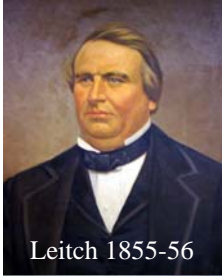
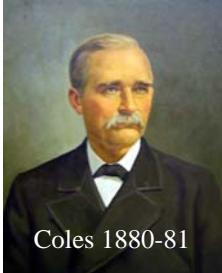


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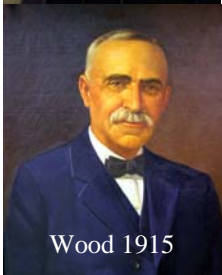
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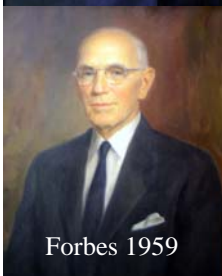
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Message From The East... I would like to extend a welcome to the two newest Master Masons of Widow's Sons' who were raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on Feb. 15th. They are Brother Kirk Donald Soderlund and

Brother Thomas Frederick Wilson.

Brother Jason Hodges has been working on updating our web site. I would invite you to go to the site and take a look at what he has done with the site. The new site is easier to read and also easier to navigate through to find other Masonic items of interest. Please take the time and check the site out at www.avenue.org/wsl.

The Grand Master MW John Mason Chambliss, Jr. will be making his Official Tiled visit on Wednesday, March 16th at Piedmont-Stella Lodge No. 50 in Stanardsville. If you are planning on attending give me a call or email so we can set a meeting spot and car pool. I would like to see a good showing from Widow's Sons'



The DDGM RW Lonnie E Tuthill made his official visit to the Lodge at the Stated on Feb 21st. This being President's Day he made some interesting comment about the Presidents of the USA

who were also Masons. Also informed us of the Grand Master's goals and programs for the 2011 Masonic year.

We are still collecting food for the Blue Ridge Food Bank. If you can't bring food we will take money which will be turned over to them. They can actually turn the money into a lot more food due to the way in which they purchase. When you attend Lodge for any function please deposit the food in the barrel on the first floor and if you are giving money that can be turned over to the secretary or me.

Bring-A-Friend Night will be on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 at the Lodge. This is a great time to bring someone you know who you think will make a good Mason.

The people from AHIP would like to meet with some members who have an interest in assisting them in a project this year. The meeting will be Thursday, March 31st at 7 pm at the Lodge. Please let me know if you plan on attending.

Yours in Masonry,

Andy Keller, Worshipful Master
434-293-9973 home or 540-290-4845 cell
Andyk41@embarqmail.com

The WSL60 *Winding Staircase Discussion Group* will hold its next meeting on March 5th (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 March meeting will be Brother Mark Chapman on the discussion topic: "A First Century Historian's Account of the Building of King Solomon's Temple." Please let Bro. Chapman (434.971.1332) know that you plan to attend so that lunch may be prepared for all to enjoy.

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

William F. Baskerville, 3/4/1985

Richard L. Bradley, 3/25/1986

Anthony Z. Cole, 3/31/1980

Gregory J. Cooley, 3/4/1975

William J. Douglas, 3/24/1976

J. Stevens Hall, 3/25/1966

Mark J. Hall, 3/22/1999

Kerry L. Harlow, 3/23/1987

John R. Healey, 3/30/2005

Walter A. Hedzik, 3/7/1977

Dale W. Horton, 3/26/2003

John L. James, 3/9/1965

Christopher R. Kintner, 3/30/2009

Clifford N. Miller, 3/24/1969

Bernard A. Newcombe, 3/18/1950

Michael T. Rose, 3/26/1997

Donald L. Shelton, 3/26/1951

Bruce Thompson, Jr., 3/6/1954

Bland M. Wade, 3/14/1960

F. E. Wellman, 3/10/2004



The Right Hand of Fellowship is extended to Brothers Kirk D. Soderlund and Brother Thomas F. Wilson who were raised to the sublime degree on February 15, 2011. Brother Soderlund is employed as an electrician and Brother Wilson is a Major in the U. S. Army.

Important Dates in 2011

Area Masonic Schools



March 2, 9, 17, C. A. Whitted School, Scottsville Lodge No. 45, 7:30 p.m. Lodges in Districts 17 and 18.

March 27, Richard E. Loving School, Fairfax Lodge No. 43, 9:00 a.m., Culpepper. Lodges in Districts 7 and 10.

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.

Division Leadership Conference

March 5, 8:30 a.m., Waynesboro High School

Other Important Dates

March 16th, GM tiled visit to Piedmont Stella No. 50

June 3rd, GM visit to 18th District

November 11th & 12th, Grand Lodge in Richmond

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



The WM recognized the brethren with a Masonic birthday in February. L-R: WM; Bill Reinhold, 38 years; Oakley Straley, 45 years; Bill Dorsey, 50 years.



