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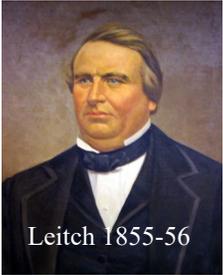
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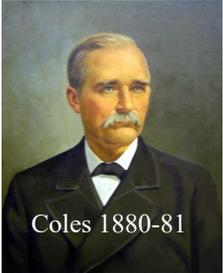
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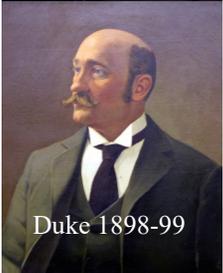
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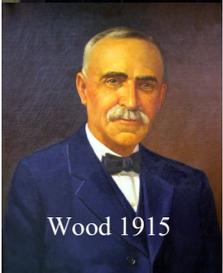
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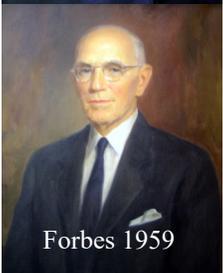
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Welcome to November Brothers,

This October was one of the most fun meetings I have had the pleasure of attending since becoming a Master Mason. We celebrated our 225th year in Masonry with a Joint Table Lodge between Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 and Day Lodge No. 58. It was well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. We had Brothers from all over the Commonwealth and a few other states as well. RW Huffman, our Deputy Grand Master, was our speaker and it was a pleasure to have him in attendance. Thank you to all the Brothers that helped in organizing this along with Day Lodge No. 58.

Time is winding down to purchase shirts or hats with our logo and 225th anniversary on them. If you would like to purchase one, please contact me and I will get you the information to order one.

As mentioned before in previous messages, we have had a lot of interest in our lodge this year. If you are willing and able to teach catechisms or mentor a candidate, please let me or any of the officers know. We would love to have your support.

Don't forget about Grand Lodge coming up very soon. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone from around the state and meeting our new Grand Master.



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>
Thomas V. Anderson	11/04/1974 (50 Yrs)
C. Victor Armstrong	11/10/1971 (53 Yrs)
Henry Booth	11/23/1959 (65 Yrs)
Mark A. Chamberlain	11/21/1995
Wayne W. Ferguson	11/17/1978
George D. Hale, Jr.	11/28/1966 (58 Yrs)
Devan E. McPherson	11/30/2015
M. Shane Parsons	11/21/1994
William T. Randolph	11/28/2001
Brian Q. Truong	11/01/2018

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

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

Nov 8th—10th, 8:00 AM Grand Annual Communication, Richmond, VA.

Nov 15th, 12:00 PM—WSL60 Men's Lunch, El Puerto Mexican Grill, Barracks Rd

Nov 18th, 7:00 PM—WSL60 Stated Meeting,
Dinner at 6:00 PM—CHILI COOKOFF
 Contact RW Jason if you can participate.

Nov 19th, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 Meeting in Red Room

Nov 19th, 7:00 PM—Keystone Chapter No. 59 Meeting in Red Room

PRACTICAL TIPS TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES AS MEN AND MASONS

5 Navy SEAL Principles to Improve Communication Skills

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30 Areas of Life Where Subtracting Can Add More

<https://www.becomingminimalist.com/subtracting-more/?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/>

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION OF 1789

Hillsboroug Lodge No. 25 November 2015 Newsletter

Since the settlement of the colonies, Americans have been setting aside days of thanksgiving, prayer, and fasting in response to significant events. In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating November 26 of that year as a national day of thanksgiving to recognize the role of providence in creating the new United States and the federal Constitution. Later, President Abraham Lincoln took steps towards designating it a permanent federal holiday.



Americans recognize the first Thanksgiving as having traditionally taken place at Plymouth colony in the autumn of 1621. Separatist Puritan settlers of Plymouth, known as Pilgrims, held a feast after their first harvest as a way of thanking God for their blessings. Invited to their observance were many members of the neighboring Wampanoag tribe, among whom such a harvest celebration was also neither unfamiliar nor uncommon. The 1621 Thanksgiving celebration, however, did not become an annual event; rather, residents of Plymouth and the other colonies held days of thanksgiving and/or fasting over the years, at different times of year for a variety of reasons.

During the American Revolution, the practice continued. Colonial legislatures set aside days of prayer to recognize military victories against the British army. After British Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to the Americans at Saratoga, New York, in October 1777, the Continental Congress suggested that a national day be set aside to recognize the victory. Commander of the Continental Army, General George Washington agreed, proclaiming December 18, 1777 as the first national thanksgiving day. The Continental Congress supported similar thanksgiving proclamations through 1784.

On September 25, 1789, Brother Elias Boudinot, of Burlington, New Jersey, introduced in the United States House of Representatives a resolution, which read, "That a joint committee of both Houses be directed to wait upon the President of the United States, to request that he would recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a Constitution of government for their safety and happiness." The House was not unanimous in its determination to give thanks. Aedanus Burke of South Carolina objected that he "did not like this mimicking of European customs, where they made a mere mockery of thanksgivings." Thomas Tudor Tucker thought "the House had no business to interfere in a matter which did not concern them. Why should the President direct the people to do what, perhaps, they have no mind to do? They may not be inclined to return thanks for a Constitution until they have experienced that it promotes their safety and happiness. We do not yet know but they may have reason to be dissatisfied with the effects it has already produced; but whether this be so or not, it is a business with which Congress have nothing to do; it is a religious matter, and, as such, is proscribed to us. If a day of thanksgiving must take place, let it be done by the authority of the several States."

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION OF 1789~CONTINUED

Citing biblical precedents and resolutions of the Continental Congress, proponents of a Thanksgiving celebration prevailed, and the House appointed a committee, which consisted of Elias Boudinot, Roger Sherman, and Peter Silvester, to approach President Washington. The Senate agreed to the resolution on September 26, 1789, and appointed William Samuel Johnson and Ralph Izard to the joint committee. On September 28th of that same year, the Senate committee reported that they had laid the resolution before the president.

Brother Washington issued a proclamation designating Thursday, November 26th as a national day of thanks. In his proclamation, Brother Washington declared that the necessity for such a day sprung from the Almighty's care of Americans prior to the Revolution, assistance to them in achieving independence, and help in establishing the constitutional government.

The following Proclamation was issued by Brother George Washington, President of the United States of America, on October 3, 1789:

Whereas, it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas, both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

King Solomon's #194 Crozet
Welcomes You to Our 2024

Table Lodge

Enjoy an Evening of Fellowship and Fraternity
Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 6:30 pm

*Come Raise a Glass and Help us Celebrate Our 160 Year
Anniversary, St. John the Evangelist, and Our Many Blessings*



"Once in so often," King Solomon said,
Watching his quarrymen drill the stone.

Guest Speaker RW Tom Woolfolk

Topic: The Committee on Work

Menu

Pork Loin & Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Salad, Rolls

Dessert

R.S.V.P. Brother Craig Spicer

434-390-4312 (cell) or email: info@spicerteam.com

Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts Welcome

OCTOBER PRESENTATIONS



Members of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 displayed a Colonial “Powder Horn” believed to have been owned by a member of Widow’s Sons’ Lodge No. 60.

RW Robert E. Simpson was recognized for his 59 years of Masonic Service. Brother Simpson is a great source of Masonic knowledge and a fantastic ritualist.



Wor. Mark Chapman, Captain of the Mason Team at the Charlottesville Walk to End Alzheimer’s helped to raise \$3500 this year.

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.

225th Charter Anniversary Joint Table Lodge



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Hiram's Journal

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:

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