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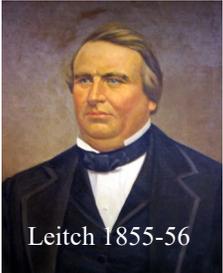
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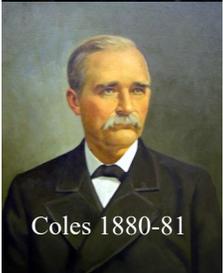
Stated Communications April 21st, 2025

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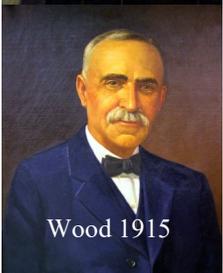
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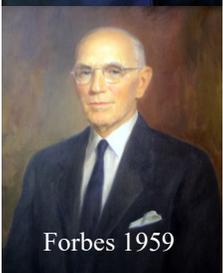
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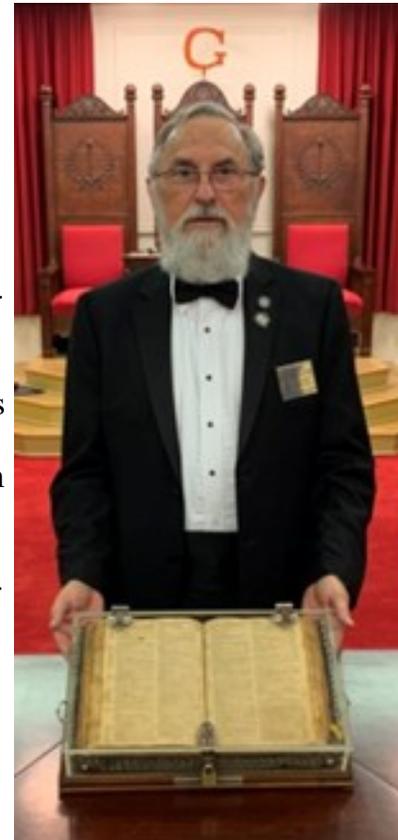
My Brethren,

Since I have become a Master Mason, there have been a number of instances where someone has noticed my Masonic ring and said to me "I see that you are a traveling man." This statement is usually meant to open a dialogue between two Brothers on their Masonic connections and affiliations. It also relates to the ritual duties of the Senior Warden, and that all good Masons are enabled to travel to other Lodges and Masonic events to share the brotherhood of our fraternity. Well, the officers and Brethren of Widow's Sons' Lodge have been true 'traveling men' in March. For three consecutive Saturdays they have made a Fraternal Visit to Richmond-Randolph Lodge No. 19, attended the Division Leadership Conference in Waynesboro, and participated in the annual Reid J. Simmons Area Ritual School at Fairfax Lodge No. 43 in Culpeper. My sincere thanks and a "tip o' the hat" are extended to these traveling men.

The next Stated Communication of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 is on Monday, April 21. Beginning at 6:00 PM dinner will be served. Southern fried chicken, baked beans, mac-n-cheese, and more are on the menu. Worshipful Jimmy Creech, PM and member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work, will deliver a history laden program on the flags of the Confederacy during the War Between the States.

I cordially invite all to attend our next Stated Communication and enjoy the wonderful fellowship among the Brethren. Many subtle changes in the appearance of the Lodge entrance and hallways are in the planning and implementation progress. I trust you will welcome the improvements. The Lodge is planning a visit to Linn Banks Lodge No. 126, Madison, Virginia, on Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 PM. I am in hopes that you will join us as a "traveling man".

