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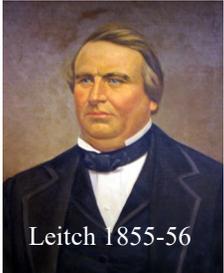
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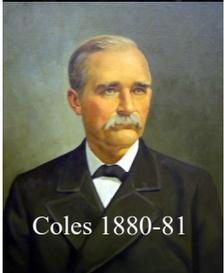
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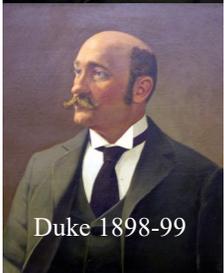
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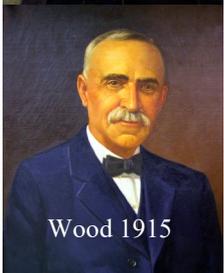
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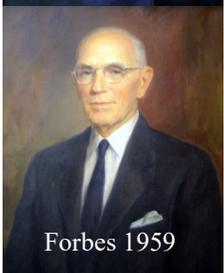
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

My Brethern,

Welcome to 2025 as we embark on a new year full of promise and new opportunities.

I am honored to be elected and installed as the new Worshipful Master of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60. I will do my utmost to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of this office and to continue the time honored traditions of our cherished Lodge.

A special thank you is due for all the brothers who have accepted positions in the Lodge's leadership line of elected and appointed officers. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

Plans are well underway to make 2025 an exciting and busy year. The Lodge will strive to obtain the James Noah Hillman Award, and to achieve this award the officers will require the cooperation and assistance of the members of the Lodge. Engaging speakers and programs are in the works and will take the Lodge from arachnophobia to whistling Dixie. Please await future editions of "Hiram's Journal" for more information.

A Scottish Robert Burns dinner is planned for our January 20, Stated Communication. The esteemed, honored, and delicious haggis will be bagpiped and paraded about the dining hall. RW Bill Bond will deliver the traditional 'Ode to the Haggis' at dinner and provide the program at the Stated Communication.

Right Worshipful Jordan Christopher Marshall, District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, is planning his Official Visit to Widow's Sons' Lodge at our February 17, Stated Communication. As usual dinner is at 6:00 PM and the meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.

I invite all to come and embrace the fellowship we enjoy at Widow's Sons' Lodge. Finally, an additional thank you and recognition is given to RW Phil Nelson for his many years serving as Worshipful Master, District Deputy, and lodge chaplain and especially to RW Jason Pattison for "schooling" us in lodge leadership and brotherly love.



Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Greg D. Hosaflook
2025 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 (52 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 (52 Yrs)
Kurt M. Gloeckner	01/31/1972 (53 Yrs)
Curtis Parker Leake	01/12/1977
James W. Marshall	01/13/1973 (52 Yrs)
Thomas A. Patrick, III	01/30/1984
Brandon M. Quintin	01/20/2020

UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Jan. 7th, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL60

Jan. 20th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting, Meal at 6:00 PM (ROBERT BURNS NIGHT)

Jan. 24th, 12:00 PM – Monthly Men's Lunch at El Puerto Mexican Grill, Barracks Rd.

Jan. 28th, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 Meeting in Red Room, Meal between meetings.

Jan. 28th, 7:00 PM—Keystone Chapter No. 59 Meeting in Red Room

MASON OF THE MONTH

R.W. JAMES FRIEND DICKERSON



James Friend Dickerson was born on June 26, 1960, in Charlottesville, Virginia. As a youth he was very active in Boy Scouts and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Jim attended Virginia Tech and received a B.S. degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management in 1984. He and his wife, Karen, currently live in Louisa County. Professionally, Jim is a realtor and was named 2018 Realtor of the Year by the Charlottesville Area Association of Realtors.

