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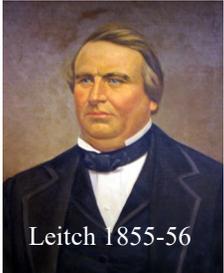
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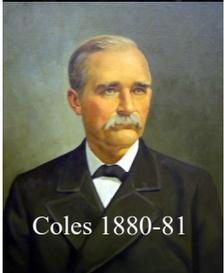
Stated Communications March 17th, 2025

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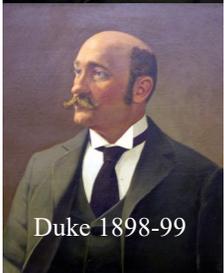
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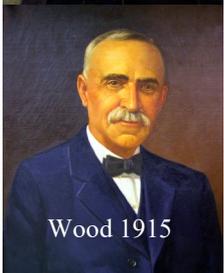
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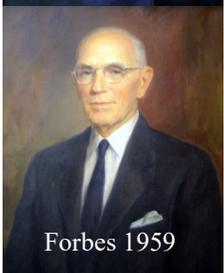
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

My Brethern,

Since our last Stated Communication, the officers and Brethern have been busy planning and practicing for an Entered Apprentice Degree (March 3) and a Master Mason Degree (February 26). By the time this edition of Hiram's Journal reaches you, Brother Michael Thomas Dean will have become the newest Master Mason of Widow's Sons' Lodge. I don't know whether Mike or myself is more proud of his being raised a Master Mason. It has been a true joy for me to get to know Mike and to teach him the degree catechisms. Be sure to extend to him your hand of friendship at our next meeting.

Quite a few Masonic activities are planned for the month of March. On Saturday, March 8, a fraternal visit is scheduled for Richmond-Randolph Lodge No. 19. Our lodge is giving the meeting program on the instruments and practice of Nineteenth Century land surveying. R-R No. 19 provides a great breakfast at 8.00 AM. We would love to have you join us. The Grand Lodge Division Leadership Conference for our area is on Saturday, March 15, at Waynesboro High School. This is a great venue to learn about Grand Lodge activities, its officers, and other things of importance to our Fraternity. The Richard E. Loving Area Ritual School is on Saturday, March 22, at Fairfax Lodge No. 43 in Culpeper. This is your opportunity to hone ritual skills by participating in or observing emulations of the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees.

The next Stated Communication of Widow's Sons' Lodge is on Monday, March 17. Right Worshipful Thomas Morton Woolfolk, Assistant Grand Lecturer, is our program speaker for the evening. A baked spaghetti dinner with garlic bread, tossed salad, and dessert is provided at 6:00 PM prior to the meeting. A brother's wife recently asked him what we do at our meetings. He replied with a smile, "We eat well".

If you have not been to Lodge in a while, I cordially invite you to break bread with your fellow Brothers, enjoy our program speakers, and receive our new Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 lapel pin.



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>
William F. Baskerville	03/04/1985
Richard L. Bradley	03/25/1986
William J. Douglas	03/24/1976
Mark J. Hall	03/22/1999
J. Stevens Hall	03/25/1966 (59 Yrs)
Kerry L. Harlow	03/23/1987
John L. James	03/09/1965 (60 Yrs)
Christopher R. Kintner	03/30/2009
Alberto A. Pola	03/17/2010
Michael T. Rose	03/26/1997
Bland M. Wade	03/14/1960 (65 Yrs)
F. E. Wellman	03/10/2004



UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Mar. 3rd, 6:30 PM— EA Degree

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

Mar. 7th, 5:30 PM—Opening Reception of Bro. Mark Chapman Art Display, McGuffey Art Center 201 2nd St. NW, Charlottesville

Mar. 8th, 8:00 AM—Fraternal Visit to Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19

Mar. 15th, 8:30 AM—DLC at Waynesboro High School, 1200 West Main Street, Waynesboro

Mar. 17th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting, Meal at 6:00 PM

Mar. 22nd, 8:30 AM – RE Loving Ritual School, Fairfax Lodge in Culpeper

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

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

Mar. 28th, 12:00 PM—Monthly Men's Luncheon at El Puerto Mexican Grill, Barracks Road

Apr. 4th, 6:00 PM—Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 7 and 10, Stanardsville Volunteer Fire Department

PRACTICAL TIPS TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES AS MEN AND MASONS

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The Twelve Foundations for a Good Life

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THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT IN FREEMASONRY

BY: ANONYMOUS

The centre of the Masonic Lodge, and sometimes the entire floor, is covered with a checkerboard-shaped paving known as the Mosaic Pavement. It is made up of alternating black and white squares and is generally surrounded by the three pillars or small columns supporting the Lights. In most continental Masonic Rites, the Mosaic Pavement is considered to be the most sacred place in the temple, on which the Tracing Board is rolled out ; the Mosaic Pavement may not be walked on, at most it may be stepped over during the reception ceremony for the third degree. In Anglo-Saxon Rites, and also in the Rite of Memphis-Misraïm, the Altar is placed in the middle of the Mosaic Pavement, and the Worshipful Master and the recipient necessarily walk on it. Where does the Masonic symbol of the Mosaic Pavement come from? What does the name "Mosaic Pavement" mean ? What is its symbolic significance and how many squares should it comprise ? That is what we will attempt to discover.