As always I remain,
Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Greg D. Hosaflook
2025 Worshipful Master





**Happy
Birthday!**

**Masonic Birthdays!
Call a Brother and wish
him a Happy Masonic
Birthday.**

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
Daniel A. Albert	04/26/1965 (60 Yrs)
Frank W. Bauer	04/17/1985
M. Wayne Bilby	04/01/1991
Nickolas J. Digiorgio	04/10/2019
Timothy J. Edwards	04/24/1976
Joseph S. Gorak	04/04/2022
Samuel L. Griffin	04/29/2023
James M. Landreth	04/05/1976
Peter-John Leone	04/25/2012
Monte S. Parsons	04/02/1992
Ronald G. Ridge	04/26/1965 (60 Yrs)
A. Frederick Seaman, Jr.	04/13/1971 (54 Yrs)
Matthew C. Stimart	04/06/2009



UPCOMING EVENTS



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

Apr. 2nd, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL60

Apr. 4th, 6:00 PM—Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 7 and 10. Attire: Men - Slacks and Masonic Polo Shirt. Ladies - Business Casual

Apr. 17th, 7:30 PM - Fraternal visit to Linn Banks Lodge No. 126 in Madison.

Apr. 20th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting, Meal at 6:00 PM

Apr. 22nd, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 Meeting in Red Room, Meal between meetings.

Apr. 22nd, 7:00 PM—Keystone Chapter No. 59 Meeting in Red Room

Apr. 25th, 12:00 PM—Monthly Men's Luncheon at Birdwood Golf Course Grill

Apr. 26th, 8:30 AM—District 10 Bring-a-Friend to Breakfast, Day Lodge No. 58

Apr. 26th, 4:00 PM—Cabell Lodge Fish Fry Fundraiser

May 5th, 6:30 PM—Widow's Aid Fund Annual Meeting at WSL60

Jun 24th, 6:00 PM—St. John's Table Lodge at WSL60 (Reservations now available, contact Mike Griffin, mgriffin@tgblaw.com, or 434-981-5428)

PRACTICAL TIPS TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES AS MEN AND MASONS

Why You Forget What You Read (And How to Fix It)

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Tips to Maintain Your Focus, Concentration, and Discipline

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EASTER AND FREEMASONRY

BY: DR. WATSON BOYES, M.S. 33°

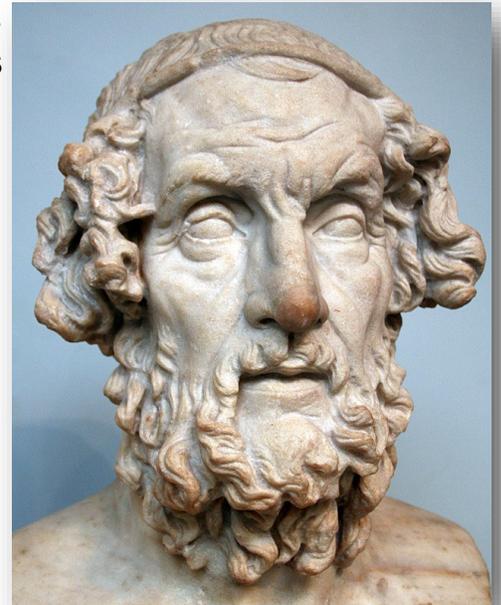
The Advent of springtime has been the cause of great rejoicing among men and women throughout all ages. With the rebirth of nature in all its loveliness there has been a corresponding response in the hearts of man, the blossoming of his spirit resulting in a veritable resurrection in his soul. Springtime becomes a yearly ritual of hope and joy.

Throughout the course of the years and centuries men have believed, to a greater or less extent, that this life was not the end of everything, but that somehow and somewhere part of him lived on. Homer, the great Greek poet of three thousand years ago once said, "Tis true, 'tis certain, man though dead retains part of himself; the immortal mind remains."

We look back into ancient Egypt and see man striving for immortality by building pyramids and tombs, while yet they lived. The preservation of the body after death meant to the Egyptians, the continuance of his soul in the Egyptian after life or heaven, which was a counterpart of his earthly Egypt. Man lived on as his soul traversed the celestial Egypt and sailed on the celestial Nile.

The Christian Church has given a deep religious meaning to this universal fact through the medium of the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. That Jesus rose from the dead can be accounted for in the lives of his disciples as they spread over the then known world and proclaimed the glad tidings of deliverance to weary men and women in His name.

