Mark S. Chapman	10/01/2007
Donald P. Cochrane	10/19/2021
Jay L. Cotner	10/04/1989
Mike D. Griffin	10/30/1996
John M. Hutchens	10/08/2015
Charles E. Reinhold	10/28/1998
Robert E. Simpson	10/15/1965 (59 Yr)
Clyde D. Snoddy, Jr.	10/19/1996
Russel G. Snodgrass	10/25/1976
Timothy Lea Soyars	10/19/2011
Joseph Seth Spivey, III	10/28/1985
Zia A. F. Tompkins	10/29/2013
Harry L. Walker, Jr.	10/03/2002
John D. Zero	10/28/1991

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

- Oct 1st, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL60
- Oct 3rd, 7:00 PM—Fraternal Visit to Day Lodge No. 58
- Oct 5th, 8:00 AM—MAHOVA Family Day
- Oct 11th, 12:00 PM—WSL60 Men's Lunch, El Puerto Mexican Grill, Barracks Rd
- Oct 21st, 7:00 PM—WSL60 Joint Table Lodge with Day Lodge No. 58 (225th Anniversary Celebration) at WSL60
- Oct 22nd, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 Meeting in Red Room
- Oct 22nd, 7:00 PM—Keystone Chapter No. 59 Meeting in Red Room
- Oct 26th, 8:30 AM—O.B. Omohundro Area School of Instruction, Wadell Lodge No. 228 (Gordonsville)
- Oct 30th, 6:00 PM—200th Anniversary of Lafayette's Visit to Masons' Hall (Richmond)
- Nov 5th—10th, Grand Annual Communication
- Nov 18th, 6:00 PM—Chili Cookoff for Nov Stated Meal

## PRACTICAL TIPS TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES AS MEN AND MASONS

**The Illusion of Transparency: Your Poker Face is Better Than You Think**

<https://fs.blog/illusion-of-transparency/?ref=refind>

**Why Great Things Never Come from Comfort Zones**

<https://durmonski.com/self-improvement/great-things-never-came-from-comfort-zones/?ref=refind>

## The Masonic Roundtable



Do you want to hear some great discussions and conversations on Masonic Topics?

The Masonic Roundtable is a weekly program with Masons from across the country.  
 Thursdays at 9:30PM Eastern / 8:30PM Central.

Every week is a new topic on a Masonic theme, ideal or program. Topics include the 7 Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Scottish or York Rite, Youth Groups, Masonic Ghost Stories, Volumes of Sacred Law and much, much more!!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MasonicRoundtable/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheMasonicRoundtable/>

# FOUNDER'S DAY AND THE HISTORY OF THE MASONIC HOME OF VIRGINIA

(Masonic Home of Virginia Lodge Talk #6-2015 by Masonic Home Ambassadors)



Located at 500 Masonic Lane, Henrico, Virginia, the Masonic Home of Virginia was chartered by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia in January 1890.

The first discussions of a Home began in Grand Lodge sessions as early as 1811. There was no resolution from these discussions, although later one or more committees were formed to investigate the matter further. The final committee reported back to Grand Lodge, stating that there appeared to be no feasible solution for such an institution. It is recorded that Dr. George Potts, born in Canterbury, England and a member of Astrea Lodge No. 85, made several eloquent appeals to the committee and to the Grand Lodge, but without success.

However, another Master Mason stepped forward in December 1889. After hearing Dr. Potts latest appeal and after again seeing no resolution in sight, Captain A. G. Babcock donated \$5000 in cash and pledged further assistance for the maintenance of the Home if needed. With funds available, the Grand Lodge FINALLY decided to act. The Home was chartered in January, 1890. Then on February 18th, 1890, Brother Babcock donated "44 1/2 acres of excellent farming land on Nine Mile Road, with a dwelling of ten rooms in good order, a large barn and stable recent built, and all of the other necessary outhouses." That property makes up the bulk of what is today the Masonic Home of Virginia.