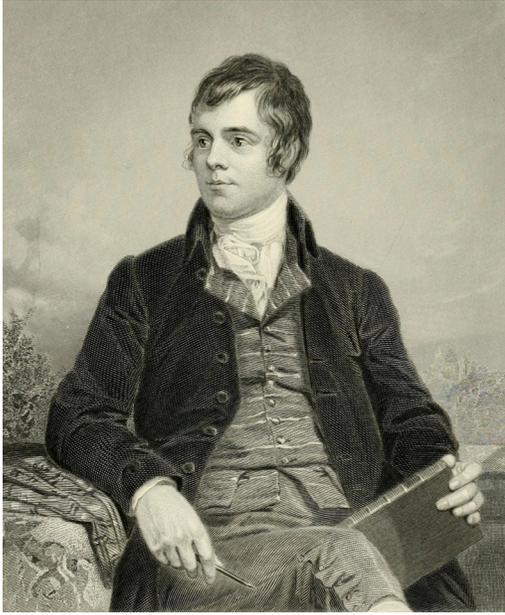
RW Dickerson was Raised on September 1, 1995, in Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 and served as Worshipful Master in 2001. He was DDGM of the 18th Masonic District in 2005. Jim is currently our lodge Treasurer. He holds membership in Va. Research Lodge No. 1777, Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58, Charlottesville Commandery No.3, and the Royal Order of Scotland. In addition, Jim is a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence and the Masonic Home Board of Governors. He will be extremely busy in 2025 while serving as the Administrative Assistant to our Grand Master Gary Dwight Huffman.

Q: "What do you most look forward to as the Administrative Assistant to Most Worshipful Huffman?"

A: "I look forward while traveling around the State to renew old friendships and to make many new ones. This I believe to be the true wages of a Master Mason."

ROBERT “RABBIE” BURNS—POET LAUREATE, ACTIVIST, FREEMASON

BY: WB TODD M. PATEREK, BLAZING STAR LODGE #694, F&AM



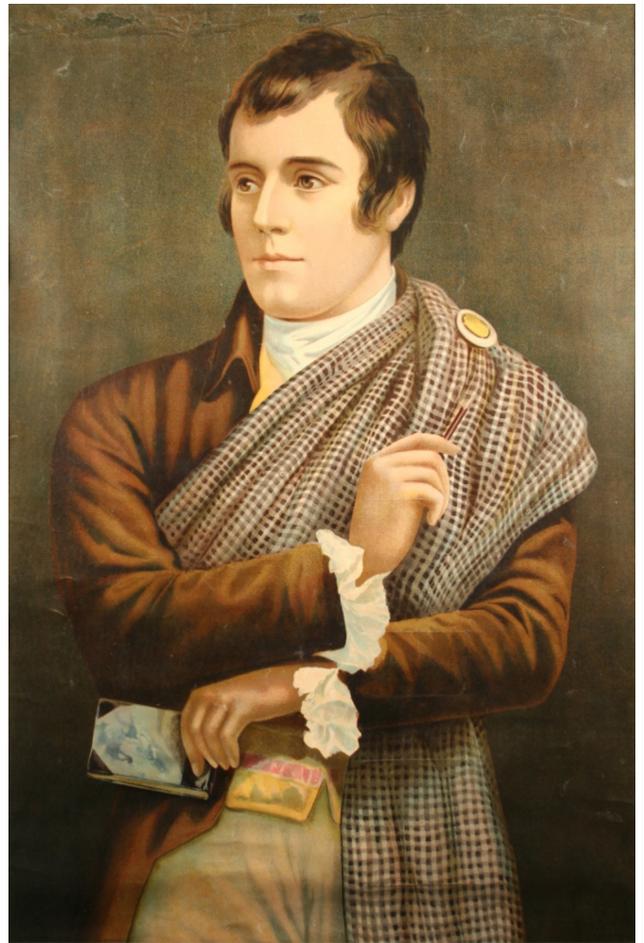
Robert Burns, celebrated Scottish poet, is considered a seminal figure in 18th century literature. Born in Alloway, Ayrshire, Scotland on January 25, 1759. Robert was born the eldest of seven children born to William and Agnes Burns. Robert's father as a tenant farmer struggled to support his family. Because of this, Burns had to work on the family farm from a young age. However, at the age of fifteen, while working the harvest season with his field partner, Helen Kilpatrick, Burns felt his first love which sparked his passion for love and poetry, and he soon wrote his first poem; “Handsome Nell”.

