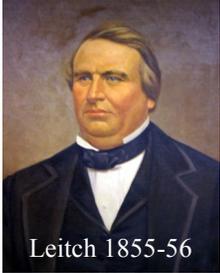
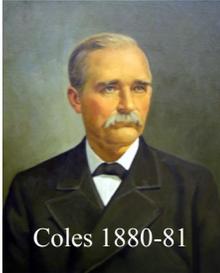


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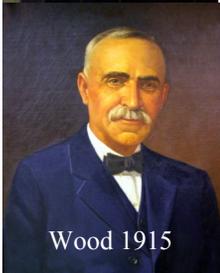
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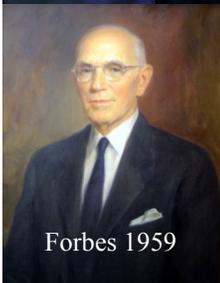
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Brethren,

I can't tell you just how proud I am of our Lodge. Our members and officers are contributing a significant amount of their personal time and effort moving masonry forward. We are very fortunate to be among such dedi-

cated men.

We had a great meeting during our April Stated. Brother Anselmo Villagran-Chua did an outstanding job on his Master Mason's Catechism. I know what a challenge it is for a Mason to come from another state and learn a new set of catechisms. I just want to congratulate Brother Anselmo and RW Bob Simpson for their effort. Well done. I also want to thank the members of our Masonic Debate Panel, RW Jim Dickerson, RW Russ Snodgrass and RW Bob Simpson, for their insights into Masonry. Engaging each other about our Craft makes gives us a chance to reflect on necessary and important subjects.

I also want to congratulate our officers for the ritual efforts this past month. Most were able to attend the Robert R. Kennedy, Jr., Area Masonic School for the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Masonic Districts, hosted by Lee Lodge No. 209, Waynesboro. The Friday evening and Saturday sessions provided excellent training. If you have an opportunity, please tell our officers how much you appreciate their efforts in learning and leading our lodge.

Please consider attending the upcoming activities:

(1) "May Stated." At 6:45 pm, just prior to opening our May 21<sup>st</sup> Stated meeting, RW Mike Hollar will present scholarships to three deserving high school seniors. Please plan to arrive early and help us celebrate their achievements.

(2) "Table Lodge" on Jun 25<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be

served at 6:15. Cost is \$5 and all candidates are invited. We hope everyone will consider wearing a Hawaiian shirt and slacks for the event. Please make reservations with our Junior Warden, RW Bill Bond, [E-mail](#) or 434-985-6171.

And as always, please don't hesitate to contact me or our Secretary if you need assistance: [E-mail](#) 434-981-5428 and Brother Mark Chapman, [E-mail](#) 434-971-1332.

Fraternally, Bro. Mike Griffin, WM



The coach of the little league baseball team sponsored by the lodge presents plaques to the lodge.

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

James K. Anas, May 4, 1970  
 Thomas M. Burruss, May 31, 1960  
 A. Clayton Coleman, Jr., May 2, 1977  
 George W. Estes, May 29, 1967  
 John D. Fisher, May 4, 1987  
 Harry B. Green, May 1, 1964  
 J. Leonard Hartman, May 5, 1959  
 Carl E. Hollar, Jr., May 17, 1974  
 Charles M. Johnson, III, May 2, 1995  
 Andrew D. Keller, May 28, 1997  
 Gordon M. Kingman, May 24, 1951  
 Yale S. Landsberg, May 25, 1977  
 Joseph L. Lane, May 4, 1981  
 John R. Leavell, May 30, 2001  
 Robert J. Mariano, May 10, 2004  
 Ahmed Nafei, May 24, 2010  
 William N. Park, May 16, 1995  
 James E. Shifflett, May 5, 1986  
 Ray W. Sites, May 23, 1966  
 Campbell Snowberger, May 6, 1968  
 Paul H. Wood, May 1, 1961



The WM congratulates Brother Anselmo Viligran-Chua on his examination of the MM catechism. Brother Anselmo became a Mason through the "One Day Class" and learned and was examined on each of the catechisms.

**Up-Coming Events**

July 29th to August 1st, Reid J. Simmons Academy, Fork Union Military Academy  
 October 27, O. B. Omohundro School, Waddell Lodge No. 228, 9:00 a.m., Gordonsville. Lodges in Districts 7 and 10.  
 November 6th and 7th, Grand Annual Communication

**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 Monday, June 25th, 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. The Table Lodge of Instruction will open at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00.**

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.

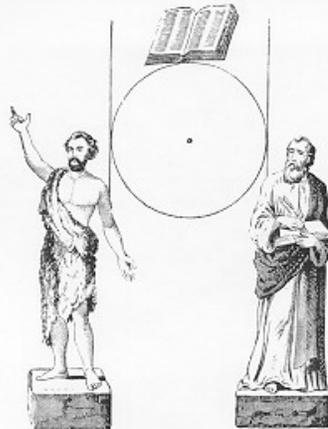
**Reservations are a must. Please contact the Junior Warden, Bill Bond at [E-mail](#) or telephone 434-985-6171 and make your reservation no later than June 18th.**



Wor. Bill Reinhold presents the WM with a certificate from the Grand Commandery of Virginia.



The WM recognizes those with Masonic Birthdays in April. Pictured L-R: Monte Parsons, 20 years; Mike Griffin; Bobby Cameron, 37 years.