From this humble beginning, our Masonic Home raised 835 children of Virginia Master Masons from 1890 to 1975 and has cared for more than 1,300 adults since the adult division began in 1955. We owe a great deal to those who have gone before us for their foresight and desire to make today's Masonic Home of Virginia what it is and what it promises to be in the future.

As noted earlier, a strict search of the archives of Grand Lodge reveals that the first discussion of the need for a home began almost 80 years before the Home became a reality. The Home finally became a reality because one person was able to make a gift to cover the financial cost of starting the program.

Today, the Masonic home of Virginia occupies a 93 acre tract of land on the eastern outskirts of Richmond in Henrico County. Our campus consists of a residential facility for adults, a skilled nursing facility, a Memory Support unit, a Chapel and forty-five (45) independent living cottages in the Masonic Village. Currently there are 217 residents living at the Home.

## THE HISTORY OF THE MASONIC HOME OF VIRGINIA ~ CONTINUED



The Masonic Home of Virginia stands today as a symbol of the willingness of Virginia Masons to stretch forth their hands and provide their brethren, their wives and widows a healthy and fulfilling life. Today, people live in this community and enjoy a great life. They go there to live, not to die.

No one has to give up all they own to move to the Home. This has never been the case. Many residents simply pay their own way, because they recognize it is worth it! For those who cannot afford it, a financial assistance program is available in which they transfer a portion of their assets and income for LIFE CARE. A model unit is open each weekday in the Village or if you drive by on a weekend, just stop by the Care Center and they will let you borrow a key to the model unit so you can take your own private tour.

If you have ever wondered how you, as a part of Grand Lodge, live up to your obligations as a Mason, how you personally carry on the tradition of our Founders, and how we as a Fraternity “practice what we preach,” you need look no further than the Masonic Home. Just as founder’s Day recognizes men who made a difference in our Fraternity, the Home stands as a monument to honor ALL Virginia Masons, because they cared enough to do something with what Freemasonry taught them.



May God continue to grant us the strength to help others through the Masonic Home of Virginia, as we carry forward the attitude of service shown to us by our Founders. Nothing is more consistent with our obligations as Master Masons.

## **Masonic Home of Virginia Donations**

**Any brother or non-mason can make a donation to the Masonic Home of Virginia and there are many options for donations.**

<https://www.mahova.org/give/>

**A popular donation is the memorial giving:**

**Waverly Peers Crouch Memory Garden: \$50 donation allows the donor to have an engraved brick placed in the Memory Garden to memorialize any individual**

**WWII Memorial: \$75 donation allows the donor to have an engraved brick placed in the WWII Memorial to honor any individual or Lodge**

**Armed Services Veterans Memorial: \$200 donation allows the donor to have a paver engraved at the Armed Services Veterans Memorial to honor any individual or Lodge**

## ONLINE MASONIC PODCASTS

Brothers, here is a list of online Masonic Podcasts that can keep you entertained and help you to increase in Masonic knowledge and philosophy and see how other Masons are doing within our Fraternity.

**Whence Came You?** - <https://www.youtube.com/user/Wcypodcast>

**The Masonic Roundtable** - <https://www.youtube.com/user/MasonicRoundtable>

**The Winding Stairs** - <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheWindingStairs>

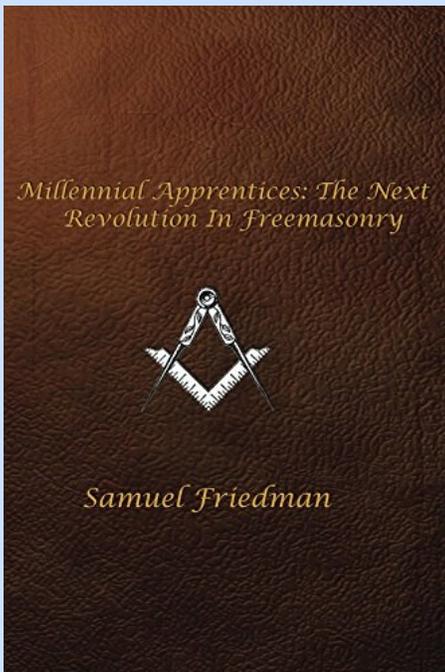
**At Refreshment** - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb8IaNvD2Xmc\\_XJq6OdGt9A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb8IaNvD2Xmc_XJq6OdGt9A)

