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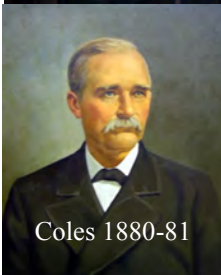
Stated Communication March 17, 2014

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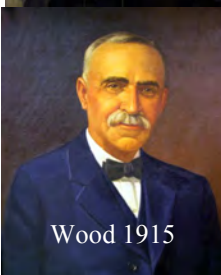
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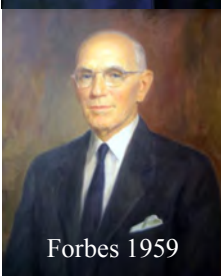
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Wood 1915



Forbes 1959



Hodges 2009



Brethren, Hopefully, Spring is around the corner and we at last will have some sunshine and warm weather. Things at our Lodge and the District will warm up also, as there is a lot on the trestle board and much to be accomplished. This is enjoyable with the help and fellowship of the good brethren of our Lodge. If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile there is much you are missing; the brethren and myself welcome you to join with us.

I would like to thank RW Bob Simpson and Bro. Mark Chapman for the wonderful presentation of the new artwork created by Bro. Mark Chapman to be displayed on the North wall of our Lodge. I was especially enthused when the Brethren overwhelmingly voted to support this project. Pictures of how this is going to look at project completion are found in the further pages of this Hiram's Journal. If you were not present to see these magnificent pieces of artwork to be created by our own Bro. Chapman, please take the opportunity to check them out. These paintings will be oil on canvas and when completed will certainly make Widow's Son's Lodge a Lodge that brethren from all over the state and possibly the country will travel to see. If you would like to contribute to this endeavor please make checks payable to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 and place "artwork" in the memo of your check. Your contribution is going for a very worthwhile project and is greatly appreciated. Please mail your checks to Bro. Robert E, Simpson, 1080 Woodrow Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980-5539.

Brethren if you are an officer or are a brother who just wants to learn some Masonic ritual and be with your Brethren, mark your calendars for April 11th and 12th. The Robert R. Kennedy School of Instruction will be held at Lee Lodge No. 209 in Waynesboro, VA. The Entered Apprentice Degree will be put on by members of the 19th District on Friday at 7:00 PM. The 18th Masonic will put on the Fellow Craft Degree, Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 AM. The Master Mason's Degree will be put on following by members of both the 18th and 19th Masonic Districts. A buffet breakfast will be served Saturday morning by the Eastern Star starting at 7:00 AM. Please let me know if you would like to or plan to attend.

Congratulations to Brother Fred Hoffman who was presented his Fifty Year Masonic Veterans' Emblem by MW Jeffery Eugene Hodges.

At our Stated Communication on March 17th, I am pleased to have as our speaker RW Robert E. Simpson who will do a presentation on Captain Thomas L. Farish, CSA who was Master of our Lodge from 1854-55 and served as DDGM from 1859-1860. Bro. Simpson will present an interesting program about the capture of Captain Farish in March of 1865 by Custer's troops residing in the Charlottesville area.

Brethren, if you have not sat in Lodge in awhile, give it another try. I promise you will find the experience warm and enjoyable or I will personally give your money back.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bill

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

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

William F. Baskerville, 3/4/1985
 Richard L. Bradley, 3/25/1986
 Anthony Z. Cole, 3/31/1980
 Gregory J. Cooley, 3/4/1975
 William J. Douglas, 3/24/1976
 J. Stevens Hall, 3/25/1966
 Mark J. Hall, 3/22/1999
 Kerry L. Harlow, 3/23/1987
 John R. Healey, 3/30/2005
 Walter A. Hedzik, 3/7/1977
 John L. James, 3/9/1965
 Christopher R. Kintner, 3/30/2009
 Clifford N. Miller, 3/24/1969
 Michael T. Rose, 3/26/1997
 Joshua A. Stanton, 3/13/2013
 Bruce Thompson, Jr., 3/6/1954
 Bland M. Wade, 3/14/1960
 F. E. Wellman, 3/10/2004

In Memoriam

The lodge was saddened at the death of Brother Hollis Alton Payne who died in the 86th year of his life. He was made a Master Mason in Widow's Sons' Lodge on April 23, 1957. He served in the U. S. Navy during WWII. He was buried with Masonic Rites at Holly Memorial Gardens on February 12th.

