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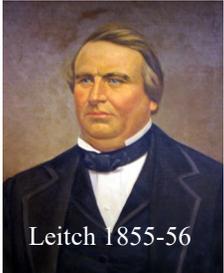
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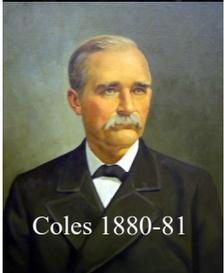
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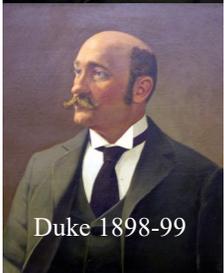
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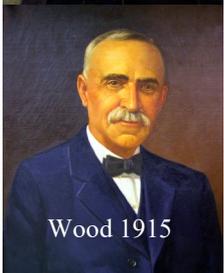
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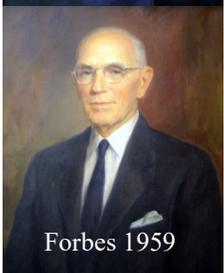
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

My Brethern,

On one hand I can say that I am not sorry to see January come to an end. Weatherwise it has been typical for this time of year. Snow, ice, and very cold temperatures are common for most of the month with a warmer weather "January thaw" toward the end. On the other hand I will miss the wonderful camaraderie we shared during our Robert Burns Night celebration. Bagpipes, drums and steaming haggis marched through the dining hall previous to RW Bill Bond's colorful and dramatic 'ode to the haggis', and all this before enjoying a great meal. Many thanks to all who made this event possible.

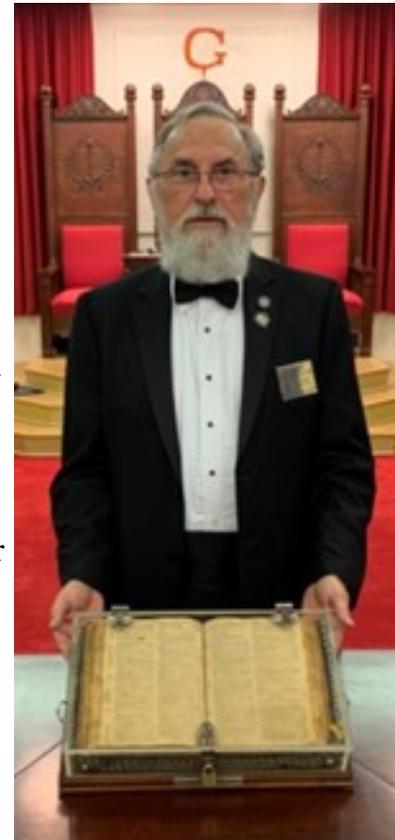
A new feature was inaugurated at our January Stated Communication. It is called the "Masonic Minute" and provides a short informative tidbit on various Masonic topics. Our Lodge Education Officer, Bro. David Riddick, is spearheading this program.

Right Worshipful Jordan Christopher Marshall, District Deputy Grand Master for the Tenth Masonic District, is making his Official Visit at our next Stated Communication on February 17, 2025. RW Marshall is a member of Waddell Lodge No. 228 and Independent Orange Lodge No. 138. Your attendance is requested to support our District Officers and DDGM, and to learn about the programs of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Gary Dwight Huffman. A homemade Brunswick Stew dinner will precede the meeting and is provided by Mineral Lodge No. 311.

Widow's Sons' Lodge now has a candidate elected to receive the Degrees in Freemasonry and two candidates ready for the Master Mason's Degree. Time and date notification to be announced upon scheduling.

I look forward to seeing you in February and as always, I remain

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>
Samuel D. Caughron	02/24/1992
Michael Allan Haas	02/12/1979
George G. Hocker	02/03/1999
Lewis A. Martin, III	02/21/1979
William F. Reinhold	02/23/1973(51 Yrs)
Edgar S. Robb	02/08/1966(58 Yrs)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Feb. 4th, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL60 and FC Catechism Examinations

Feb. 17th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting, Meal at 6:00 PM (DDGM Official Visit)

Feb. 21th, 12:00 PM – Monthly Men's Lunch at El Puerto Mexican Grill, Barracks Rd.

Feb. 25th, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 Meeting in Red Room, Meal between meetings.

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

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/>

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MEN AND MASONS

Baloney Detection Kit: How to Think Skeptically and Bust Bullst**

<https://themindcollection.com/baloney-detection-kit/?ref=refind>

5 Ways Fathers Hugely Influence Their Daughters

<https://www.artofmanliness.com/people/fatherhood/5-ways-fathers-hugely-influence-on-their-daughters/?ref=refind>

HOW TO LEAD WITH MASONIC VALUES: BROTHERLY LOVE

BY: ANONYMOUS



I was thinking one day that during my years of service in Masonic organizations I have observed first hand and also heard about some behavior by leaders that made me think at the time that they had forgotten some things they were taught in the Masonic degrees. I have always believed that an essential part of leadership is a correct attitude and what better attitude to assume as a leader than that of one resulting from practicing the three great tenets of Masonry; Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

This thought took me back to the EA degree and how we can use its teachings about the three great tenets of Masonry in conjunction with Dr. John Maxwell's 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership to improve our Masonic leadership behavior.