The origin of the Mosaic Pavement and its name

Known also as the "Square Pavement" in English, the Mosaic Pavement features in ancient Scottish and English Masonic catechisms. The earliest mention can be found in the manuscripts "Edinburgh Register House" (1696) and "Chetwode Crawley" (1700), which describe the uses of the Mason's Word Masonry in use in Scotland in the seventeenth century. It subsequently appeared in several English, Scottish and Irish manuscripts or disclosures ("Dumfries No. 4", circa 1710; "Trinity College, Dublin", 1711; "A Mason's Confession", circa 1727; "Wilkinson", 1727; "Masonry Dissected", 1730).



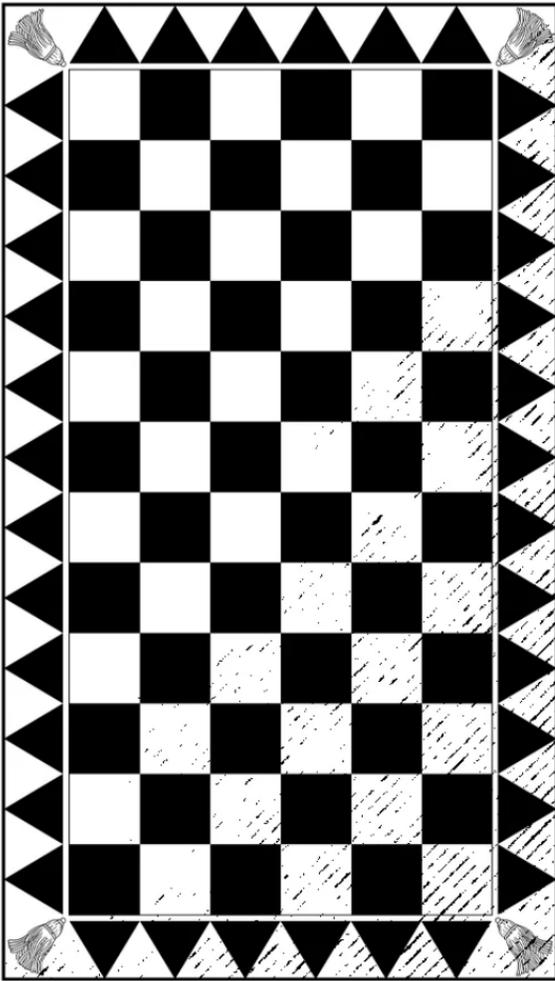
These documents do not describe what the Mosaic Pavement is or what it is used for, except for two of them which provide us with the key to this symbol : "A Mason's Confession" and the "Wilkinson" Manuscript. According to these two documents (the first Scottish, the second English), the Mosaic Pavement was used by the Master to draw his plans. We have already pointed out in our previous article on the Tracing Boards that the plans were originally drawn on the ground, on the floor of the room where the Masons worked. The statements in "A Mason's Confession" and "Wilkinson" therefore only clarify this usage : if the Mosaic Pavement is gridded, it is because the layout could thus be easily transposed to a larger scale, using a larger grid. The Mosaic Pavement was therefore originally an operative tool and not a symbolic or decorative pattern.

But why the name "Mosaic Pavement" ? First of all, it is worth noting that the name is relatively recent, since ancient documents only refer to "Square Pavement". The name "Mosaick [sic] Pavement" does not appear until 1727 in the "Wilkinson", which is followed by the "Masonry Dissected" of 1730. As these two documents clearly originate from the tradition of the Grand Lodge of 1717 (or more probably 1721), we can conclude that this term comes from the tradition of the "Moderns".

But what does it mean ? Is "mosaic" taken here in the sense of something relating to the Law of Moses ? More likely does it come from the medieval Latin "mosaicus", a transformation of the classical Latin "musivus", itself derived from the Greek "mouseios", relating to the Muses, i.e. the "deities" who govern the various Arts. It is hardly surprising that this term was adopted by modern Freemasonry, which was born at a time when the intellectual elite were steeped in Greco-Roman antiquity.

THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT IN FREEMASONRY~ CONTINUED

The significance of the Mosaic Pavement



In modern Freemasonry, the Mosaic Pavement has lost its meaning as an operative tool and has retained only a symbolic significance. At a date that we have not been able to determine precisely, it took the form of a checkerboard, with alternating black and white squares. It thus became an image of the created world, marked by duality. The symbol of the Mosaic Pavement thus echoes the other symbols of duality in the Lodge (the two Columns, the Sun and the Moon, the South and the North), with the difference that it contains within itself the two poles, inextricably linked. All the complexity of reality is expressed in it : light and darkness, life and death, good and evil, progression and regression...

This interpenetration of black and white is not unlike the Chinese symbol of Yin and Yang, which is also intended to reflect the reality of the world in terms of duality. But the Chinese model is entirely rounded, depicting the alternation of black and white as an incessant movement, similar to that of water or wind, in which balance must constantly be sought through movement.

Mosaic Pavement is more radical in its representation of duality. The squares are clearly delineated and seem more resistant to movement. It's up to the observer to make a choice, to chart his or her own course and sublimate duality through the Ternary principle.

If the Mosaic Pavement does indeed represent the world in its permanent duality, we might well ask why it is virtually forbidden to walk on it in continental Freemasonry ? Isn't there some kind of inconsistency ? We live in this world in which we are submitted to duality : so why, within the Lodge, should we consider the representation of the world to be sacred in its own right ? The work of the Free-

mason is to sacralise the world of duality by discovering the third term, and to do this, he needs to penetrate this world, including through ritual.

How many squares should the Mosaic Pavement comprise?

The number of squares on the Mosaic Pavement obviously carries symbolic meaning, and different options can be considered. Many Lodges share the same temples, which are often permanently furnished. In some cases, therefore, it's difficult to choose which Mosaic Pavement to use. But if the Mosaic Pavement is represented on the Lodge Tracing Boards, which is often the case, then Lodges are free to opt for the shape that most makes sense to them.

What are the different options ? We know of three, all of which have a relevant meaning. They are not mutually exclusive and all three can even be used by the same Lodge, as you will see.

The first option is the simplest symbolically : $8 \times 8 = 64$ squares. 64 is the cube of 4, which is the number of the created world, characterised by the Four Elements, the Four Cardinal Directions, the Four Seasons and so on. Being the cube of 4, 64 therefore refers to the world in three dimensions, the material world we know and live in. The 64-square Mosaic Pavement is therefore purely descriptive : it symbolises the world as we perceive it, without interpreting it. The Entered Apprentice becomes aware of himself and the world in its duality, but does not yet possess the geometric knowledge that would enable him to understand the world and act in it.

THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT IN FREEMASONRY~ CONTINUED

The next two options require some geometric knowledge.

The Mosaic Pavement built according to the Golden Ratio : $5 \times 8 = 40$ squares. As the Golden Ratio is a proportion, other models can be proposed, which keep the same proportion and can be found in the Fibonacci sequence (0-1-1-2-3-5-8-13-21-34-33-55-89...) : we can therefore envisage a 3×5 , 8×13 , 13×21 Pavement. The advantage of the 5×8 Pavement is that it produces 40 squares. 40 is an important number in the Judeo-Christian tradition : it is the number of expectation, but also of the time needed for spiritual experience (the 40 years spent by Israel in the desert, the 40 days of the temptation of Jesus). Based on the Golden Ratio, which the Fellowcraft discovers in the Blazing Star, the 5×8 Mosaic Pavement would be an appropriate element for the second degree Tracing Board.

Finally, the Mosaic Pavement based on the Pythagorean Theorem : $9 \times 12 = 108$ squares. Here again, we can envisage other models that retain the 3-4-5 ratio of the Pythagorean right-angled triangle : 3×4 , 6×8 , 12×16 . But in our opinion, the most interesting is $9 \times 12 = 108$, because these three numbers are highly significant. The 9, the square of 3, often appears in Freemasonry from the degree of Master Mason onwards. In particular, it is the number of the battery of the degree and the number of Masters who sought out Hiram's corpse. 12 is a major number in the Judeo-Christian tradition, symbolising fullness and fulfilment (the 12 Tribes of Israel, the 12 Apostles). Finally, the symbolism of the number 108 is more Indian in origin. It symbolises fulfilment, liberation and the end of the initiatory path. The main Hindu gods, as well as the Buddha, have 108 names, there are 108 Upanishads, 108 Asanas (postures) in yoga, 108 beads in the Buddhist rosary, 108 passions in Buddhism... From the Buddhist point of view, the 108 symbolises the attainment of samādhi (recollection, i.e. the highest level of consciousness in meditation), after having eliminated the 108 passions. The Mosaic Pavement $9 \times 12 = 108$ could be shown on the third degree Tracing Board, as the Master Mason passes through a symbolic death to overcome the passions symbolised by the three evil Fellowcrafts.