Important Dates



- March 15, C. A. Whitted Area Ritual School for Districts 18 and 19, Scottsville, 9:00 a.m.
- April 11th and 12th, R. R. Kennedy Area Ritual School for Districts 18 and 19, Waynesboro, 7:00 p.m. on the 11th and 9:00 a.m. on the 12th.
- May 1st, Grand Master's Official Visit to the lodges of the 18th District, Charlottesville. Reception 6:00 p.m., tiled meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- June 19th, Grand Master's Official Visit to the lodges of the 19th District, Waynesboro.
- July 31st thru August 2nd, Reid James Simmons Academy, Best Western Hotel, Waynesboro. Please note the change in location.

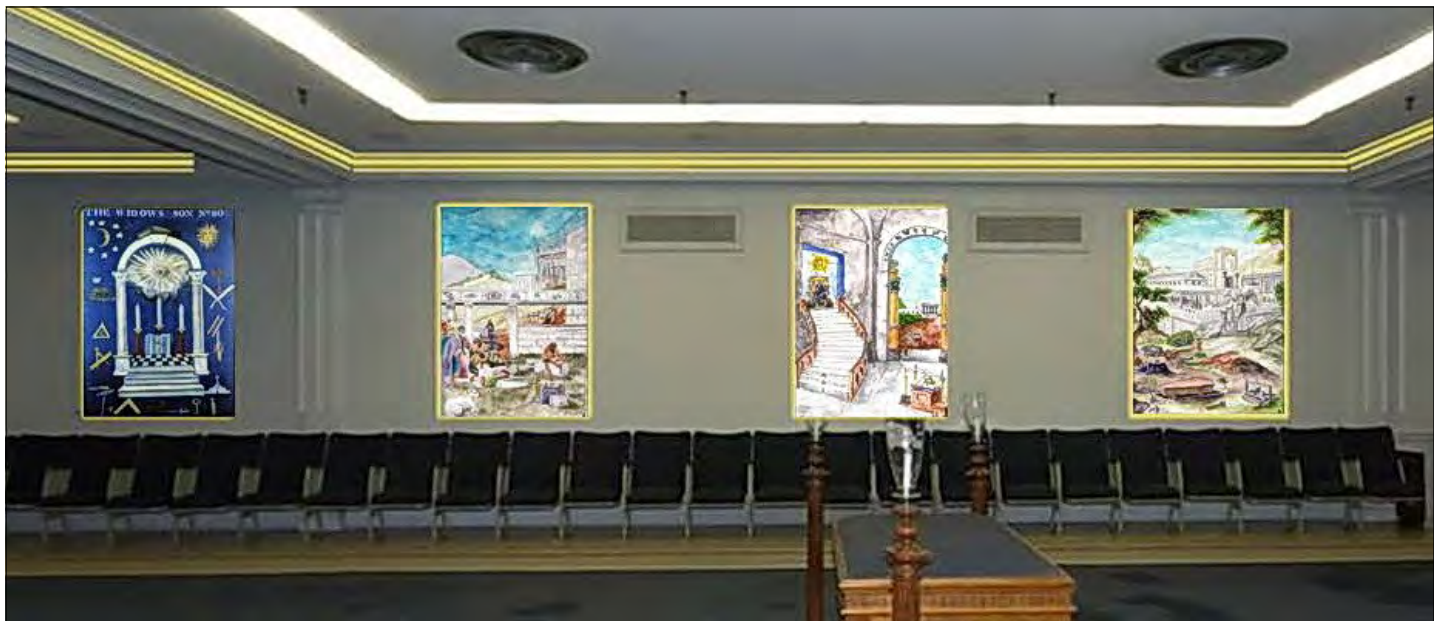
**Robert R. Kennedy, Jr., Area Masonic School
18th & 19th Masonic Districts
Lee Lodge No. 209, Waynesboro**

April 11th, 7:00 p.m., Entered Apprentice Degree,
Team from the 19th Masonic District

April 12th, 9:00 a.m., Fellow Craft Degree,
Team from the 18th Masonic District

Master Mason Degree,
Team from the 18th and 19th Masonic Districts

Breakfast is being served on Saturday by the Eastern Star in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 am.



