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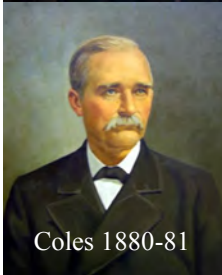
Stated Communication October 20, 2014

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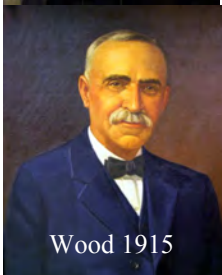
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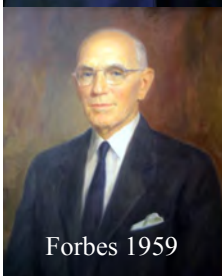
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Brethren, autumn is upon us and I have but several more months as your Worshipful Master. Many things have been accomplished this year, and there are a few that remain to be completed. I hope that you will find it in your plans to attend lodge in the next several months and assist your officers and myself in making this year a success.

You will find in the pages this issue of Hiram's Journal, information on two important charities that I hope you will consider contributing to. The first the Marine Corps, "Toys for Tots" is one we have contributed to in the past and is sponsored by The James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners. The second is a new charity sponsored by The Order of the Eastern Star, and is called "PAWS for Purple Hearts," this is a very worthwhile charity that helps our wounded veterans. I hope you will find it in your hearts to support one if not both of these worthwhile charities. Please keep in mind the charity extends beyond the grave throughout the boundless realms of eternity.

The month of October as always is set aside for the observance of Founder's Day, to honor those brethren who labored to establish an independent Grand Lodge for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The program for October will be about the founding of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and will be presented by yours truly. I hope you will find it entertaining as it will not be like the usual Founder's Day talks you may have heard before. I also have another surprise up my sleeve, so if you like surprises then you don't want to miss this.

A big thank you goes out to our speaker in September, R.W. Brother Mike Griffin who presented an interesting and informative talk on Masonic etiquette. Brother Mike's talk had much information for the newer Masons present as well as a great refresher for the old timers like me.

Officers are back to formal wear for our October's Stated Communication. Brethren are back to coat and tie.

As Autumn comes upon us and the days get shorter and cooler and the trees change again to their beautiful colors before they lose their leaves and settle into their winter sleep, I am reminded of what our Brother Walt Whitman once said, "Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you." We as Freemasons should always keep our face toward the sunshine, there are too many shadows in the world today to distract us. As we are taught in Freemasonry we should always follow the light. If we keep this always in mind and always try to see the light in things and not the shadows we cannot help but be a good example to all those around us both Masons and non-masons alike. Please join your brethren and me on Monday, October 20th at 7:00 PM and share together Masonic Light.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bill

William R. Bond, III
Worshipful Master, Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 A.F. & A.M.

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

Simon C. Alexander, 10/10/2012
 Christopher N. Bragg, 10/24/2013
 Mark S. Chapman, 10/1/2007
 Richard D. Cook, 10/28/1974
 Jay L. Cotner, 10/4/1989
 Gilbert W. Durrer, 10/23/1967
 Mike D. Griffin, 10/30/1996
 D. Mitchell Hofecker, 10/16/1993
 Michael S. Jaffee, 10/26/2004
 Earl V. Jorgensen, 10/2/2013
 Charles M. Long, 10/25/1976
 Charles E. Nunnally, Sr., 10/20/1967
 Charles E. Reinhold, 10/28/1998
 Christopher A. Ruffin, 10/18/2012
 George P. Scouras, 10/9/1953
 Thomas L. Shelton, 10/30/1962
 Robert E. Simpson, 10/15/1965
 Clyde D. Snoddy, Jr., 10/19/1996
 Russel G. Snodgrass, 10/25/1976
 J. Seth Spivey, III, 10/28/1985
 Robert E. Stark, 10/8/1975
 Donald Stoneburner, 10/15/1949
 Zia A. F. Tompkins, 10/29/2013
 Howard K. Trail, 10/19/1996
 J. H. VanderHorn, 10/28/1964
 Anselmo Villagran-Chua, 10/30/2010
 Harry L. Walker, Jr., 10/3/2003
 James C. Wood, 10/15/1996
 John D. Zero, 10/28/1991

Brethren, we have been asked by the Order of the Eastern Star to assist them in supporting a project called "Paws for Purple Hearts". It is the first program of its kind to offer therapeutic intervention for Veterans and active-duty military personnel by teaching those with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder to train service dogs for their comrades with combat related disabilities. Service members engage with specially selected Golden and Labrador Retriever puppies. After an extensive training regimen these dogs are given to Veterans who have sustained combat related injuries. These dogs reside for the rest of their lives with their new owners. These special dogs help our veterans who have given so much to our country in many ways.