Brother Edward Dewey Ryan has laid down his working tools and entered eternal rest. Brother Ryan was quite a musician and I was privileged to see and hear him sing “Falling Leaves” (words below). The words remind me so much of our lives, his, mine and yours.

At his funeral service, this song was played and sung and as I looked around the congregation assembled, many had tears in their eyes. The many times I visited Brother Ryan during his struggle with ALS, he was always cheerful and smiling. His was a terrible struggle, but he did it with grace. He was made a Mason on August 25, 2007. He died February 15, 2011. He served the Lodge as Junior Steward in 2009, and Assistant Tyler in 2010. I will miss him. RES

Falling Leaves

Falling leaves that lie scattered on the ground
 The birds and flowers that were here now can't be found
 All his friends that he once had are not around
 They are scattered like the leaves upon the ground.
 Some folks drift along through life and never thrill
 To the feeling that a good deed brings until
 It's too late and they are ready to lie down
 Beneath the leaves there scattered on the ground.
 Lord let my eyes see every need of every man;
 Let me stop and always lend a helping hand
 Then when I'm laid beneath that mossy ground
 There'll be more friends around that leaves upon the ground.
 To your grave there's no use taking any gold;
 It's no use when it's time for hands to fold.
 When you leave this world for a better home some day
 The only thing you take is what you gave away.

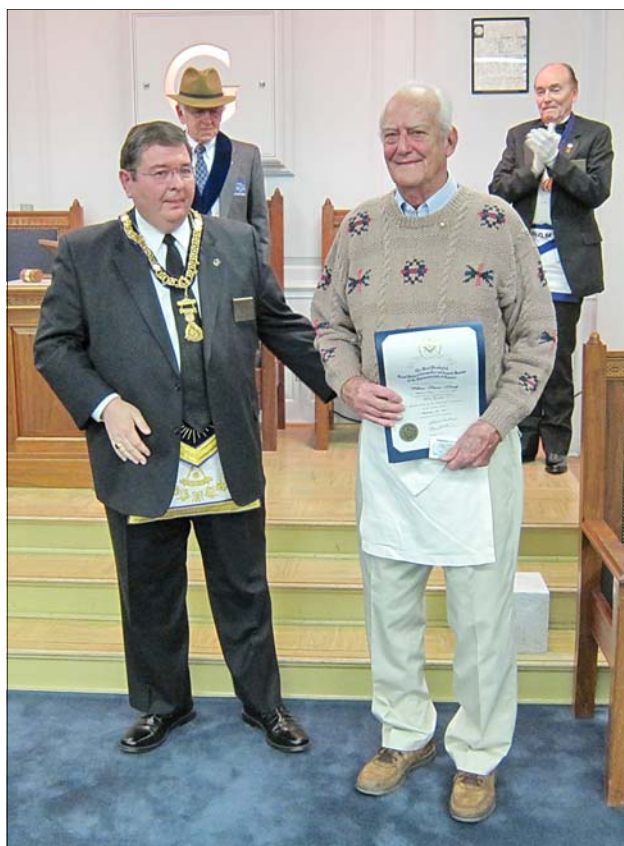
Widow's Sons' Lodge Charity Fund Update

Scholarship Fund - \$354,937. Since 1970, the lodge has been awarding scholarships to students in the area public high schools. This is great way to support the lodge and one of its charitable endeavors.

Master's Charity Fund - \$26,932. Each year the Worshipful Master supports local charities of his choice. Contributions to this Fund will support the Lodge, the Worshipful Master and local charities.

Roy Clements Beneficent Fund - \$3,789. This fund is available to provide assistance to a Brother Mason, his widow, or his family. This Fund was started in 1998 and is a great way to support the Lodge and a Brother Mason.

If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution, please make your check payable to: Widow's Sons' Lodge Charity Fund; designate the fund that you are contributing too; and mail to, Mike Griffin, 307 West Rio Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901.



Bro. William H. Dorsey receives his 50 year pin. Making the presentation is MW Jeffery E. Hodges.

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Hiram's Journal



The WM received the District Deputy Grand Masters. Pictured L-R: WM; Richard G. Morley, 16th district; Gregory D. Hosaflook, 10th district; and our own Lonnie E. Tuthill, district 18.



The WM receives visiting worshipful masters. L-R; WM Andy Keller; Allan Anderson, King Solomon's No. 194; Pete Thorsen, Piedmont Stella No. 50; Bob Clore, Barbourville No. 112; and Russ Snodgrass, Lee No. 209.