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BY the WIDOW'S SONS' LODGE No. 60, Charlottesville, VA

July 2013

Next Stated Communication: July 15, 7 PM

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Greetings Brethren!

We had a busy June. Our stated meeting was well attended and I really appreciate RW Hosaflook doing one of his excellent programs on Civil War era Percussion rifles. We also

had Table Lodge the following Monday. Special thanks to our Junior Warden, Jason Pattison for putting together this very enjoyable event.

I want to take a moment to thank the scholarship committee for their work this year. Mke Hollar, chairman of this committee, does quite a bit of footwork getting the applications out to the local high schools, doing the follow-up, putting together the applications, and getting everything ready for the committee. Mike Griffin took care of getting the checks out to the schools. In short, they all did a great job and the mission is accomplished for this year, with four worthy candidates receiving scholarships.

Speaking of getting a mission accomplished, Brother Steve Fetcho, our Lodge Blood Coordinator, would like some help at our

Widow's Sons' Lodge # 60 sponsored blood donation events. You do not need any medical expertise to help. As a volunteer, your duty is limited to provide refreshments and a free gift from Virginia Blood Services to the donors. These blood drives are to be held at the UVA Medical Center, next to the cafeteria on the main floor. You do not have to serve for the duration of the event. Steve says that if you have 30 to 90 minutes to give, you can help. Please help us continue our lodge tradition of volunteerism and community service. (see detailed information inside this newsletter on the last page) Please join me and Brother Fetcho by supporting this worthy effort. I have already volunteered for July. See you there! If you prefer to donate blood rather than volunteer, that is great too.

We have an active schedule in July. Our stated is on July 15th at 7 PM, and we will have a Master Mason's degree on Monday July 22nd at 6:30 PM. I would like to see you at both events.

Happy 4th of July, and God Bless America!

Fraternally,

L. Thomas Hill, Jr., Worshipful Master



Feast of Saint John the Baptist Table Lodge

OUR OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2013

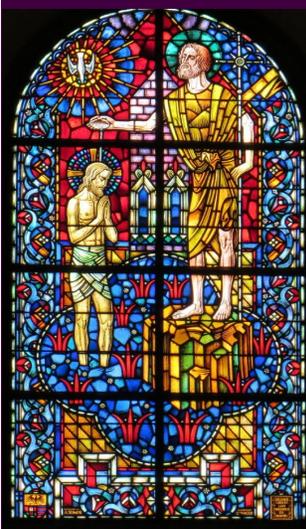
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CONGRATULATIONS		Richard K. Powley	07/24/1967
ON		Carl D. Proffitt, Jr.	07/16/1957
YOUR MASONIC BIRTHDAY!		James L. Reinhold	07/28/1999
L. Mark Ascoli	07/27/1988	R. Lee Richards	07/19/1991
Peter J. Baber	07/10/2002	William Roberson, Jr.	07/24/1961
Charles R. Boyer	07/24/2006	Benjamin R. Robey	07/29/2006
Walter R. Carpenter, Jr.	07/23/1984	James R. Ruhland, III	07/09/2003
Mark A. Chandeysson	07/17/2008	David S. Scott	07/06/1962
Larry W. Claytor	07/15/1986	Barty L. Sorrells	07/22/2006
Robert A. Clore	07/24/1971	James D. Stoneburner	07/13/2005
Andrew F. Conely	07/29/2006	R. Eric Thompson	07/24/2006
Vestal Greer	07/29/2006	Peter R. Thorsen	07/21/1978
Garrett W. Kirksey	07/16/1968	Ronald L. Webster	07/23/1984
David C. Merchant	07/28/2004		



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CATHEDRAL OF CHUR

AN EXEMPLARY STORY shared by **RT.W. JEFF HODGES**, speaking at the Table Lodge on **St. John's Day** on the topic of **TOLERANCE**: (as originally learned by Albert Pike from a priest in New Mexico):

'Some years ago, a Navajo Chief was captured and taken to Santa Fe, and in the jail a Padre endeavored to convert him. He heard the good man patiently, and when he had ended, rose and walked to the window and looked out on the plaza, and called the Padre to him. Pointing to an animal in the plaza, he asked the Padre what he called it. 'A horse,' the Padre said, 'And that?' he asked, pointing to another. 'A burro,' the Padre replied. Then the Chief said, 'God made that animal a horse, and that one He made a burro. Me, He made a Navajo; and you He made a Christian.'