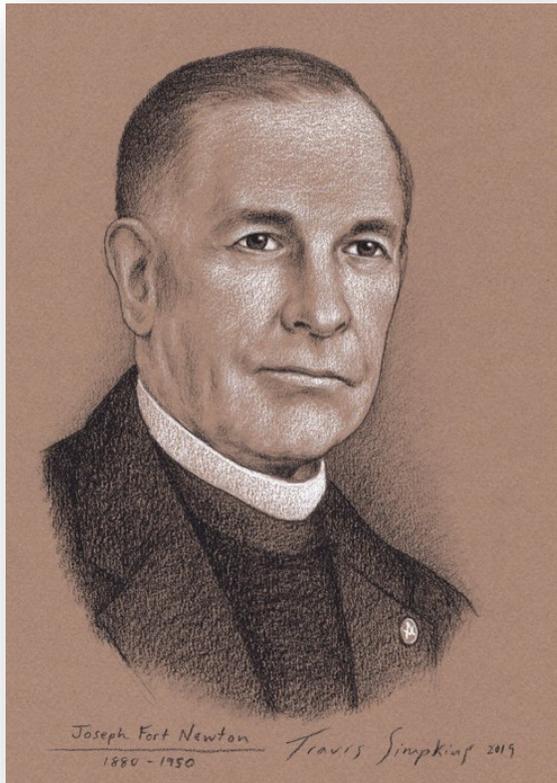
Two modern fishermen awaiting dawn as they sat in their boat to begin fishing, were discussing the vital matter of the resurrection. One said, "How do you know that Christ rose from the dead. Two thousand years have now gone by. What is your reason for believing?" Answered the other, "We cannot as yet see the sun because it is below the horizon. But look at the reflection of its rays in the windows of the houses on the cliff top. So I believe that Christ rose from the dead because I see Him reflected in the hearts and lives of my fellows."



EASTER AND FREEMASONRY~ CONTINUED

The great message of Easter is that men are immortal here and now. They rise in the life of Christ from the tomb of sin and selfishness. Man rises when he sets himself the task of serving others. This service is based upon a faith in the Grand Architect of the Universe, which faith rises to fruition in the service of man. Faith in God and faith in man must ultimately bring about a resurrection of hope and courage in the hearts of men.

The Christian Church throughout the ages has ever emphasized this great fact of immortality in life. The Easter ceremonies are part of this emphasis. Freemasonry through its philosophy and teachings has always reinforced the teachings of the Church. The legend of Hiram, though symbolic, is a legend of the victory of man over himself and death. At the same time it is a victory over stupidity and evil in the world.



The late Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, a distinguished Freemason and an eminent preacher, once wrote: “Jesus was put to death between two thieves outside the city gate. The Master Builder was stricken down in the hour of his glory, his prayer choked in his own blood. Lincoln was shot on Good Friday just as the temple of Unity and Liberty was about to be dedicated. Each was a victim of sinister, cunning, brutal, evil force—here is the tragedy in every age and land, as appalling as it is universal, and no man can fathom its mystery.”

Thank God, this is not the end of everything. The legend of Hiram makes this fact as clear as day. Again to quote the late Dr. Newton: “The Degree ends not in a memorial, but in a manifestation of the Eternal Life. Raised from the dead level to a living perpendicular, by the strong grip of faith, the Master Builder lives by the power of an endless life. Masonry symbolically initiates us into the Eternal Life here and now, makes us citizens of eternity in time, and bids us live and act accordingly. Here is the deepest secret Masonry has to teach—that we are immortal here and now; that death is nothing to the soul; that eternity is here today.

