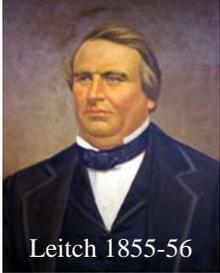
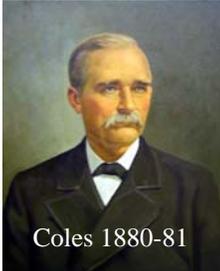


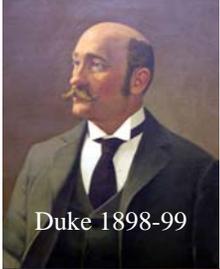
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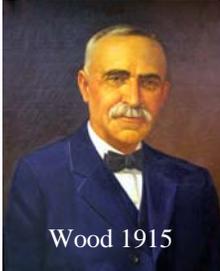
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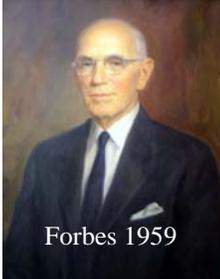
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Message From The East...

The R J Simmons School will be held at Fork Union Military Academy starting On July 31st through Aug. 3rd. This is a great opportunity to learn the Ritual work and prepare to become an officer in the Lodge. I encourage you to

attend at least one session.

I am planning on making a visitation to Williamson Road Lodge No. 163 in Roanoke on Tuesday, July 19th. One of our past members, James Ruhland is the current Worshipful Master. If you are interested in making this trip please get in touch with me at 434-293-9973 or andyk41@embarqmail.com.

There will be a one day conferral at The Scottish Right Building in Richmond on Saturday, August 27th. If you know of someone who might be interested in being made a Mason at this one day conferral please get in touch with me to get the paper work done and mailed in to Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Lodge Little League Team that we sponsor has won the City Championship. They were undefeated during the regular season. Very enjoyable to watch they play.

The James Monroe Chapter of The National Sojourners did an excellent job of presenting the Colors at The June Stated and also a very informative program on Building the Flag.

During the months of July and August we will have casual dress code for the stated meetings. Degree nights will be coat and tie.

Please remember to bring food for the Blue Ridge Food Barrels located next to the elevator on the first floor.

Yours in Masonry,

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Bro. S. R. Christianson receives a certificate from the Grand Lodge for standing examination on the MM Catechism.



The WM presents a contribution to the GM for the Masonic Home Outreach Program. Pictured L-R: MW John M. Chambliss, Jr.; RW Andrew D. Keller; and RW Lonnie E. Tuthill

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

L. Mark Ascoli, July 27, 1988
 Peter J. Baber, July 10, 2002
 Charles R. Boyer, July 24, 2006
 Walter R. Carpenter, Jr., July 23, 1984
 Mark A. Chandeysson, July 17, 2008
 Larry W. Claytor, July 15, 1986
 Robert A. Clore, July 24, 1971
 Andrew F. Conely, July 29, 2006
 Vestal Greer, July 29, 2006
 Garrett W. Kirksey, July 16, 1968
 David C. Merchant, July 28, 2004
 Robert L. Muller, July 30, 1997
 Richard K. Powley, July 24, 1967
 Carl D. Proffitt, Jr., July 16, 1957
 James L. Reinhold, July 28, 1999
 R. Lee Richards, July 19, 1991
 William Roberson, Jr., July 24, 1961
 Benjamin R. Robey, July 29, 2006
 James R. Ruhland, III, July 9, 2003
 David S. Scott, July 6, 1962
 James D. Stoneburner, July 13, 2005
 R. Eric Thompson, July 24, 2006
 Peter R. Thorsen, July 21, 1978
 Ronald L. Webster, July 23, 1984

**Important Dates in 2011
Area Masonic Schools**



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

November 11th & 12th, Grand Lodge in Richmond



The WM recognized those with Masonic Birthdays in June. Pictured L-R: Andy Keller; Bill Bond, 36 years; Gene Carpenter, 60 years; Jay Christenson, 9 years; Harvey Hague, 3 years; and David Goodwin, 15 years.



Mr. Patrick Bond receives an Eagle Scout Award from the Grand Lodge. Making the presentation on behalf of the lodge was RW Andy Keller. RW Jim Dickerson who served as MC, announced that the Lodge had contributed \$300.00 to the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Bond thanked the Lodge for supporting his Eagle Scout Project and for the recognizing him. He also thanked his parents for all they have done to support him. Congratulations!



