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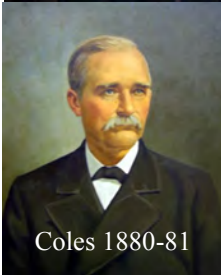
Stated Communication, Monday June 16, 2014

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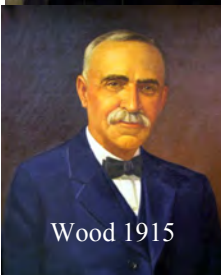
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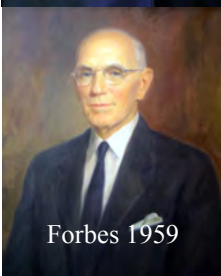
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Brethren, as the summer season approaches we as Freemasons prepare to honor one of our Patron Saints in Masonry, John the Baptist. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, we as Freemasons observe the summer solstice to commemorate John the Baptist. To honor Saint John the Baptist this month we have several lodge events scheduled. The first will be at our Stated Communication on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, I am pleased to have as our speaker for the evening Rev. Brother Bob Garner who will be travelling from Roanoke to speak to us about John the Baptist. If you have never had the opportunity to hear Bro. Garner speak, you owe it to yourself to be present for his presentation. In all my years in Masonry, I have to say that Bro. Garner was one of the best speakers I have ever heard speak. Please be with us to welcome him and enjoy his presentation. Please plan to arrive at lodge by 6:30 PM at our next stated on June 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be honoring this year's scholarship recipients.

These young men and women have worked diligently through school and are very deserving of our merit. Let's all show these young men and women that we as Mason's support education and our youth by being present.

Secondly, you do not want to miss our Table Lodge on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> starting with a catered dinner at 6:00 PM, then opening our Table Lodge at 7:00 PM. This event will be held at the Masonic Temple in Charlottesville on the second floor of our temple. We expect to have a great time, great meal, and good fellowship and together as Masons enjoy in the ritual of the table lodge. You won't want to miss the powerful and spectacular program for all brethren to enjoy. III. Brother Albert Pike will take time from his busy schedule to visit us and give his views on our Patron Saint. We hope you will share in the fellowship and brotherly love as we remember and celebrate our patron saint, Saint John the Baptist at our annual Table Lodge. All Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are welcome and encouraged to attend.

There is a minimal charge of \$5.00 for St. John's evening payable at the door. For reservations please contact Brother Tim O'Brien at, [tpobrien@tycoontackle.com](mailto:tpobrien@tycoontackle.com) or me at [wbond0051@gmail.com](mailto:wbond0051@gmail.com) on or before June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 so we may get a count of all who would like to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two brethren of our Lodge for the work they do on Hiram's Journal. Producing a newsletter on a monthly basis a task that takes many hours of work. I want to thank R.W. Bob Simpson for his diligent effort each month to make Hiram's Journal one of the best newsletters in the state. Hiram's Journal really expresses the feel and ideas of our Lodge through pictures of our meetings and events as well as informative articles. Also a big thank you to Brother Earl Jorgenson without whom we would not receive our copies. Each month, Brother Jorgenson picks up the newsletter from the printer, addresses, folds and mails your copy to you. This is a Brother that works for the Lodge behind the scenes that not many brethren are aware of.

I think it appropriate to note, that R.W. Andy Keller's son Patrick who recently got back from a tour of Afghanistan has received The Bronze Star Medal Award for his service in Afghanistan. If you see Brother Keller in your travels you might mention to him how proud we are for him and his wife Barbara for their son's service to our country.

I would like to thank our speaker for May, R.W. Gregory Hosaflook, who presented the third part in his series on American Military Firearms, "From Flintlock to Percussion,". What a great presentation and one that was enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks again Brother Greg.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe shine His light upon each and everyone of us and look favorably on all Freemasons where so ever dispersed.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Bill*

