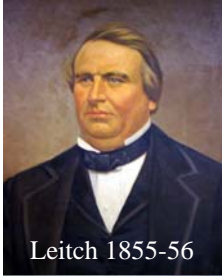
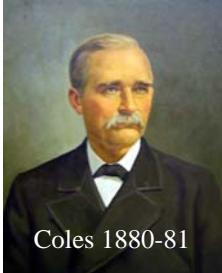


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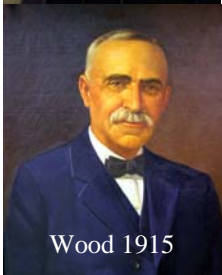
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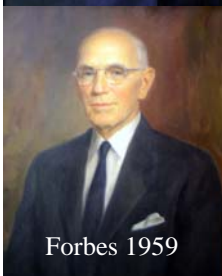
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Message From The East...

The program for the August Stated will be presented by RW Gregory Hosaflook, DDGM of the 10th Masonic District. His presentation will be on US Military Muskets from the Flintlock to Percussions. He will have a display of the Rifles and a very interesting talk.

The visitation to Williamson Road Lodge No. 163 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 16th. One of our members, James Ruhland is the current Worshipful Master. If you plan on making the trip please call or email me at 434-293-9973 or andyk41@embarqmail.com.

We are now in the second half of our 2011 Masonic Year. We still have members who have not paid there dues for the year. Please attend to this now. In fact now would be a great time to consider doing a Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP). The Grand Lodge will be increasing the assessment in January 2012. If you are interested in doing this please get in touch with the Secretary, Mark Chapman at 434-971-1332 or email at agw123@earthlink.net.

This will be the last month for casual dress at the Lodge Stated. We will go back to coat and tie at the September Stated.

Please remember to bring food for the Blue Ridge Food Barrels located next to the elevator on the first floor. They will also take checks made out to Blue Ridge Food Bank.

The Grand Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Virginia will be held in Richmond on Friday, November 11th and

Saturday, November 12th.

Yours in Masonry,

Andy Keller, Worshipful Master
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Brother Maury Kingman presents a silver trowel to the lodge. He received it on May 24, 1951 from Poinsettia Lodge No. 633 in Ventura, California.

In Memoriam

Brother Wallace Neil Harding has laid down his working tools. He died June 30, 2011 in the 79 Year of his life.

He was made a Master Mason in Charlottesville Lodge No. 55 on May 7, 1956. He was an Honorary Member of Widow's Sons' Lodge. He was buried with Masonic Rites at Monticello Memory Gardens.

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

Michael L. Arnold, 8/30/2004
Alexander Banks, 8/26/1968
James F. Beeman, 8/10/2005
Dale R. Blosser, 8/29/1988
Joseph F. Brown, III, 8/12/1992
Brian E. Campbell, 8/28/1990
William W. Clark, Jr., 8/27/1951
James E. Craig, 8/16/2008
David S. Davidson, 8/7/1967
Harold W. Davis, 8/4/1975
Steve E. Fetcho, 8/27/2005
Irving Forrest, 8/23/1995
George P. A. Forschler, 8/3/1967
Robert H. Garner, 8/23/1963
Carroll J. Good, 8/27/2005
Robert A. Harrison, Jr., 8/19/1953
Robert A. Harrison, III, 8/27/2005
Jeffery E. Hodges, 8/26/1985
Jason E. Hodges, 8/27/2005
James E. Hollar, 8/27/1984
Douglas D. Hudson, 8/20/1951
Frederick M. Kaspick, 8/27/2005
Joshua D. Katcher, 8/16/2008
Ian C. Kelly, 8/27/2005
Patrick M. Kelly, 8/27/2005
Boyd L. Knott, 8/24/1970
Daniel T. LaPlume, 8/27/2005
John C. Maddox, 8/2/1971
Brady L. McLane, 8/4/2004
Timothy B. Parent, 8/27/2005
Wm. F. Reinhold, III, 8/26/1996
William E. Rose, 8/26/1972
Larry B. Saunders, 8/27/2005
Kent Schlusel, 8/7/1990
Steven R. Thomas, 8/28/2008
William D. Vincent, 8/27/2005
M. Van Wilson, 8/7/1990

Important Dates in 2011

Area Masonic Schools

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

Other Important Dates

November 11th & 12th, Grand Lodge in Richmond



The WM recognized the brethren with Masonic Birthdays, pic-
tured L-R: Andy Keller; Walter Carpenter, 27 years; Bob Clore,
40 years; and Pete Thorsen, 33 years.



The newest affiliated member, Brother Anselmo Villagran-Chua
is presented a copy of the Presentation Volume and lodge name
badge.

Widow's Sons' Lodge Volunteers Painting a home in Greene County as part of AHIP Program



Bill Baskerville



Mark Chapman and Andy Keller



David Simpson

AHIP (Albemarle Housing Improvement Program) Widow's Sons' Lodge is involved by providing volunteers to AHIP in rehabilitating homes for those that do not have the resources to do it themselves. AHIP is one of central Virginia's oldest, most effective and most respected non-profit housing organizations.

Since 1976, AHIP has worked to ensure safe and decent housing for our low-income neighbors. AHIP has assisted more than 3,500 people—thousands of households from close-in city streets to far-flung rural hollows—with housing rehabilitations, emergency repairs, a variety of support services and affordable rental units.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andy Keller or David Simpson



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Tomb of the Unknown Soldier-Arlington Cemetery

The guard takes 21 steps during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns; it alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which the highest honor is given any military or foreign dignitary. He hesitates for 21 seconds after his about face to begin his return for the same reason. His gloves are moistened to prevent losing his grip on the rifle. He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder. The guards are changed every 30 minutes, 24 hours a day, and 365 days a year. For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb he must be between 5'10" and 6'2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30. They must commit two years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in anyway. After two years, the guards are given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. They must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe Lewis (the boxer), and Medal of Honor winner Audie L. Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII and of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms read for guard duty. In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington DC, our US Senate/ House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

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