Burns began to pursue poetry (and Love) with fervency and zeal. The traditional folk songs and ballads of Scotland, as well as the works of contemporary poets such as Allan Ramsay and Robert Fergusson heavily influenced his early poems. His early works focused on nature's beauty, the simplicity of rural

life, and the struggles of the working class.

In 1777, at the age of eighteen, Burns left the family farm to find work and support his family. He worked as a flax-dresser, ploughman and tutor, but continued to write poetry in his free time. At the age of twenty-one, in 1781, Brother Burns joined the Lodge of St. David, Tarbolton, Scotland, a significant step as Freemasonry was an influential and respected organization in 18th century Scotland. The Fraternity provided Brother Burns with a sense of belonging, camaraderie, and an opportunity for self-improvement and personal growth. This likely led to the publication of his first collection of poetry, “Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect,” in 1786 which was well-received by critics and the public and established our Brother as a significant literary figure in Scotland.

Robert Burns is famous for writing poetry to charm and impress women. However, he had a special interest in Jean Armour and courted her for several years before they married on July 4, 1788. Together they had twelve children. Even with his marriage, Burns continued to have extramarital affairs which resulted in more children with other women. Jean, the daughter of a local operative stonemason, remained devoted to Burns throughout their marriage.



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In 1788, Burns began to collaborate with James Johnson in compiling an anthology titled “The Scots Musical Museum”. During the last decade of his life, Burns devoted himself to editing and revising traditional folk songs for this volume and for the “Select Collection of Original Scottish Airs.” These publications played a crucial role in preserving elements of Scotland’s cultural heritage, featuring renowned songs such as “My Luvie is Like a Red Red Rose” and “Auld Land Syne.”

As a poet, Brother Burns possessed exceptional oratory skills and his speeches at Masonic gatherings were highly esteemed. Because of this he earned the title of Lodge’s Poet Laureate. His participation in Freemasonry had a notable impact on his literary works. Many of his poems and songs were written for Masonic events and ceremonies and contain references to Masonic symbols and themes. One of his most famous poems, “A Man’s a Man for A’ That,” is a tribute to the fraternity’s ideals of Brotherhood and equality. Additionally, his poem “The Brotherly Ties of Friendship” is a clear allusion to the principles of Freemasonry. Freemasonry’s emphasis on equality greatly influenced Brother Burns’ beliefs and poetry. As a vocal advocate for the rights of the working class, many of his poems and songs reflect his belief in the importance of equality among all individuals.

Brother Burns’ literary legacy endures despite the hardships and struggles he faced throughout his life. His poems and songs remain celebrated and revered, serving as a testament to his skill as a poet and his dedication to the ideals of Freemasonry earning him the title of National Bard of Scotland.

Reprinted from Craftsmen Online Website: <https://craftsmenonline.com/brother-robert-burns/>

AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to min’?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days o’ lang syne?

CHORUS

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We’ll tak a cup o’ kindness yet,
For auld lang syne!

We twa hae run about the braes,
And put’t the gowans fine;
But we’ve wander’d mony a weary foot
Sin’ auld lang syne. (CHORUS)

We twa hae paidlet i’ the burn,
Frae mornin sun till dine:
But seas between us braid hae roar’d
Sin’ auld lang syne. (CHORUS)

And here’s a hand, my trust fiere’
And gie’s a hand o’ thine;
And we’ll tak a right gude willie-waught,
For auld lang syne. (CHORUS)

And surely ye’ll be your pint-stowp,
And surely I’ll be mine;
And we’ll tak a cup o’ kindness yet,
For auld lang syne. (CHORUS)

ROBERT BURNS POEMS

ADDRESS TO THE HAGGIS

Fair fa' your honest sonsie face,
Great chieftan o' the puddin' race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe or thairm.
Weel are ye worthy of a grace,
As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin would help to mend a mill,
In time o' need,
While through your pores the dew's distil
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic labour dight,
And cut you upwi' ready slight.
Trenching your gushing entrails
bright
Like ony ditch;
And then, oh what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin' rich!