The north wall of the lodge room with the proposed oil paintings

Grand Master's Visit to the 18th Masonic District

On Thursday, May 1, 2014, Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, will make his Official Visit to Masonic District No. 18. You and your wife or guests are most cordially invited to attend and participate in this occasion with us.

The event will be at the Masonic Temple at 423 E Main Street, Charlottesville, VA, on the pedestrian mall. (Use the parking garage address in your GPS unit). You may park in the adjacent Market Street Parking Garage at 502 East Market St, and your parking ticket will be validated by the lodge. A Reception with hors d'oeuvres will start at 6:00pm. The food cost is \$6.50 per person, and you may wish to contribute by a donation at the door. There will be a joint, tiled, called communication beginning at 7:00pm sharp. A program will be provided for, the Ladies.

The Grand Master's Party, and Lodge Officers will wear tuxedos, while other brethren may wear dark suits. Ladies may wear church attire.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend with your number of guests by April 18, 2014 to help us plan the amount of food required.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Philip H. Nelson, Jr.

Philip Harding Nelson, Jr., DDGM District 18

phone: 434-979-7351, email: phil_joie_nelson@yahoo.com-----

Dear Brethren,

Each year the members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 donate their time, treasure and talents by supporting numerous charities. This year the Worshipful Master wishes to emphasize four charities in your gift giving generosity and he has assigned a Lodge Brother to coordinate our efforts. The names of the Charities with a short description of the Charity and the assigned Lodge brother are shown on the following chart. Please contact these coordinators to discover how you can make a difference by supporting one or more of these Charities in 2014. Thank You,

Mark S. Chapman
Chairman, WSL60 Charities Committee

“Helping others carries its own rewards, the first of which is a return to humanity.”

— Richard Paul Evans

WIDOW'S SONS' LODGE Charity Emphasis for 2014

Charity	Charity Website	Lodge POC	POC Phone Number	Charity Involvement
Alzheimer's Association	http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2014/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?fr_id=5699&pg=entry	Mark S. Chapman	434.971.1332	WALK to End Alzheimer's participation funds care, support groups and research Lodge activities support community awareness and finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease (the 6th leading cause of death in America)
Wounded Warrior Project	http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/	Tim P. O'Brien	434.823.2343	Lodge funds support the recovery of wounded soldiers through a variety of programs that help rehabilitate and transition soldiers and their families.
Camp Holiday Trails	http://www.campholidaytrails.org/	Paul Vereshchetin	434.466.5681	Support to Camp Holiday Trails encourages and educates children with chronic illnesses to experience a positive camp program aimed at personal growth.
Toys for Tots	http://www.charlottesville-va.toysfortots.org/default.aspx	William R. Bond III	434.985.6171	Donations provided to this U.S. Marine Corps Reserve program help deliver a new toy at Christmas to less fortunate children to assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

The Golden Fleece and Roman Eagle

When an Entered Apprentice is presented his apron in Lodge, he is told, among other things, that it is “a badge...more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle...”

What is the significance of these references?

The Golden Fleece was an order of knighthood. It was founded by Phillip, Duke of Burgundy and ruler of Austria, on the occasion of his marriage to Isabella of Portugal in 1429.

This order used the winged golden ram for its badge, and the motto, “wealth, not servile labor.”

This order was considered “ancient” even in 1717 when the Grand Lodge of England was founded.

The Romans used the golden figure of an eagle to stand for strength, skill and bravery. They placed it on the tip of a spear and carried it as a standard at the head of a legion.