From the July Trestleboard of Ch. F. Shuler Lodge No. 74

"Joy came on Thursday, May 29 when we had a called communication to raise our newest member to the sublime degree of Master Mason...Sadness came when we were ready to display the three Great Jewels at the altar and could not find the Square and Compass... a window was broken as part of a burglary...

Ashlar Lodge No. 125 loaned us the needed equipment to open the Lodge. When opened the building was transformed from a place where the world had introduced envy, discourse and confusion into a sacred retreat of friendship and virtue...

We set out to investigate our loss and replace the stolen items. While doing this, the Brethren from Widows Son Lodge No. 60 reached out to us... (Since) Charlottesville Lodge 55 merged with Widows Son Lodge No. 60 on December 20, 1873, it had a set of officer jewels stored in their vault which they offered to loan to our Lodge on a perpetual basis..."



Wor. L. Thomas "Tom" Hill, Jr., presenting the Charlottesville Lodge No 55 Jewels to RW Emory H. Mer-ryman, Jr. (Shuler Lodge No. 74) at a stated communication of Widow's Son Lodge on June 10, 2013.

From the Editors' desks:

Seeking the Light – 07 – July 2013

Entered Apprentice: I happened to overhear some remarks between brethren about a "Floor Cloth". Can you tell me something about that?

James Anderson: Indeed, and gladly too! First off: The term you have heard sounds like an old English term for a simple carpet. But let me tell you about its origin: You may understand by now that today's Speculative Freemasonry is the 300 year old offspring of the brotherhood of Operative Masons on the one hand, and some highly sophisticated humanists associated with the prestigious Royal Society on the other. Thus, in the beginning of the 18th century, we melded the former's moral code as we know it from the Regius Manuscript of the 14th century, with the humanist ideals of our time, with their emphasis on equality and religious tolerance. And we adopted for our tenets and rituals the frame of reference of the Operative Stone Masons.

E.A.: Yes, I understand this fairly clearly; but

what of those "Floor Cloths"?

J.A.: You see, in ancient times the master mason had on the building site of a cathedral a patch of sand, contained in a wooden frame, just like a sand-box, which served him to trace the lines and details of project. After wiping it he could then also trace any changes or details, for all to see.

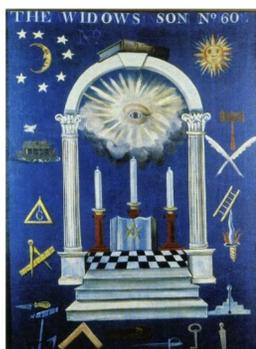
E.A.: You mean like building plans or architectural drawings,?

J.A.: Exactly, and this sand box was therefore called a Tracing Board, or, for its wooden frame, which in Scottish is called a "trestle", it

was also known as "Trestle Bord", the central point around which the masons would gather as they met.

E.A.: "Gathering around" a central plan. I think I am beginning to see the connection with the "Floor Cloth" of Freemasonry!?

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THE POWER OF WORDS

In the heart of the Amazon Jungle, in a Bolivian settlement, a baroque music school passes on the instrumental and vocal heritage stemming from some 17th century Jesuits. These voices, heard by accident one day through BBC, have only survived thanks to elaborate memorization and faithful transmission over the years.

Oral transmission is part of all history. Our customs are still impregnated with the remnants of evenings by the fire, childrens' songs and family traditions passed on since times immemorial. But that world is no more; extinguished; but no matter the causes; for the human race this amounts to a dramatic impoverishment.

Freemasonry perpetuates oral tradition. Thus, while with rituals, we transmit tradition and secret knowledge, we additionally give each other one of the most precious opportunities, namely that of preserving and even enriching our own verbal knowledge, while preserving that of our ancestors. In short, we help each other to remain human. Bro.: Pascal Bussière

Queen Esther Chapter #14, OES, Charlottesville will have their stated meeting on

July 13th at 10:00 am. Prior, on Thursday, July 11th at 7 PM, there will also be a required school. Our district school counted as our first school this year.

Please plan to be present at the school and our stated meeting.

Call our Worth Matron, Patty Kirk, at 973-3922 or contact any active member to receive an application for membership. **Queen Esther Chapter cordially extends an invitation to all Master Masons and their female relatives to**

consider joining our Eastern Star Chapter.