Then, horn for horn they stretch and
strive.
Deil tak the hindmost, on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swalled kytes be-
lieve,
Are bent like drums;
Then auld guidmen, maist like to
rive,
Bethankit hums.

Is there that owere his French rea-
gout,
Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad mak her spew.
Wi' perfect scunner,
Looks down wi' sneering, scornful
view
On sic a dinner?

Poor devil! See him owere his trash,
As feckless as a wither'd rash.
His spindle-shank a guid whip-lash
His nieve a nit:
Through bloody flood or field to
dash
Oh, how unfit!

But mark the rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his
tread.
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whistle;
And legs, and arms, and heads will
sned,
Like taps of thrissle.

Ye powers wha mak mankind your
care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare.
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking
ware,
That jaups in luggies,
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer.
Gie her a haggis!

THE MASON'S SONG

Ye sons of old Killie,
Assembled by Willie
To follow the noble vocation;
Your thrifty old mother has scarce
such another
To sit in that honoured station
I've little to say, but only to pray,
As praying's the ton of your fashion.
A prayer from thee Muse you well
may excuse
'Tis seldom her favourite passion.

Ye powers who preside o'er the
wind, and the tide.
Who marked each element's border;
Who formed this frame with benefi-
cent aim,
Whose sovereign statue is order -
Within this dear mansion,
May wayward Contention
Or withered Envy ne'er enter;
May secrecy round be the mystical
bound,
And brotherly Love be the centre!

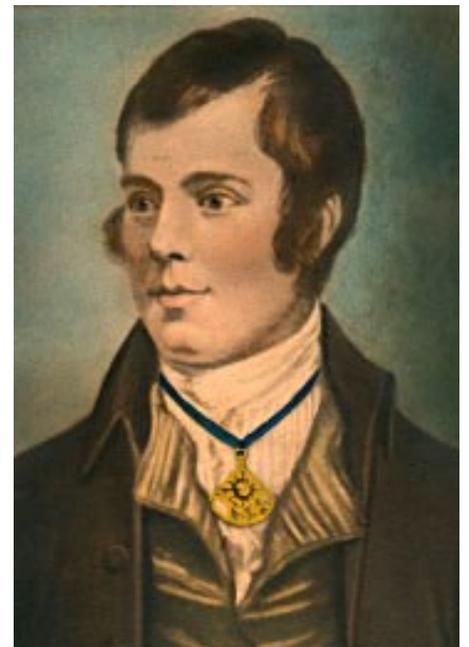
THE MASTER'S APRON

Ther's mony a badge that's unco
braw;
Wi' ribbon, lace and tape on;
Let kings an' princes wear them a'
Gie me the Master's apron!

The honest craftsman's apron,
The jolly Freemason's apron,
Be he at hame, or roam afar,
Before his touch fa's bolt and bar,
The gates of fortune fly ajar,
'Gin he but wears the apron!

For wealth and honor, pride and
power
Are crumbling stanes to base on;
Fraternity suld rule the hour,
And ilka worthy Mason!
Each Free Accepted Mason,
Each Ancient Crafted Mason.

Then, brithers, let a halesome sang
Arise your friendly ranks along!
Guidwives and bairnies blithely sing
To the ancient badge wi' the apron
string
That is wom by the Master Mason!





THE · GEORGE · WASHINGTON MASONIC · NATIONAL · MEMORIAL

Dear Friend of the Memorial,

We are thrilled to invite you to the 2025 George Washington Birthday Fundraising Gala & Silent Auction, an elegant evening celebrating George Washington's enduring legacy while supporting the preservation and mission of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301

Attire: White Tie for Gentlemen and Cocktail Dress for Ladies

Ticket Information:

\$250 per person

\$2,500 per table (seats ten)

Reservation deadline: **Friday, January 31, 2025**

To purchase your Gala ticket online, <https://gwmemorial.org/blogs/news/2025-gala>