EASTER AND FREEMASONRY~ CONTINUED

All men can be citizens of eternity now. They can live by the power of an endless life. Longfellow writes of being at Newport, Mass., after the Civil War. Here he saw a nameless grave, the inscription of which read, "A Union soldier, mustered out." Longfellow added, "Here was a man who gave his all, his life, his name, that the Union might live." We can say that this unknown soldier achieved the greatest good of all, he gave himself for his fellowmen. He lived by the power of an endless life. He lived by the power of the resurrection.



Death is but an entrance into life. The Christ was lifted up on the Cross that through his death men might have eternal life here and now. Easter thus speaks of this new life. Nature by the regularity of its season speaks of this new life. The Christian Church through its faith, echoes and re-echoes the resurrection of the Christ of Nazareth, and teaches that men today can experience this new life, the rebirth of faith in God. Freemasonry as the handmaid of the Church also teaches that men here and now, have eternity in their hearts. Every Mason has passed through the experience of being raised from a dead level to a living perpendicular. He has experienced the "Easter" in his heart and life. He knows of immortality while mortal. Easter spells eternal life here and now.

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MASONIC MINUTE: THE CABLE TOW



Brethren, let us reflect on the cable tow, a symbol of guidance and connection introduced to every Masonic candidate during all three-degree initiations. While its outward meaning is practical, depicting the candidate's physical restraint, its more profound significance carries symbolic lessons.

In many ways, the cable-tow mirrors life itself. Everyone wears multiple cable tows, bound by obligations to our families, careers, communities, and faith. Each obligation has its reasonable length, and no one can fulfill all responsibilities equally. For instance, a Mason may have a duty to his family, a commitment to his career, a responsibility to his community, and an obligation to his faith. Freemasonry reminds us to approach

these commitments thoughtfully, fulfilling them to the best of our abilities without overextending ourselves.

Historically, the cable tow also evokes the image of canal boats. Much like the cable tow, heavy ropes guided boats through narrow paths on early waterways, ensuring they stayed on course. This historical context of the cable-tow's symbolism connects us to Freemasonry's rich history and tradition, reminding us of the moral and spiritual guidance that guides us through life's challenges with integrity.

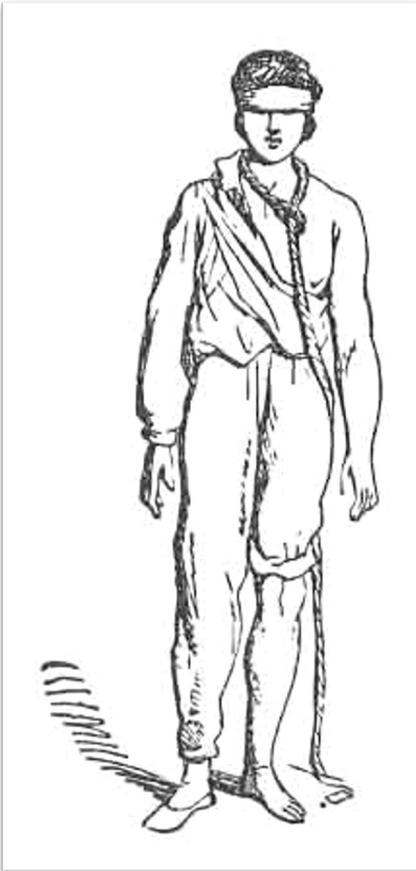
The Cable Tow represents restraint, guidance, and connection during initiation ceremonies. It signifies the candidate's willingness to submit to the discipline of the Craft and marks him as bound by obligations not yet undertaken.

Symbolically, it reflects his journey from ignorance, Albert Pike noted, to spirituality and enlightenment.

The cable tow is often associated with "reasonable length," referring to a Mason's capacity to fulfill his duties and obligations. Freemasonry does not demand limitless sacrifice; instead, it teaches us to act within our means, balancing our responsibilities to the Craft with those of daily life.



MASONIC MINUTE: THE CABLE TOW ~ CONTINUED



First articulated at the Baltimore Convention of 1843, a pivotal gathering of Grand Lodges aimed at standardizing Masonic practices in the United States, which defined the cable tow as “the scope of a man’s reasonable ability.” Albert Mackey emphasized that the cable-tow represents our capacity and willingness to serve, guided by wisdom and prudence.

