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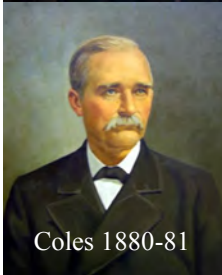
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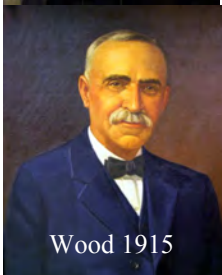
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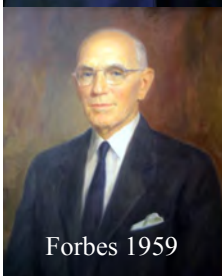
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Brethren, as I write my last message from the East, it is Thanksgiving Day and the house is bustling with my wife putting together Thanksgiving dinner. I can hear her humming downstairs as she puts things together for this afternoon's feast. I am a lucky and thankful man for all I have as well as the Supreme Architect allowing me the privilege of being a Freemason and having so many friends and brothers. Thank you, my brethren for allowing me to serve you as your Worshipful Master for 2014. We are taught early in masonry that a lodge is a certain number of free and accepted masons, that lesson reminds me that I could not have accomplished anything this year without the help and assistance of others. To my secretary, Brother Bob Simpson, you will always have my heartfelt thanks for keeping me on task and whispering good counsel in

my ear. Brother Bob you are the best secretary a Worshipful Master could ever have and the lodge will certainly miss you as its secretary as you step down and go on to other things. There are many other brothers who have made my year in the East an enjoyable and successful one; M.W. Jeffery E. Hodges, I thank you for providing good ideas as well as assisting me in bringing them to fruition. R.W. Mike Griffin our Lodge Instructor of Work, for always being at our practices and helping the officers and myself strive for perfection in the ritual. R.W. Andy Keller, I know I owe you so much for all you do behind the scenes and always being willing to help me out in anything asked of you. Brother Mark Chapman, I especially owe you so much, you are the most charitable person, I believe I have ever run across, without you, my dream for the year of the artwork now gracing our North wall could not have been accomplished. You give so much of your time and effort to others and you live your life as an example to us all that the greatest rung on Jacob's ladder is charity. To my officers who have always been there to help me this year, I give you my heartfelt thanks and promise you that I will support each of you when your time comes to sit as the Lodge's Worshipful Master. Finally, to all the brethren who warmed my heart this year seeing you on the sidelines of the Lodge supporting me in all my endeavors this year I say thank you to all, for it all would have been for nill without you. Thank you to all that financially supported the Lodge and the special art project this year.

I hope that you will support our incoming Master as you have supported me. To Brother Jason Pattison, I say good luck and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe smile on you in your year as he has me. I pledge to you my support next year in all I can do to help you have as good a year as I have.

I would also like to thank Brother Admiral William G. Sizemore, II for his remarks honoring our veterans in November. Thank you to all the veterans that attended last months meeting for without you we would certainly not have the freedoms all of us today enjoy because of you.

Thanks to all who contributed to our Marine Corps, "Toys for Tots" charity done in conjunction with the James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners. The box was over flowing after our last Stated Communication. You have certainly done your part in helping some boy or girl at this season of joy.

Brethren, please try if within the length of your cable tow to be with us on December 15th as we have our election and installation of officers. **There will be an oyster and tenderloin dinner with all the fixings at 6:00 before lodge.** Please join us as we break bread and share in brotherhood together.

May the Supreme Architect bless and keep each one of you during the holidays.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bill

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

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

Stephen R. Baird, 12/6/1993
William L. Bickley, 12/6/1955
Stephen R. Christianson, 12/8/2010
W. Kirk Crady, 12/14/1994
T. C. Dickerson, III, 12/6/1966
Charles B. Goddin, 12/6/1960
Sharif L. Gray, 12/6/2012
Michael A. Hayden, 12/5/1972
David M. Kashmer, 12/12/2005
Jason P. Lynch, 12/7/2006
Virgil H. Marshall, 12/1/1952
Walter D. Marshall, 12/27/1963
Robert A. Murray, 12/10/1999
William R. Nay, 12/17/1992
James W. North, Sr., 12/5/1963
James E. Patterson, III, 12/4/2007
Daniel P. Price, 12/12/2012
Steven E. Price, 12/7/2006
Jonathan M. Shelton, 12/7/2006
Charles A. Via, 12/6/1966
Brian S. Weidman, 12/4/2007