It's Lodge Night, Tonight **Louis C. King, PM**

"It's Lodge night tonight!" The word went out across the land. "It's Lodge night!" Make no mistake about it. Father is upstairs, shaved and clean, putting on that suit reserved for church, funerals and Lodge. Junior knows better than to ask to borrow the buggy on *that* night. Friends and neighbors would not dream of calling on him that particular evening. Nothing interfered with Lodge night! Neither winter's blasts nor summer's blazing heat stopped him. It was *Lodge night!*

Well, that was the way it was a hundred years ago. Folks expected it to be that way on Lodge night. They respected him for that. He was a Mason and was bound to go. They knew nothing of what went on in the Lodge. He never told anyone anything. But it, whatever it was, must have been good. He was a regular attendant at church, a good citizen, a good neighbor, a good friend. He was honest, reliable, and dependable. His greatest recommendation was that he was a Mason. He was trustworthy.

But that was many long years ago. All those good men and true have gone to their just reward. Father's Lodge night is no more: a dimly remembered thing of the past.

That particular day of the month is still observed by a faithful few. But where are the others? Why didn't you know, the fights are on that night? Or the roller derby or the soccer game or the bowling team or -- oh, that list could go on and on. All so important, and not to-be- missed. Didn't you *know* that?

What about the Lodge meeting that night? Well, you know, it's just the same old thing in the same old way. Sure it is. Just the same old thing Father heard, month in and month out, year in and year out. It never changes. He heard it, over and over again. He knew the words by heart and never tired of them.

By heart! Maybe that's the reason! *He had them in his heart!* They had become a part of his life. He *lived* by them; he regulated his words and actions by them. And his friends, his neighbors, his business associates, his customers all knew that once he gave his word, it would be done!

Now, how about you, my sideline brother? Have those old rituals become a part of your life? "Oh, no!" you say. They have become tiresome. How about those old songs you love to hear? You even sing along with them. Don't you ever tire of them? How about that football game? So-that's different. You know all the rules, all the plays. How did you get to know all that-by just watching the game? NO! You studied the rules and plays. Evidently you were more interested in football than you were in Masonry. Why did you become a Mason in the first place? You were not told that it was all fun and games. It was not made easy for you. You knew that men were investigating you and you worried that you might not pass the test. You have since seen applicants rejected for some reason or other. Did you ever have to undergo such scrutiny before you were admitted to a football game? And yet, you bought rule books and others so you could be knowledgeable about the game. How many books have you bought or borrowed or *studied* on the subject of Masonry? None? Did you know that there are thousands of books published on Masonry to one on football? And they are easily available to you! Why not give Masonry the same chance you gave to your pet games?

Father went to church on Sunday, too just as faithfully as he went to Lodge. He sang the same old hymns. He knew them by heart; the same as he recognized many a sermon, too. After all, there is not much room for change, in church or in the Lodge. He never complained. He had long ago learned that in either of the two places that he knew and loved so much, there was always something he had never noticed before and he went away feeling spiritually uplifted by it.

Did you ever take the time to really listen to the words of the ritual, the lessons of the lectures? To try and see what they had for you, to apply those lessons to yourself, to your own life? Did you ever try to memorize them? Probably not. After the novelty had worn off you probably closed your ears, the doors to your mind, and sat there wishing someone would come up with something new for a change. You began to feel that you had been cheated. You expected so much and nobody ever came to you with some-thing new, exciting, and different. You never took the time to see what kept those other brothers so busy and so happy. Nor did you consider that the same thing that they enjoyed made you miserable. Maybe you were out of step to their music. Have you ever offered yourself to them? If you have something to offer, even if it's only a pair of hands, believe me, they won't reject you. And once you do something, however little, you will begin to realize that the Lodge belongs to you, that you are a part of it!

Once you do that, your outlook will have changed. The work of the Lodge will begin to have meaning for you and you will learn what Father meant when he said. *'IT'S LODGE NIGHT TONIGHT!'* ***See you July 18th at 7:00 p.m.***

Alzheimer's disease is an escalating health epidemic. An estimated 5.4 million people are living with Alzheimer's in America, and that number is expected to rise to as many as 16 million by 2050. In addition, nearly 15 million Americans act as caregivers for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease ... a tremendous emotional and financial responsibility that affects daily life. But there is something we can do to end Alzheimer's. We can walk together in a movement to reclaim the future. Every dollar that you raise through Walk benefits the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Together, we can end this disease ... the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. Join us on September 17th for the 2011 Charlottesville WALK.

Mark S. Chapman, WALK Team Captain

<http://CvilleMasonsWalk.org>

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Brother Norman Eugene Carpenter receives his 60 year pin. Pictured L-R: Andy Keller, Monte Parsons, Gene Carpenter, Shane Parsons, and Jeff Hodges. Nephews Monte and Shane Parsons served as a committee and MW Brother Hodges made the presentation.



As a courtesy to Bethlehem Lodge No. 35, Augusta, Maine, RW Lonnie E. Tuthill presented Bro. Robert E. Tofferi a 50 year pin. Pictured L-R: Andy Keller, Bro. Tofferi, and Bro. Tuthill