Let's first look at Brotherly love. We find in the EA degree that we first are taught as Masons "to regard the whole human species as one family"... we are then taught "to aid, support, and protect each other." This part of the ritual then goes on to say; "It is on this principle that Freemasonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

A Masonic education course I recently found describes Brotherly Love this way:

"It means that we place on another man the highest possible valuation as a friend, a companion, an associate, a neighbor, a fellow. Merely to be with him, merely to spend hours in his company, to have the privilege of working at his side, is all we ask. We do not ask that from our relationship we make money, or further our business interests, or achieve some other form of selfish gain. Freemasonry takes brotherly love for granted, provides opportunities for us to have fellowship, and encourages us to understand and to practice it, and to make it one of the laws of our existence."



HOW TO LEAD WITH MASONIC VALUES: BROTHERLY LOVE

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So how does Brotherly Love relate to leadership?

As you read and begin to understand more fully John Maxwell's approach to leadership, you will find it is built around relationships. He says your best chance for leadership depends upon connecting with those on your team.

He tells us we should look for the following five characteristics in our relationships:

Trust – Maxwell says when you respect people and you spend enough time with them to develop shared experiences, you are in a position to develop trust. However, as Masons, we were taught to trust one another without question. As you recall your condition when you first entered a lodge of EAs, you will also remember that you were told that since you were in no condition to foresee or avoid danger that you were in the hands of a true and trusty friend, in whose fidelity you might safely confide. Masonry is trust and trust is Masonry; When you lead with trust, you lead with Masonry.

Respect – you should show it to others even before they have done anything to warrant it simply because they are human beings. Our ritual says it this way: “to regard the whole human species as one family,” So as Masonic leaders leading other Masons, we should lead with respect because following Masonic values, those we lead are the same as we are.

Shared experiences – Maxwell says that you can't rely on respect alone to develop strong relationships; you must have shared experiences over time. The Masonic education course I talked about said that Brotherly Love allows us to spend time with our fellow Masons, gives us the privilege to work by their side, and grants us opportunities in a position to develop trust.

Reciprocity – team relationships only survive when there is give and take so that everyone benefits as well as gives. As Masons, we are taught to “be ready to give as well as receive good counsel from a brother.” As a leader, we must remember that our positional title does not excuse us from this basic element of Masonry. So when Dr. Maxwell speaks of reciprocity as an element of good relationships, we should already understand this.

Mutual enjoyment– When relationships grow, the people involved begin to enjoy one another's company. The Masonic concept of Brotherly love contemplates mutual enjoyment. So to lead with Masonic values, we should lead in a way to establish and maintain mutual enjoyment.

So, Leading with Masonic values first starts with refreshing our minds and assuming an attitude of Brotherly Love, one of our basic Masonic tenets. I'm sure after thinking through what you have just read, you can recall some difficult times as a leader that would not have been so difficult and problems much more quickly resolved if everyone had approached it with the attitude of Brotherly Love.

I know I can recall some leadership situations that would have been much better had I remembered to Lead with Brotherly Love.

Reprinted from Masons Lead Better website: <https://masonsleadbetter.com/how-to-lead-with-masonic-values-brotherly-love/>

MASON OF THE MONTH

R.W. GERALD WILLIAM "BUD" HOGAN



Gerald William "Bud" Hogan was born on September 21, 1944, in Roanoke, Virginia. He and his wife, Billie, live in Zion Crossroads. They have two grown children, Martha and Geoffrey.

As a youth, Bud was a Demolay and a Life Boy Scout. He completed his grade 1-12 education in Roanoke and received an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Roanoke Technical Institute. Bud served in the United States Marine Corps for six years and was honorably discharged in December 1973 having earned the rank of Sergeant. He also was a member of the Albemarle-Charlottesville rescue squad for six years. His primary working career was with Virginia Power in Fishersville, from which he retired in 2003 as a Sub-station Supervisor. Several years after retiring Billie and Bud moved to The Villages, Florida, and returned to Virginia in 2017.

Brother Hogan has a most distinguished Masonic career. He was made a Master Mason in Charlottesville Lodge No. 55 on January 29, 1970, where he was Worshipful Master in 1976. He affiliated with Widow's Sons Lodge No. 60 on January 15, 1979, and was Worshipful Master in 1994. Three years later he was the District Deputy Grand Master for the 18th Masonic District. Bud is a Gold Card holder and served several times on the Grand Lodge Committee on Work. Additional York Rite activities include membership in Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58 (High Priest and DDGHP), Charlottesville Commandery No. (Commander), Monticello Council No. 91 AMD (Sovereign Master), and honorary recognition of Knight of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH). He is also a member of the James Monroe Chapter No. 549 National Sojourners and the Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes of 76. In addition to all these Masonic laurels, RW Hogan is very active in a number of Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and was Past Grand Patron of the OES of Virginia 1994-1995.

Q: "What was your favorite part of being on the Committee on Work?"

A: "I have always loved teaching Masonic ritual to my Brother Masons."

JANUARY PRESENTATIONS



RW W. Bond delivered a program entitled Self Reflection of a Freemason.



Brethren showing their Robert Burns Spirit in Lodge on Burns Night.



A republishing of The Uncommon Suffering of Thomas Brown with artwork by Bro. Brandon Quintin was presented to the lodge by RW J. Dickerson.



A new addition to the monthly Stated Meetings will now include a "Masonic Minute." This month's Masonic Minute (Notes on Burns) was delivered by Bro. D. Riddick.

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 ROBERT BURNS NIGHT



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WSL60 2025 DUES

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**KEEP
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Brethren, it is that time of year again for us. The Lodge Secretary has mailed out the 2025 dues notices to all the members. Below is a link that allows members to pay online through the Grand View Website. If you do not have a profile created, contact the Lodge Secretary for more information.

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