This fundraiser will begin September 2014 and continue until April 2015. Your donations no matter how big or small will help greatly.

*If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile charity please make checks payable to: **VESPA**, in remarks put "PAWS FOR PURPLE HEARTS" so that it may be credited to the proper charity.*

Send to: Ellen L. Cossaboon, PM, 28 Out of Bounds Road, Lake Monticello, VA 22963

All information, will be reported to the Chair of the Committee for "Paws for Purple Hearts" and all monies to the Grand Secretary, OES. Thank you in advance for your support.

Please join us as we celebrate the anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of **Pavilion VII**, University of Virginia - The oldest building on the Lawn - by three U.S Presidents, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe, accompanied by the brotherhood of the local Masonic Lodge on Monday, October 6th. Plan to arrive at 3:00 p.m., the **program will begin at 3:30pm, with the Virginia Gentlemen**

Remarks by featured guests...

Kat Imhoff

President and CEO of James Madison's Montpelier

Bob Simpson

**Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60, Ancient,
Free and Accept Masons**

Light hors d'oeuvres and cake provided by the Boar's Head.

Wines provided by Jefferson Vineyards.



Be Prepared... RW Mike griffin addressed the lodge with many humorous stories he experienced as a Mason. He also told the officers to be prepared as they move toward the east. He stated that something always occurs that you don't plan for. Be Prepared! WM Bond thanks Brother Griffin for his words of encouragement in his message.

Wor. Goldie Tomlin wins the Master's Hat Drawing.





RW Bond presents a 50 year pin and certificate to Wor. Jacobus Hendrik VanderHorn. Brother VanderHorn was Master of El Sol Naciente No. 113, Aruba in 1969-70, and affiliated with Charlottesville No. 55 in 1985.



The Colonnade Club extends an invitation to each of you to celebrate the anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of **Pavilion VII**, University of Virginia - The oldest building on the Lawn - by three U.S Presidents, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe, accompanied by the brotherhood of the local Masonic Lodge on Monday, October 6th.

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Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Lodge Secretary,
Brother Bob Simpson at pddgm81@gmail.com or 434-996-0390

Parking for those attending will be at Alumni Hall. Please be at Alumni Hall by
2:30 p.m.



The Worshipful Master recognized the brethren with Masonic birthdays in September the following were present, pictured L-R: WM Bond; Jim Dickerson, 19 years; Tom Hill, 6 years; Philip Nelson, 15 years; Carlos McReddie, 30 years; David Simpson, 10 years; and Jason Pattison, 4 years.

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The Entered Apprentice's painting is now completed and installed on the north wall of the lodge room. You need to come to lodge and see this marvelous work by Bro. Mark Chapman. He is currently working on the FC painting.



Brethren, each year the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program receives donations and new toys to provide economically disadvantaged children with the joy of Christmas cheer. Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 has made a commitment to assist The James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners, Inc. in its endeavor to help the Marine Corps collect toys for children who have less than we.

I ask that each Mason join in adding to the Christmas joy for these children by bringing a new toy, not wrapped, to Widow's Sons' Lodge and place it in a box for this purpose located on the third floor of our Temple. Members of The National Sojourners will be pleased to pick up these donations and deliver them to the Charlottesville Location of the Marine Toys for Tots program. The pick up date is December 5, 2014. Also, if someone would like to donate a toy and cannot bring it to Lodge, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will see it is picked up.

Checks are always welcome. Make your check payable to Toys for Tots, and send them to Wor. Goldie W. Tomlin, 52 Hunters Point, Nellysford, VA 22958 -8077.

Brethren, I ask each of you whether you are an active member or not to please consider the lesson you learned early in Freemasonry concerning charity toward all mankind, because charity extends beyond the grave throughout the boundless realms of eternity.

Please remember Brethren, these are difficult times for all of us, but a little child doesn't understand the economy or its implications. Please assist us in this out-reach effort.