**The Working Tools** - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLOnWyjj1j62Pr1krm8bb5g>

**The First Three Knocks** - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12126LIYlhCQU3xV8OWaWw>

## **MASONIC BOOK REVIEW**

### **MILLENNIAL APPRENTICES: THE NEXT REVOLUTION IN FREEMASONRY**



A new generation of American men has begun to enter the fraternity of Freemasonry. This group of young men belong to the second largest generation in America history. Known as the millennials, they possess unique motivations and aspirations for the Craft that are quite different from the several generations before them.

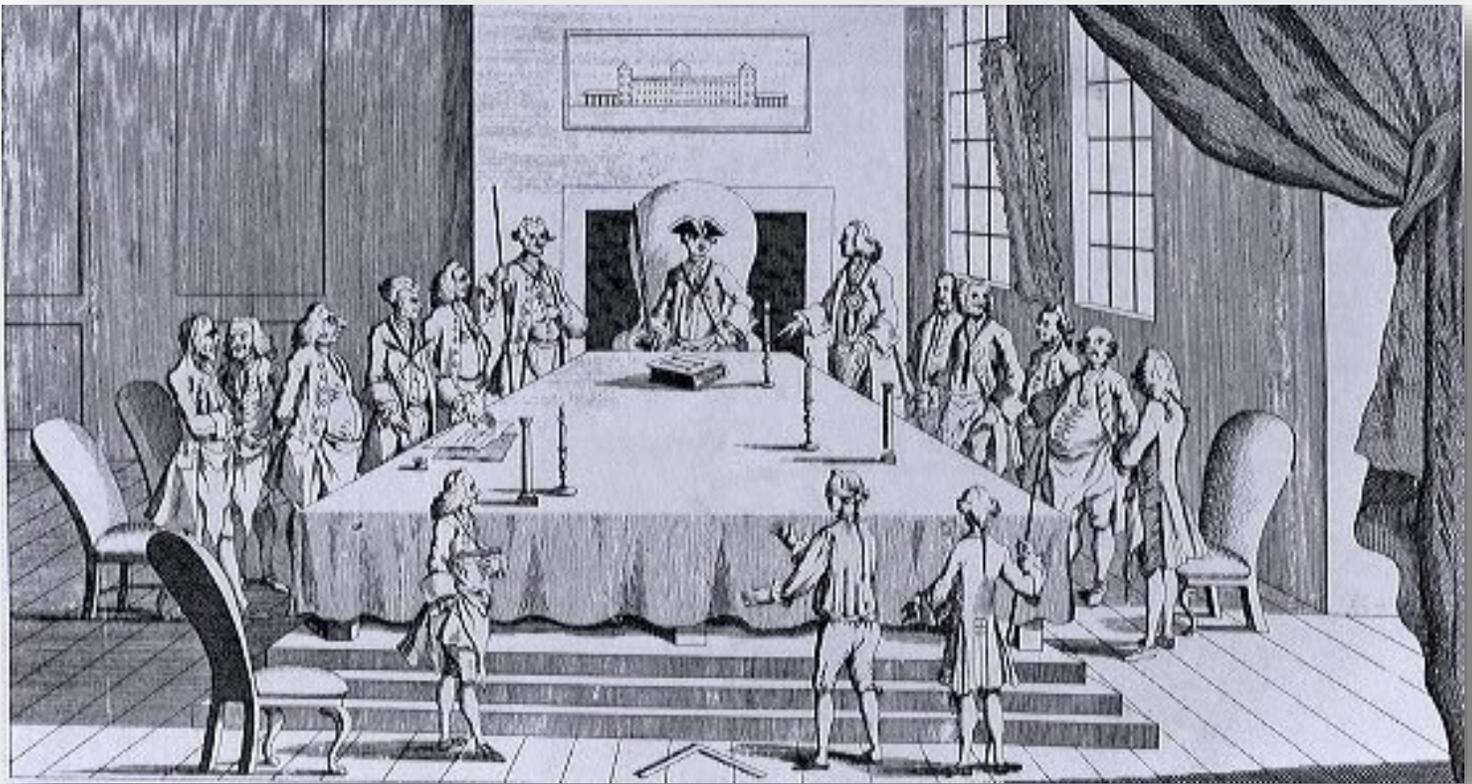
This book looks at the current state of Freemasonry, how the Fraternity has arrived at this point and proposes restorations within the Craft that point the way forward into the twenty-first century. Written by a young and enthusiastic millennial Mason, this book is meant to inspire thought provoking discussion on what this new breed of Mason desires, and what it truly means to be a Mason in the twenty-first century.