The Romans used figures of other animals too. But in 104 B.C. the golden eagle became Rome’s distinctive design of imperial power

The Roman eagle is used in Masonic ritual, probably because it represents strength, skill and bravery.

E. Milton Skelton, Philalethes Magazine



The worshipful master of King Solomon’s No. 194, Goldie W. Tomlin, Jr., is welcomed to Widow’s Sons’ Lodge.



Brother Richard Rohm won the Masonic Hat Drawing, a George Washington folding knife.



Brother Fred Hoffman receives his 50 year pin and certificate. Pictured L-R: Bill Bond, Brother Hoffman, and MW Jeff Hodges who made the presentation. Brothers Mike Griffin and David Simpson served as a committee.



February Masonic Birthdays recognized, L-R: John Lawson, 56 years; Fred Hoffman, 50 years; WM Bond; Tim O'Brien, 20 years; and Bill Reinhold, 41 years.

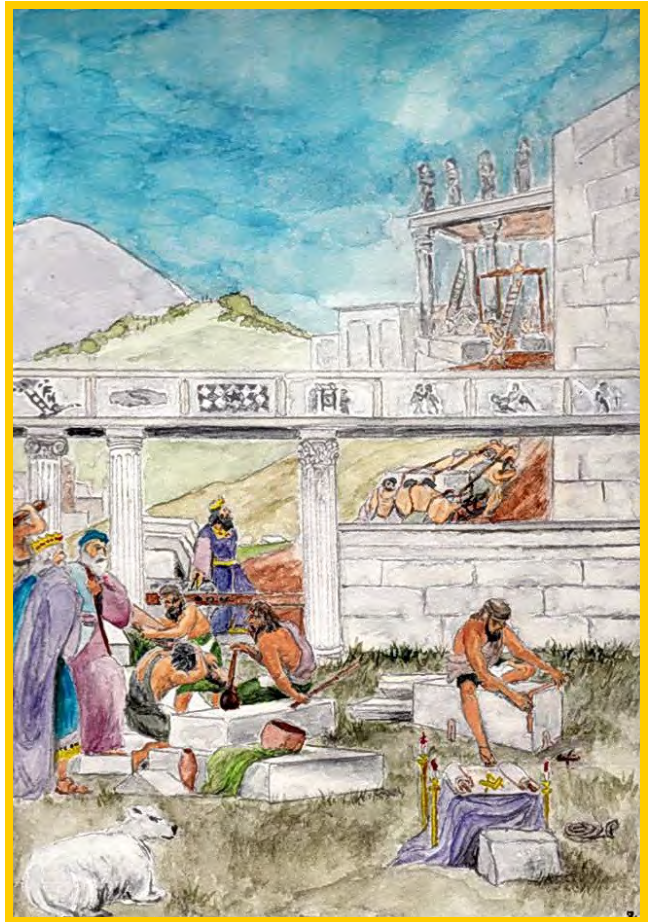
New Members

The right hand of friendship is extended to two new members via affiliation on February 17, 2014.

Brother RUSSELL LOUIS MAUGANS who received the degrees in Columbian No. 7 at Columbus, Georgia. He affiliated with Guilford No. 656 in Greensboro, North Carolina. He is retired.

Also, BROTHER MICHAEL SCOTT JAFFEE who received the degrees in Lonnie Irvin Daylight No. 1309, San Antonio, Texas. He is a physician

Welcome to the Lodge of the Widow’s Son!



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The Lodge enthusiastically approved a proposal to install four oil paintings on the north wall of the lodge room (see page 2). The cost of the project is \$6,600.00 and \$5,750.00 has already been pledged. Pictured L-R: The worshipful master, Bill Bond; the senior deacon, Mark Chapman who will be doing the paintings; and the secretary, Bob Simpson who made the presentation. On the piano are three water color paintings of the ones that will be installed on the wall. You can see these and the Lodge Floor Cloth, that was purchased in February of 1800, on page 5 of this newsletter. A framed water color of any of the paintings is available for a donation of \$100.00. Please notify the secretary to select a painting.