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David T. Simpson

Brethren, June is upon us and leads to another busy Masonic Month. We have many events happening in the lodge this month and hope you will be able to attend. June 7th at 7:00 p.m., the lodge will be conferring the Fellow Craft Degree on a worthy brother. Please come out and support the candidate.

On June 21st, our 1st stated communication for the month will bring Bro. Edward Hildebrand to the foot of the east to receive his 60 year veterans pin. Please come and support Bro. Hildebrand as he receives his veterans pin.

On June 24th, our second stated communication, the lodge will celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist with the annual table lodge. Dinner will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. Please see Page 2 for reservations. Most Worshipful George Chapin, P.G.M in 1999, will be our guest speaker. If you have not had the opportunity participate in a table lodge please come, you don't know what you are missing.

I would like to challenge the brethren this month and help me fill both barrels for the Blue Ridge Food Bank. Please bring a canned or non perishable food item when you come and support one or all of our lodge events. It is for a great cause and I am sure there are plenty of needy people that could use our support. I hope all are well and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

David Simpson
Worshipful Master

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The right hand of friendship is extended to **Brother Ahmed Nafei** who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 24, 2010. Brother Nafei is the owner of the Savour Restaurant on Emmet Street. Welcome to the Lodge of the Widow's Son.

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The lodge is saddened at the death of **Brother Carl Thomas Lasley, Jr.** who died May 3, 2010 in the 86th year of his life. Brother Lasley was made a Master Mason on March 19, 1956, and was an Honorary Member. "His spirit to God, his memory in our hearts, his body to the earth."

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The lodge is saddened at the death of **Right Worshipful Irving Lee Morris**, who died May 31, 2010 in the 75th year of his life. Brother Morris was made a Master Mason on June 12, 1978 in Charlottesville Lodge No. 55 and served that lodge as worshipful master in 1984-85. He served Widow's Sons' Lodge as treasurer from 1994 - 2000. He served as DDGM of the 18th Masonic District in 1992. "His spirit to God, his memory in our hearts, his body to the earth."



Brethren, many in our community are hungry. You and I can do something about it. The lodge is collecting food for the **Blue Ridge Food Bank** and you can make a difference.

At the June 21st and 24th stated communications, bring a non-perishable food item with you. Barrels are available on the Mall Level.

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
- David N. Goodwin, June 15, 1996
- John E. Grinnalds, June 8, 1999
- Harvey J. Hague, June 30, 2008
- Norman A. Heck, June 7, 1951
- 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
- James H. Miller, II, June 15, 1996
- Irving L. Morris, June 12, 1978
- Oran O. Oakey, June 23, 1959
- James D. Parrish, Jr., June 9, 1960
- 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
- Earl V. Thacker, Jr., June 3, 1947
- 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

John the Baptist, the last of the great prophets!

Every regular and well governed Masonic Lodge is dedicated to the Holy Saints John—St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. These have become the Patron Saints of Freemasonry. Throughout history, it has been customary for Masons of every walk of life to find their ways into their Masonic Lodge, and there they have commemorated the Feast Days of these two men.

On Thursday, June 24th, Widow's Sons' Lodge will hold its annual Table Lodge to commemorate the Feast of St. John the Baptist. Dinner will be held in the dining room of the Charlottesville Masonic Temple at 6:00 p.m. and includes Fried Chicken, Pork Barbecue, Baked Beans, Cole Slow and Dissert. The Table Lodge of Instruction will open at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mt. Wor. George Harry Chapin, PGM.

John the Baptist has a word to say to all of us as men and as Masons. This thundering message and the ideals for which he stood are not outdated, nor are they outmoded. We hope that you will join other Masons as we celebrate this feast. **The cost is \$10.00.**

Reservations are a must. Please contact the Junior Warden, Mike Griffin at 434-981-5431, or E-mail at mgriffin@tgblaw.com and make your reservation prior to June 21st.



**The History of Widow's Sons'
 Lodge No. 60
 1799—2009**

The history of the lodge has been completed and is available for distribution. It is in PDF format and includes many, many pictures. If you would like a free copy, please notify the secretary. Brother Chapman can be reached at 434-227-6702, E-mail agw123@earthlink.net



The Worshipful Master recognized those with **Masonic Birthdays**. Pictured L-R: David Simpson; Andy Keller, 13 years; Mike Hollar, 36 years; Tom Burruss, 50 years; Maury Kingman, 59 years; Bland Wade, 50 years; and Bobby Cameron, 35 years.

Wor. Thomas Marshall Burruss and Bro. Bland McLaughlin Wade receive their 50 year Veterans Emblem. Pictured

L-R: David Simpson, Bland Wade, Jeff Hodges who made the presentation, and Tom Burruss.



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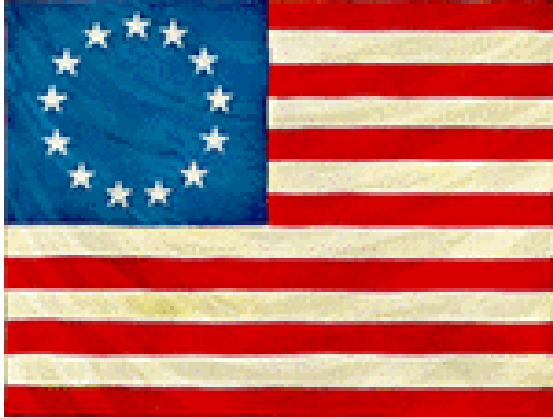
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