## **MASONIC BOOK CLUB**

Brothers, the Masonic Book Club was originally established in 1970 by two Illinois Masons and primarily reprinted out-of-print Masonic books with a scholarly introduction. The Club was dissolved in 2010. The Scottish Rite Supreme Council, 33°, SJ USA has decided to re-established the Masonic Book Club and is open to anyone. The best part: **THERE ARE NO DUES** and being a member entitles you to purchase books at a pre-publication discount.

To sign up or see more information, go to the following website:  
<https://scottishrite.org/media-publications/masonic-book-club>





**225TH ANNIVERSARY JOINT TABLE LODGE**  
**WIDOW'S SONS' LODGE NO. 60 & DAY LODGE NO. 58**

**Brethren, please join the members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 and Day Lodge No. 58 as we participate in a Joint Table Lodge celebrating both Lodge's 225th Anniversary.**

**Date: October 21st, Dinner at 6 PM**

**Open to all Master Masons, Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices**

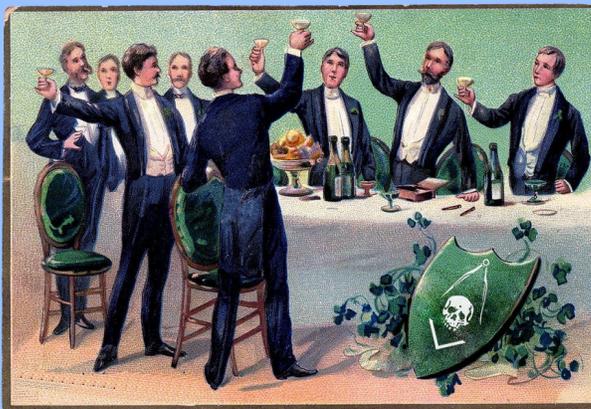
**NO CHARGE FOR MEAL!!!**

**Hosted at Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60**

**in Charlottesville, VA.**

**Guest Speaker: RW Gary Dwight Huffman, Deputy Grand Master**

**Attire: Business Suit**



**Every available reservation HAS BEEN FILLED.**

**Please contact RW Mike Griffin, [MGriffin@TGBLaw.com](mailto:MGriffin@TGBLaw.com), Phone: 434-981-5428 for any changes.**

# SEPTEMBER PRESENTATIONS



RW Brandon Black gave a presentation on the ACCA Shrine Center in Richmond, VA.



RW Goldie Tomlin was clear in his Application for Affiliation. Welcome to WSL60 Brother Goldie!!!



WM Pattison recognized the following Brethren with Masonic Birthdays:  
L-R Bros. C. McReddie, P. Nelson and J. Dickerson



Brothers enjoying a great meal before getting ready for Stated.

## 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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**DATED MATERIAL  
PLEASE PROCESS**

*Hiram's Journal*

## **CHARLOTTESVILLE'S WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**

Brothers, we are looking for members to join the Freemason Team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's being held in Charlottesville on October 27th.



The walk will start at 1:30 PM at the  
Martha Jefferson Hospital at:  
500 Martha Jefferson Drive, Charlottesville, VA  
Freemason Team Captain is Bro. Mark S. Chapman  
Ph# 434.227.6702,

Email: [agw123@earthlink.net](mailto:agw123@earthlink.net)

You can also offer financial support at the following

Registration Link:

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2024/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?  
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