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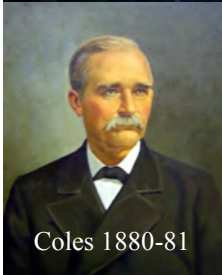
**Stated Communication July 21, 2014**

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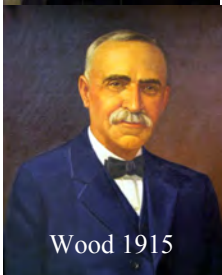
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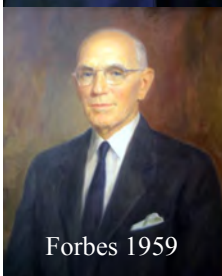
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Forbes 1959



Hodges 2009



Brethren, as we move deeper into the summer season the sands of the hourglass are quickly flowing to the bottom of the glass. There are still many designs yet on the trestle board. There are still a lot of interesting programs scheduled for the year. I am sure there is something of interest in the months to come that will interest you. There is also the fact that we can get together and share as friends and brothers. The Stewards have done a great job this year in providing refreshments after the meeting and are to be commended. So, if the stated meeting is not your thing please join us for fellowship in the dining hall after our meeting.

I hope that if you have not attended lodge this year, you will give a thought to attending at least one meeting. