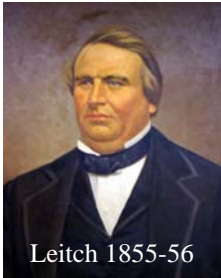


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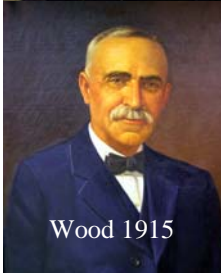
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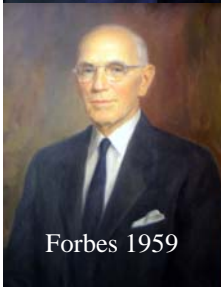
Coles 1880-81



Duke 1898-99



Wood 1915



Forbes 1959



Hodges 2009

Message From The East... Bring-A-Friend Night will be Thursday, April 21st at 7 pm in the Lodge dining room. This would be a great time to bring a friend, son or a co-worker for them to learn more about Freemasonry.

We have recently passed Brother Carl William Stankwitz to the Degree of Fellow Craft.

Don't forget to bring food to help fill the barrels on the first floor to take to the Blue Ridge Food Bank. We will also accept money which they can use for purchasing critical supplies that they need on a daily basis.

The Lodge is again sponsoring a Little league baseball team. We are planning on attending a game as a group to show support for the team. If you are interested in attending please let me know and I will inform you of the date. I am still waiting for a schedule from the Coach.

We are meeting with AHIP on March 31st to discuss the possibility of doing a project with them in the next few months. Plan on attending the April Stated to hear the results of the meeting and what we are plan-

ning on doing with AHIP.

At the March Stated we placed in nomination five Brethren of our Lodge who have reached their fiftieth year in Freemasonry. It has always been a tradition with our Lodge to make these Brethren Honorary members. We will vote on this at the April Stated.

Yours in Masonry,

Andy Keller, Worshipful Master
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Looking for a way to help your Lodge?

**Learn a Lecture
Take Part in a Degree
Help with the Child ID Program
Support the AHIP Program
Visit other Lodges**

Contact the Worshipful Master

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

Daniel A. Albert, April 26, 1965

Frank W. Bauer, April 17, 1985

M. Wayne Biby, April 1, 1991

Bobby Cameron, Jr., April 7, 1975

Claude L. Easton, Jr., April 25, 1960

Timothy J. Edwards, April 24, 1976

William B. Fischer, April 27, 1964

William C. Gentry, April 22, 1963

Theodore M. Jones, III, April 30, 2008

James M. Landreth, April 5, 1976

Michael G. MacInnis, April 3, 2000

Earl R. Morris, April 7, 1969

Monte S. Parsons, April 2, 1992

Hollis A. Payne, April 23, 1957

Harlan E. Phelps, Jr., April 5, 1977

Ronald G. Ridge, April 26, 1965

William S. Roudabush, April 21, 1958

A. Fredrick Seaman, Jr., April 13, 1971

Matthew C. Stimart, April 6, 2009

Glenn R. Sweet, April 5, 1965

Important Dates in 2011

Area Masonic Schools



April 15, 16, Robert R. Kennedy School, Lee Lodge No. 209, 7:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Waynesboro. Lodges in Districts 18 and 19.

July 31st to August 3rd, Reid J. Simmons Academy, Fork Union Military Academy

October 22, O. B. Omohundro School, Waddell Lodge No. 228, 9:00 a.m., Gordonsville. Lodges in Districts 7 and 10.

Other Important Dates

June 3rd, GM visit to 18th District

November 11th & 12th, Grand Lodge in Richmond

Individual Awards (for giving to the Masonic Home)

All Brethren receive requests to donate to the Masonic Home several times during the year and most do make contributions. The Home will reward these donors with Individual Awards. ALL contributions count toward these awards, once an initial lump sum \$250.00 gift is received. For that donation a Brother will receive a **Grand Master's Club Certificate**. If he contributes another \$500 within the next 5 years, he receives a **Master Builder Plaque**. With the next \$250.00 donated, no matter how long it takes, a Master Craftsman plaque will be presented to him. Continued donations are rewarded with different awards, for higher levels of giving. All are cumulative, in 5 year increments. The key is the first lump sum \$250.00 donation. The Masonic Home appreciates the contributions of the Brethren and wants to recognize them for their generosity.

The Worshipful Master recognized those with Masonic Birthdays in the month of March. Pictured L-R: Bill Baskerville, 26 years; Chris Kintner, 2 years; John Healey, 6 years; Don Shelton, 60 years; Bruce Thompson, 57 years; and Andy Keller.





The Worshipful Master receives two Grand Lodge Officers. Pictured L-R: Rt. Wor. A. D. Keller, WM; Rt. Wor. L. K. Campbell, GSW; and Rt. Wor. P. D. Sleeper, GJW.

The Last Word On Friends

Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart. To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart. Anger is only one letter short of danger.

If someone betrays you once, it is his fault; if he betrays you twice, it is your fault.

Great minds discuss ideas; Average minds discuss events; Small minds discuss people.

He, who loses money, loses much; He, who loses a friend, loses much more; He, who loses faith, loses all.

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Friends, you and me... You brought another friend... And then there were three...

We started our group... Our circle of friends... And like that circle... There is no beginning or end...

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift. Enjoy it with care and reverence. It will not come again.

Author Unknown

Brothers,

As we move into the second quarter of the year, I wanted to provide an update on the activities of your Masonic Corporation. We have negotiated two contracts as we continue to update and improve our 50+ year old building. Lynch Roofing will be replacing the roof with a new roof system that will have a slope instead of being flat which should allow for better drainage. Honeywell will be modifying the HVAC system to our commercial space allowing for more individual environmental control and less exchange of air and odors between the commercial spaces. Our building manager will be scheduling a cleaning day for the 2nd and 3rd floor of your Temple so we hope you will come out to participate in the upkeep of your Temple. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your Masonic Temple and/or the Masonic Corporation of Charlottesville, please do not hesitate in contacting me or one of the other Brothers you elected to serve on your Masonic Corporation. Have a great Spring!

Yours in Service,

James Friend Dickerson, Masonic Corporation of Charlottesville-President, James@VirginiaHomesFarmsLand.com, 434.466.4663 Mobile, 540.832.2574 Home Office

Winding Staircase Discussion Group

The WSL60 Winding Staircase Discussion Group will hold it's next meeting on April 9th (beginning at 10 A.M.) at the home of Brother Maury Kingman, 374 Shepherds Ridge Circle, Charlottesville, Ph. 434.974.9626. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. and a lunch will be served afterward. The speaker/discussion leader for the April meeting will be Brother Hans Steiner on the discussion topic: "The Cube and The Acacia" Please let Bro. Chapman (434.971.1332) know that you plan to attend so that lunch may be prepared for all to enjoy. A summary of the presentation follows:

"Significant symbols were important even in the most ancient times and imbedded in myths which have survived millenia. And off-shoot of this is of some historical significance for Freemasonry, namely that we should NOT be looking for THE source or significance of any symbol, but rather look for their many and apparently unconnected appearances in various and apparently unconnected ancient cultures. Which again should teach us that no one of those (e.g. during the time of Solomon) constitutes THE cradle of Freemasonry."

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Brother Donald Lee Shelton receives his 60 year veterans emblem. Pictured L-R: Rt Wor. L. K. Campbell, GSW; Wor. A. D. Keller, WM; Brother Shelton; Wor. J. G. Johnson, Jr.; Wor. Melvin L. Crowder; Rt Wor.: P. D. Sleeper, GJW; Bro. R. A. Harrison, Jr.; and Bro. T. C. Dickerson. Not pictured is Rt. Wor. R. E. Simpson, who made the presentation.