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Summary of July 20th stated communication

- Mr. Patrick Bond, a.k.a. Patrick Bond presented an outstanding presentation on Harry S. Truman and his influence on civil rights.
- Remembering our Masonic Heroes was shown.
- 100 pounds of food was donated to the Food Bank.
- Brother Matt Stimart won the Master's Hat Drawing, a "Friend to Friend Tie."
- Wor. Bill Reinhold, worshipful master of Widow's Sons' Lodge in 1999, joined the Master in the East for the evening.
- Proposed changes to the Lodge By-Laws were presented and will be balloted on at the August 17th stated communication
- The lodge accepted the resignation of the Lodge Treasurer, and the worshipful master announced that an election would be held at the August stated to fill the vacancy.
- The July Masonic Birthdays were recognized.
- Additional Life Membership Pins were presented.

Lodge Announcements/Visits

July 30th, 6:30 p.m., Widow's Sons' Lodge Father Son Night, Charlottesville Masonic Temple.

August 2nd to 5th, Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership, Fork Union Military Academy.

August 13th, Fraternal visit to Lee Lodge No. 209. For car pooling contact Bro. Bob Simpson.

September 20th, Lodge, Shrine and Eastern Star Picnic.

October 5th, Fraternal visit to Elkton Lodge No. 74. For car pooling contact Bro. Bob Simpson.

October 13th, 7:00 p.m., Lodge Open House and Bring A Friend Night.

October 24th, Grand Master's Official Visit to the Lodges of the 18th Masonic District. The visit will be held at the East Rivanna Volunteer Fire House.

November 6th and 7th, Grand Annual Communication in Richmond.

Mark Your Calendar and Make Your Reservation... It is not too late to plan on attending the Father and Son Night on July 30th. Details can be found on Page 2. We would love for each of you to attend.

THE LOST SYMBOL Dan Brown's new novel, the long awaited sequel to the *Da Vinci Code*, is scheduled to be released on September 15, 2009. The *Lost Symbol* according to Brown's US publisher Sonny Mehta is "a brilliant and compelling thriller" which was "well worth the wait." Dan Brown has been quoted as saying "This novel has been a strange and wonderful journey", and continued, "Weaving five years of research into the story's 12-hour timeframe was an exhilarating challenge. The Masonic Service Association reports that they do not have any idea of the plotline of the book and since it has been a very long time period between the release of the *Da Vinci Code* and what was then described as a forerunner of a later book to be set primarily in Washington, DC, no one knows how current that information may be.

As is the case with any long anticipated book rumors are abundant and the *Lost Symbol* is no exception. The most persistent rumor is that the book will involve George Washington, quite possibly in a negative way.

Father/Son Night

If you are a father or a son! If you are a father-in-law or a son-in-law! If you are a step-father or a step-son! July 30th has been designated as a night when we as fathers or sons can assemble and enjoy an evening together. The impact a father has on his son is profound. Most of us far under estimate our roles as fathers.



We think that this event is such a great opportunity that invitations have been sent to the lodges in the area. This evening is for everyone of us. My son David, the lodge senior warden, and I extend to

each of you a most cordial invitation to join us on Thursday, July 30th at 6:30 p.m.

We plan to assemble in the dining room of the Charlottesville Masonic Temple at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. A program will follow in the lodge room.

There is no cost, but reservations are required before July 20th. Please make your reservation by contacting the Worshipful Master: Robert E. Simpson, 1223 Courtyard Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22903-7881; or by telephone 434-973-6494; E-mail robertesimpson@earthlink.net

The Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Golf Tournament

Dear Mr. Chapman,

As the secretary of Widow's Sons Lodge, you are being contacted to help us spread the word about an opportunity for your Lodge to help the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center raise funds through our annual golf tournament, If you would be so kind as to share this information at your next Lodge meeting, it would be truly appreciated.

The Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center does remarkable things to help children minimize or overcome pediatric communication disorders and we need the help of Masonic Blue Lodges to continue our fine work.

The Twelfth Annual Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 9, 2009 at the beautiful River's Bend Golf Club in Chester, Virginia. The golf tournament is the Center's largest annual fund-raising event.

The Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center is in our seventeenth year of service to children and their families. Our dedicated Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologist have provided communication services to over 9,000 children in the Central Virginia area. We should all be proud of this accomplishment.

Supporting the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center assists children right here in our community. It also helps Masonry. Lodge involvement showcases the devotion and dedication of the Masonic organization as a whole. Last year, eight Lodges showed their support of the Center through sponsorship gifts. We hope will you join these fine Lodges and become a sponsor too. The assistance we give these children now makes a lasting difference in their lives. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Fraternally,

J. Larry Dixon Tournament Co-Chair
Clifford C. Grotz, Jr. Tournament Co-Chair

Centennial Celebration

On February 22, 2010, the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association will celebrate its 100th anniversary. To mark this historic event, the Association is commissioning a new portrait of George Washington as a Freemason, producing a book about the history of the Memorial, and issuing a Commemorative Medallion, Lapel Pin and Holiday Ornament. In addition, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America will be held in Virginia and the Association will hold its Annual Meeting at the Memorial. Other projects are underway to return the Memorial to the pristine condition it was in when it was dedicated so many years ago including new exhibits and structural restorations.

It is an exciting time and we are grateful to the many members and friends who have made a commitment to help continue our important mission to preserve, promote and celebrate the extraordinary life of our Brother, George Washington.