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

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

Robert W. Bertrand, June 15, 1996  
 William B. Bixler, June 10, 1947  
 James S. Boggs, June 25, 1990  
 William R. Bond, III, June 24, 1975  
 Harry J. Brown, Jr., June 27, 1966  
 Pascal Bussiere, June 25, 1998  
 N. E. (Gene) Carpenter, June 8, 1951  
 James A. Christenson, June 12, 2002  
 Randall R. Dorsey, June 6, 1972  
 William B. Downer, June 6, 1961  
 Jonathan P. Elliott, June 7, 2010  
 David N. Goodwin, June 15, 1996  
 John E. Grinnalds, June 8, 1999  
 Harvey J. Hague, June 30, 2008  
 Edward H. Hildebrand, June 19, 1950  
 Gerald W. Hogan, June 29, 1970  
 J. Floyd Holland, June 12, 1962  
 Ivan E. Letner, Jr., June 15, 1996  
 Joseph L. Marchi, June 15, 1996  
 Forrest R. Marshall, Jr., June 15, 1996  
 Oran O. Oakey, June 23, 1959  
 Howard T. Parsons, June 1, 1981  
 Gerald F. Reimers, II, June 25, 2003  
 Robert N. Romanac, June 8, 1994  
 W. Edgar Spigle, June 15, 1996  
 Julian H. Taliaferro, Jr., June 8, 1994  
 Bobby W. Thompson, June 4, 1997  
 Thomas L. Varner, Jr., June 7, 1983  
 Randy J. Whitlow, June 15, 1996  
 John F. Williamson, Jr., June 22, 1996

**NEW MEMBER**, the right hand of friendship is extended to **BROTHER JAMES WILLIAM STAFFORD** who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 15th. Brother Stafford is employed by Verizon Communications as a Project Manager.



The worshipful master recognizes and thanks RW Greg Hosaflook for his presentation on early American fire-arms.



The worshipful master presents a Masonic Edition Bible and certificate to Bro. Nick Bragg for his successful examinations on the catechisms of the three degrees.



The WM recognized those with a Masonic birthday in May, the following were present. Pictured L-R: Bill Bond; Jamie Stafford, one week; Mike Hollar, forty years; Len Hartman, fifty-five years; and Andy Keller, seventeen years.

## The Right Thing To Do

Robert M Wolfarth, 32°KCCH, Editor of The Plumblin  
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At my editor's desk, I come across pithy quotes routinely. Some I delete, some I laugh at, and some cause me to stop and ponder. I read one recently by the American writer H.L. Mencken:

"Conscience is the inner voice that warns us somebody may be looking."

A lot is condensed into that thought. A lot of truth. Two points worth considering:

- The notion that we take our cues from the judgment of others. Stated differently: if nobody is looking, then there's nobody to judge our actions. Therefore, we can get away with something naughty—or so it seems. On the other hand, if someone is watching, then we straighten up and fly right.
- Irrespective of whether anyone is physically watching, our conscience reminds us that sooner or later, we may be judged for our actions. This is represented by the more "catch-all" notion that the Grand Architect of the Universe is watching.

Either way, these forces are external. Mencken would have us believe that we humans are driven by societal considerations, most notably the approval of others. To a large degree, I believe he's right.

But I counsel a path which I find one step more noble. Let more than your conscience drive your actions. Take an action because it is *inherently the right thing to do*, not because you will either gain something from it or avoid something by it (i.e., judgment). We should drive ourselves forward by a code of morality that leaves no doubt about what is the right thing to do. That code is for us to for-



Worshipful Wayne Kenneth Hamlin a Past Master of Palatine Lodge No. 314, Palatine, Illinois was presented with his 50 year pin from the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Pictured in front is Brother Hamlin. Back, L-R: Bill Bond; Jim Dickerson; Gene Flamm; E. M. Ansell; Frank Checchi; and Philip Nelson who made the presentation.



The Lodge recognized three Eagle Scouts prior to the May stated communication. Pictured L-R: Kent Schlus-sel, James Edward Jones IV, troop 37; T. C. Dickerson; Andrew C. Morris, troop 1028; Carter Harrison Megahan, troop 37; Jim Dickerson; and Bill Bond.

As an Eagle myself I know what it means to become one, and the dedication it takes to make the rank. I believe that the knowledge gained as one ascends to Eagle has been a significant contributor to my successes in life. The lessons, skills, and values of my time in scouting allow me to look back and forward knowing that I have lived the scout law, and will continue to do so until the end. Brother Andrew Conely, a member of Widow's Sons' Lodge, Tampa, Florida

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Pictured L-R: RW Bill Bond, Worshipful Master of No. 60; MW Jeff Hodges, PGM 2009; MW Wayne Flora, Grand Master; RW Fred Dixon, Admin. Assist. To the Grand Master; RW Reese Carroll, Deputy Grand Master; RW James Golladay, Grand Purveyor; RW Philip, DDGM #18; Wor. Patrick Murphrey, Grand Junior Steward; and MW Terry Ellison, PGM 2012.