Freemasonry offers a way of understanding the world and mankind based on numbers and geometry, and we should avoid using Mosaic Pavements with a random number of squares, devoid of any meaning, as can unfortunately be seen in some Lodges. The three options we propose each offer an interpretation that opens up new horizons of understanding. There are undoubtedly other options that are just as interesting, and we would be delighted to discover them. But in any case, the search for sense has to remain central to the Masonic method, including the layout of the Lodge, because in Freemasonry, everything is a symbol.

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FEBRUARY PRESENTATIONS



Reception of Admin Assistant to the Grand Master.



Reception of Visiting WM



Two Fine looking Masons attending lodge.



WM recognizing Bro. Reinhold on his Masonic Birthday



Reception of MW Hodges

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.



District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit to WSL60

Following prescribed protocol, RW Jordan Christopher Marshall, DDGM for the 10th Masonic District, on his official visit to WS60, was received in the East where he was introduced and saluted accordingly. The DDGM reserved his remarks after lodge business was conducted.

Top Left: DDGM made his official remarks.

Top Center: Two Hampton Sidney Friends. This month's Masonic Minute on *Brotherly Love In Masonry* was delivered by Bro. D. Riddick.

Top Right: WM Greets DDGM

Right: DDGM is received in the Lodge in due form.



February's Men's Luncheon at El Puerto Mexican Gril on Barracks Road. Come to the next one on March 28th and bring a friend.

RETIREMENT OF U.S. ENSIGNS



Brethren - The US Flag code allows for two methods of retirement of United States Ensigns; burial or conflagration. The Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes of 76 under the James Monroe Chapter, National Sojourners, No. 549 will conduct a Flag Retirement Program on Saturday, June 14, 2025, Flag Day. We will stage this at 1800 hours at King Solomon Lodge, Corzet, Virginia. We request that you participate in two ways: 1) collect all worn damage flags from any organization or person that needs retiring and 2) join in with our Chapter for the program, a picnic meal and ice cream social. Each time we have offered this respectful program, we have collected a large number of flags. We will conflagrate the flags off premises not at the Lodge. If we receive the name and address associated with each flag, a letter will be sent authenticating the date of conflagration.



Respectfully,
Jeffery E Hodges, President
James Monroe Chapter, No. 549
Goldie W Tomlin, Commander
Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes if 76

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT



The Grand Master's Official Visit to District 7 & 10 will be held on Friday, April 4th at the Stanardsville Volunteer Fire Department located at 275 Delt Road, Stanardsville, VA starting at 6:00pm. Dress is business casual, and a BBQ dinner catered by the BBQ Exchange will be served. Tickets are \$30 per dinner, and can be purchased from the Secretary. Please make checks out to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60. Please don't delay, tickets are moving fast.

BRO. MARK CHAPMAN'S ART DISPLAY

The McGuffey Art Center Presents Mark Stephen Chapman: An invitation for you to join Mark's Premier Exhibition: "Lessons in Art", from Friday, March 7th – Saturday, March 30th. Opening Reception is scheduled for Friday, March 7th, at 5:30. Admission is free. Mark has created 14 works of art using multiple mediums.



MASON OF THE MONTH

R.W. CARLOS EDUARDO BOYESON MCREDDIE



Carlos Eduardo Boyeson McReddie was born on October 20, 1937, in River Plate, the territory now known as Argentina. His father was the son of a Scottish mechanical engineer from British India and a French Basque widow. His mother was Spanish born from Andalusian parents. His ancestors on both sides of his family immigrated to the River Plate with the promise of a new life and future for their descendants.

Carlos grew up within the confines and consequences of the Second World War. The difficult times during the war created strong united family ties which last to the present time. He received a 'strong education' in boarding schools, with the final six years in a military academy. After his education Carlos describes his life journey: "Argentina has been a convulsive place, a least since I have conscience, married, had kids, travelled and ended in Charlottesville, thirty six years ago, which for me has been Wonderland, and still is. For 25 years I have been on sales of medical books and medical supplies in a couple of local and wonderful bookstores."

Carlos joined the Sol de Mayo Lodge No. 8 of the Grand Lodge of Argentina A F. & A M., which was organized in 1838. His mother lodge worked under the framework of the "Old Scottish Rite" which required new members to spend one year as an Entered Apprentice and one year as a Fellowcraft before being advanced to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, which he received in 1984. He joined Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 in 1989 and Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58 in 1993. He is also a member of Orange RAC No. 47 and Arvonía RAC No. 64. Carlos has served as High Priest nine times and as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the 18th Capitular District. In addition, he is a member of Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 and Monticello Council No. 91, AMD.

He is a gourmet cook and enjoys fine wines and whisky. Travelling to foreign countries occupies much of his time. His hobby is collecting original works of art which are proudly displayed on all the walls of his home.

Q: "What do you like most about Royal Arch Masonry?"

A: "Without a doubt it is the friendship, camaraderie and support among us."

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Hiram's Journal

WSL60 2025 DUES

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Brethren, it's 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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