A Book for a Mason or his friend:

The Southern California Research Lodge recommends Sanford Holst's 32° "Templar Inferno" (248 pages) as its "book of the month". Brother Holst is not only a Mason but also a Knights Templar. Anyone interested in Freemasonry should find much to enjoy and to learn in his publication, as it tells him the in depth history of the Templars and their connection to later Freemasonry, particularly also to the Knights Templar degree. (see also below) The author's membership among the latter brotherhood naturally gives the reader a detailed view of the original Templars' virtues, their training in se-

crecy, service and brotherhood, which, after their having to go into hiding in the 14th century, finds its continuation in the formation of new brotherhoods, such as Freemasonry.



THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY IN VIRGINIA

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PART ONE: INTRODUCTION

Every well informed Mason knows that the Symbolic or Blue Lodge is the foundation of all Masonry. The additional degrees only serve to expand and elaborate upon the principles exemplified in the ceremonies of the Blue Lodge. There are no "higher" degrees than that of Master Mason. All of the Orders of the York Rite and the Degrees of the Scottish Rite are but supplementary to and an extension of the great themes set forth in the ceremonies through which the candidate passes in becoming a Master Mason. Hence, there are really no "higher" degrees and truth lies at the foundation of them all.

In Virginia the York Rite, which derives its name from the ancient association of the city of York, England, with Freemasonry, consists of the following bodies:

- The Symbolic Lodge
- The Royal Arch Chapter (which includes the Council degrees in Virginia)
- The Commandery of Knights Templar

The degrees conferred in the Symbolic Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter constitute the whole of "Ancient Craft Masonry." All of these degrees are based upon events connected with the erection of King Solomon's Temple, its dedication and the sequel as recorded in the Old Testament and in secular history.

The Orders conferred in the Commandery are based upon certain events and teaching of the New Testament and is, therefore, a further extension to that of the Lodge and the Chapter.

To the Mason who embraces the Christian religion, the Orders of Knighthood are necessary for a complete understanding of the many applications of Masonic teaching. It will be seen that as the Mason climbs the symbolic stairway to the heights of knowledge and wisdom, he needs to receive more and more detailed instruction to enable him to make personal use of Masonry's sublime principles. This knowledge can never become complete.



Brother Mark S. Chapman requests members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 to join him in support of the Charlottesville WALK to End Alzheimer's on October 12, 2013. You can join his Team by registering on the website: www.CvilleWALKtoEndAlz.org or by retyping : <http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?>

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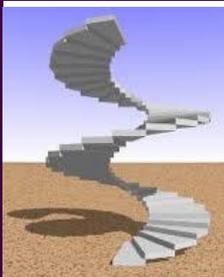
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Winding Staircase: Widow's Sons' Study Group. At our June meeting, Bro.: Hans Ueli Steiner led a discussion on SYMBOLISM. Keeping in mind the most basic definition of our brotherhood as **A SYSTEM OF MORALS, VEILED IN ALLEGORY AND ILLUSTRATED BY**

SYMBOLS, we avoided interpreting specific symbols in favor of focusing on the fact that no interpretation with words can ever convey a symbol's full meaning. Rather, as human beings, we have the remarkable capacity to unconsciously incorporate its meaning into our individual moral convictions and therefore attitudes—to the extent that we are exposed to it. Such exposure then is the very purpose of all our rituals, experienced during admissions, ceremonial opening— and closing ceremonies, etc. In other words: Don't just talk about symbols, but experience them as deeply as you can! Participate in - or witness Masonic rituals! Remember: A picture is worth a thousand words!!

At our next "Winding Staircase": Rt.W. Robert Simpson will present and lead a discussion "selected topics from the history of Widow's Sons' Lodge". We will be meeting on Saturday morning, July 20, at 10 AM, again at the home of Bro.: Maury Kingman at 374 Shepherds Ridge Circle. Following the discussion, Bro.: Mark and Susan Chapman will again be serving us a tasty repast .

HELP PLEASE !

Please help Bro. Steve Fetcho as volunteers during blood donations at the UVA Medical Center (next to the cafeteria on the main floor) on the following days:

July 5th, 19th and 31st: from **3 PM – 7 PM**,
August 6th: from **9 AM - 3 PM**, and
August 16th and August 26th from **2:30 PM – 7 PM**

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