What is reasonable for one brother may differ from what is reasonable for another, reflecting the Craft’s respect for individual circumstances.

The removal of the Cable Tow at the conclusion of the Obligation symbolizes the candidate’s transition from ignorance and restraint to enlightenment and freedom. This moment marks the beginning of a profound spiritual journey through the teachings of Freemasonry.

Initially, a physical restraint during initiation, the Cable Tow transforms into an invisible bond of fellowship and brotherhood upon its removal. Scottish Freemason and poet Robert Burns eloquently described this enduring connection among Masons as “Brothers of the mystic tie.”

Complex in meaning, symbolizing duty, limitations, brotherhood, guidance, and spiritual transformation. The Cable Tow encourages Masons to reflect on their obligations to themselves, the Craft, and the world while acting within their capacity and striving for enlightenment. Thank you, Worshipful.

Presented By: Brother (Coach) Dave Riddick, Lodge Education Officer, DFRID-DICK@gmail.com



MARCH PRESENTATIONS



Members of WSL60 attending the District Leadership Conference



Our New Brother and Cast of the most recent EA Degree.



RW Tom Woolfolk and his committee.



RW Tom Woolfolk presented his program at WSL60.



WM is presented the Stokes Award



The WM recognizing the present Brothers with Masonic Birthdays.

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.

MASON OF THE MONTH

WOR. HARRY LEE WALKER, JR.



Harry Lee Walker, Jr. was born on July 16, 1949, in Ronceverte, West Virginia, the son of Harry Lee Walker, Sr. and Norma Jean Scott. He has three brothers and a sister. He is married to Linda Canterbury and they have three children: Chris, Abbie, and Matthew. Harry graduated from Union High School in Union, West Virginia, and Concord University in Athens, WV, with a BA degree in political science.

Harry grew up on a dairy farm where he developed a lifelong love of animal husbandry and farm agriculture. His employment career began as a District Sales Manager with the Ralston Purina Company (1972-1980) and afterwards as a General Manager for the Fullen Fertilizer Company (1980-1988). He then began his employment with the Southern States Cooperative (1988-2015) as a

Regional Feed Sales Manager. In this position he was able to travel and visit the cattle, pig, and poultry farms throughout the Shenandoah Valley. To this day he still misses his travels and interactions with the farmers in that beautiful area of Virginia.

Harry and his family relocated to Hollymead, Charlottesville, Virginia in 1990. At that time he became very involved with youth sports and coached basketball at the Charlottesville YMCA. In 2000, he and Linda relocated to Lake Monticello where they currently reside. He now spends his retirement enjoying reading, working around the house, and watching sports, especially football and basketball, on TV.

Harry was Raised a Master Mason in Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 on October 3, 2002. He served as Worshipful Master in 2021. He is also a member of ACCA Temple in Richmond, Virginia, and the Piedmont Shrine Club.

Q: As chairman of the Widow's Sons' Lodge Investigation Committee, what do you perceive as a common element or trait among men who seek to join our fraternity?

A: "The most common thing I see is that a good man will always seek to be around other good men, whom he seeks to find through Masonry."

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WIDOW'S FUND ANNUAL MEETING

The Widow's Aid Fund Annual Meeting will be May 5th, 2025 at 6:30pm at WSL60. Dress is casual. This is an open meeting available to members and non-members. The Widow's Aid Fund is a voluntary Masonic Group that started in 1037, and provides a small monetary check to a widow at the loss of her husband. The annual dues are currently running about \$30 per year. We currently have 92 members from the original 3 lodges (WS60, KS194, and Alberene277). We have been authorized to accept members from all the lodges in District 10. We have been slow to organize this effort. If you are interested in joining the Widow's Aid Fund, please come to the Annual Meeting detailed above. We need members, officers and board members.

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