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU to those Lodge members that contributed to this year's WALK to End Alzheimer's; this year our Mason team raised over \$4,500 for the Alzheimer's Association. The funds go to support research, treatment, and care-giving of Alzheimer's disease. Your contribution is making a difference in the lives of area residents impacted by this disease. If you didn't get a chance to contribute and wanted to, then tax deductible donations made to the Alzheimer's Association for this year's mason team can still be received until December 13, 2014....just click on the following link:

[http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2014/
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Hopefully, one day a cure will be found.

**Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Mark S. Chapman**



Hear Yea, Hear Yea! At the December 15th stated communication, the lodge will have a dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. The menu is Beef Tenderloin and Oysters. Monetary Donations are Welcome!

2015 Dues \$117.00

Please remit that amount payable to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60, and mail to: P. O. Box 6262, Charlottesville, VA 22906

Brethren, your 2015 Masonic dues of \$117.00 are broken down as follows:

- \$72.00 Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 (*operations, etc.*)
- \$33.00 Grand Lodge of Virginia (*operations, etc.*)
- \$10.00 Masonic Home of Virginia (*support*)
- \$1.00 George Washington Masonic Memorial (*support*)
- \$0.40 Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund (*support*)
- \$0.20 Virginia Rainbow for Girls Foundation (*youth support*)
- \$0.20 Job's Daughters Foundation (*youth support*)
- \$0.20 Virginia DeMolay Foundation (*youth support*)

Don't forget about the Grand Lodge's *Life Membership In Perpetuity* Program as well. Never pay dues again and provide a perpetual endowment for Widow's Sons' Lodge! **See the Secretary.**

**Calendar of Events
Mark Your Calendar**

- January 16th, Grand Master's Official Visit to the lodges of the 19th District.
- February 9th, DDGM Official Visit to Alberene Lodge
- February 10th, DDGM Official Visit to King Solomon's Lodge
- February 16th, DDGM Official Visit to Widow's Sons' Lodge
- February 18th, DDGM Official Visit to Piedmont Stella Lodge
- April 10th, Division Leadership Conference, Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, Fishersville, registration 6:00 p.m.
- April 17th and 18th, R. R. Kennedy Area Ritual School for Districts 18 and 19, Waynesboro, 7:00 p.m. on the 17th and 9:00 a.m. on the 18th.
- May 16th, C. A. Whitted Area Ritual School for Districts 18 and 19, Scottsville, 9:00 a.m.
- July 11th, Grand Master's Official Visit to the lodges of the 18th District.
- July 30th thru August 1st, Reid James Simmons Academy, Best Western Hotel, Waynesboro.



Widow's Sons' Lodge recognizes military veterans from WWII to Desert Storm. The speaker was Rear Admiral and Brother William G. Sizemore III, U. S. Navy Retired.



The colors were presented by the Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes of 76'. Pictured L-R: RW Harvey Fleshman; Wor. Goldie Tomlin; and RW Ed Crebbs.

Pictured above, Wor. Tom Hill leading the brethren in singing America the Beautiful and God Bless America.

Pictured left, Admiral Sizemore addressing a full house on the importance of military veterans and the significance of Veterans Day.

When you see a veteran, thank them for their service.

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Hiram's Journal

Brothers of the Mystic Tie, the time has come that I stand aside as another assumes the office of secretary and editor of Hiram's Journal. What a joy it has been to serve the members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60. I am looking forward to returning to the side lines. I have been privileged to be in a leadership roll in the lodge for 44 years.

Thank you for the memories. They will continue to enrich my life.

Robert E Simpson



Brethren, the Fellow Craft painting is completed and installed on the north wall of the lodge room. It is beautiful, as are the others. You need to come to the December stated and see how these paintings have transformed the lodge room.

The Master Mason's painting should be done sometime in the spring and they will all be dedicated.

We are pleased to report that they are all now paid for.