## COL. CHARLES C. WERTENBAKER



Charles Christian Wertenbaker was born in Charlottesville in 1835 and died in Waynesboro, Va., April 9th, 1919. He was the son of William Wertenbaker whom Jefferson appointed Li-brarian of the University of Virginia, in which office William Wertenbaker died. His first wife was Mary Ella Poindexter, daughter of the late Dr. James W. Poindexter. The children of that union were: Dr. Charles P. Wertenbaker, who for many years and at the time of his death was a medical expert con-nected

with the United States Marine service; Mrs. George M. Saunders of Clermont, South Carolina; Mrs. Henry G. Ferguson of Waynesboro; and Mrs. Douglas Leftwich, deceased. The second Mrs. Wertenbaker was Fannie Thomas Leftwich. The children of this union were: Dr. William Wertenbaker of Wilmington, Del.; Colonel L. Wertenbaker, U. S. A.; and Dr. Thomas J. Wertenbaker of Princeton, New Jersey.

His first military service was as a member of Company A of the Nineteenth Virginia Regiment, known as the Monticello Guard, with which he went to Harper's Ferry in 1859 on account of the John Brown insurrection. He was elected first lieutenant of his company when it entered the Civil War and later was appointed adjutant of his regiment. At the close of the war he returned to Charlottesville and became a manufacturer of cigars, famous throughout the country for their excellence. He was captain of the Monticello Guard for many years and until elected colonel of the Third Virginia Regiment of the State militia.

Colonel Wertenbaker was deeply interested in all good social movements and in the work of the Baptist Church, of which he was a devoted member to the end of his life. Few men have had a larger number of attached friends and no one was ever more loyal or generous. He was a typical Virginian, with some of the attractive faults of his class and practically all of the charm that goes to make up the character we have in mind when we use the designation "old Virginia gentleman."

Colonial Wertenbaker was made a Master Mason in Widow's Sons' Lodge and served as Worshipful Master in 1867.



## LIEUTENANT-COLONEL BENNET TAYLOR

Lieutenant-Colonel Bennett Taylor, while not born in Albemarle County, but in the county of Jefferson, when it was still a part of the Old Dominion, was always identified with its people, being one of the many descendants of Thomas Jefferson who imbibed that great patriot's beliefs and tenets of freedom and independence. He was a son of the late John C. R. Taylor and Patsy Jefferson Randolph, his wife, the latter being one of the talented daughters of Colonel Jefferson Randolph of Edgehill, Albemarle County, and Jane Hollins Nicholas, his wife. He was brought up under the same wholesome, enlightened surroundings that marked the Virginia gentry of the era that was closed forever by the Civil War.

Bennett Taylor had qualified himself for the practice of the law, when the bugle-call to arm in defense of his native State summoned her sons of all classes to enter the ranks of her armies of defense. He enlisted in June, 1861, in a company from Albemarle, Company I, of the famous Nineteenth Virginia Infantry, being later promoted to the rank of captain. As such he served with gallantry and address during the first two years of the disastrous war, in which the fate of the Confederacy was so uniformly favored by fortune, and the prospects seemed so bright for the winning of that independence and freedom for which his forbears had given their all of talent, thought and property. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of his regiment just prior to the eventful campaign of Gettysburg, which was to register the "high-water mark" of his country's hopes.

On those fateful July days in far off Pennsylvania he proved the mettle of his ancestry and his worthiness to serve at the forefront of danger with the gallant men who immortalized Southern chivalry and manhood on those serried heights. He was in the midst of Pickett's never-to-be-forgotten charge against Cemetery Ridge on July 3rd, 1863, and in that heroic but fruitless effort was riddled with shot and shell, until his very life was despaired of. But he recovered, in the mercy of Heaven, and lived to finish the brave fight made by his country, serving till the end of the internecine and bloody contest.

Returning after the war to his old Albemarle home, Colonel Taylor lived out his days among his own people, following his profession of attorney-at-law with honor and success, and for several terms being honored by election to the position of Clerk of the Circuit Court.

He was a noble exemplar of the principles of honor, chivalry and unselfish devotion to duty and native land, that made up the crown of glory for Virginia and her people that shall never fade. He departed this life lamented and honored by all who knew him and came within the influence of his manly, upright and unselfish character. He was born on the 15th day of August, 1836, and died on the 4th day of August, 1898. He is buried at the cemetery at Monticello. He was made a Master Mason in Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.



The Right Hand of Friendship is extended to **Brother Peter-John Leone** who was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 25th.

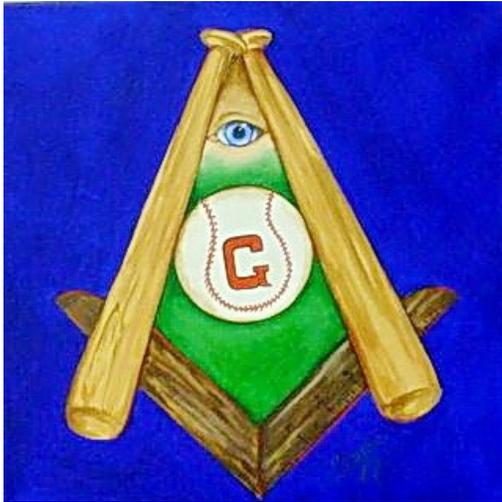
Brother Leone is a CPA employed by the UVA Alumni Association. He enjoys Karate and playing a snare drum in the Albemarle Pipe & Drum Band. Welcome to the Lodge of the Widow's Son.

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#### Hiram's Journal



The debate on serving as a petition voucher took place at the April stated communication. How well should you know a man prior to signing his petition? Can you sign a petition for a man after meeting him for one hour at a "Lodge Bring a Friend Night"? What is the definition of a "Friend" for a "Lodge Bring a Friend Night"?

The brethren heard both sides of each question as Brothers Snodgrass and Simpson debated the issues surrounding these questions. Brother Dickerson served as moderator for the debate.

Pictured L-R: Bob Simpson, Mike Griffin, Russ Snodgrass, and Jim Dickerson.

If you found value in this program, please inform the worshipful master. Do you have suggested topics?