To register for the 75th Anniversary Rededication of George Washington Statue,

<https://gwmemorial.org/blogs/news/2025-gala>

Events Schedule for the Weekend:

Friday, February 21, 2025

6:00 PM: George Washington Memorial Society Reception (Members Only)
Memorial Hall

Not a member of the George Washington Memorial Society? To join the Society, <https://gwmemorial.org/>

Saturday, February 22, 2025

10:00 AM DeMolay Initiatory and DeMolay Degree Class (Registration required, Masonic affiliation required to attend)

North Lodge Room

11:30 PM DeMolay Luncheon (Registration required)

Alexandria Scottish Rite

2:00 PM 75th Anniversary Rededication of George Washington Statue by the Memorial and DeMolay International (Speaker Brother Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of MW Brother Harry Truman)

Memorial Theater/Memorial Hall

5:00 PM Reception & Silent Auction (Registration Required)

Memorial Hall

6:00 PM Gala Banquet (Registration Required)

Grand Masonic Hall

8:00 PM Entertainment

Memorial Theater

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Washington's Birthday with people from around the country at the beautiful and historic George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Robert Burns Night

January 20th, 6:00 PM
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.**

**HAGGIS PREPARATION –
R.W. GREG HOSAFLOOK
ODE TO THE HAGGIS
–R.W. BILL BOND**

**MENU
HAGGIS PIE
ROTISSERIE CHICKEN
SCALLOPED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
BREAD
DESSERT**

**Please RSVP by January 17th to
R.W. Mike Griffin (Secretary)
MGriffin@TGBLAW.com**



DECEMBER PRESENTATIONS



Wor. D. Woody, Day Lodge No. 58 and Wor. D. Levine, Parahaki Lodge No. 260, NZ were received in the East and saluted accordingly.



RW P. Nelson, Jr. was presented with a Grand Lodge Certificate of Appreciation.



The Worshipful Master recognized Bro. C. Lim, Jr. with his December Masonic Birthday.



Bro. C. Hasse presented a "Cannon" from his lodge in Munich, Germany.



RW J. Pattison was presented with a gift and Past Master's Certificate.



Christmas Poinsettias Table that were ready for pickup.

Elected Officers for 2025

Worshipful Master: R.W. Gregory Dean Hosaflook
 Senior Warden: Wor. Christopher Nicholas Bragg
 Junior Warden: Bro. Randall Lee Arnold
 Treasurer: R.W. James Friend Dickerson
 Secretary: R.W. Mike Daniel Griffin
 Chaplain: R.W. R.W. Jason Andrew Pattison

Senior Deacon: Wor. Harry Lee Walker, Jr.
 Junior Deacon: Bro. Corin Trenton Fox
 Senior Steward: Bro. David Francis Riddick
 Junior Steward: Bro. Albert Agustin Pola
 Marshall: Bro. Jacobi Keith Leathers
 Tyler: Bro. William Chester Olewnik, Jr.

WSL60 2025

OFFICER INSTALLATION



On December 16th, 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 R.W. Russel Snodgrass, the Installing Secretary was R.W. William Reinhold and Wor. B. Levine as the Assistant Installing Marshal.

RW Gregory D. Hosaflook was elected and installed as WSL60 Worshipful Master. The following are the remaining elected officers:

Senior Warden—Christopher Nicholas Bragg
Treasurer—James Friend Dickerson
Senior Deacon—Harry Lee Walker, Jr.

Junior Warden—Randall Lee Arnold
Secretary—Mike Daniel Griffin
Junior Deacon—Corin Trenton Fox

The Worshipful Master made the following appointments:

Chaplain—Jason Andrew Pattison
Senior Steward—David Francis Riddick

Marshall—Jacobi Keith Leathers
Junior Steward—Alberto Agustin Pola

Tiler—William Chester Olewnik, Jr.

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Hiram's Journal

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

Einstein's 7 Rules for a Better Life

<https://bigthink.com/starts-with-a-bang/einstein-rules-better-life/?ref=refind>

How to Form Habits in Real Life

<https://www.scotthyong.com/blog/2024/10/15/orm-habits-in-real-life/?ref=refind>

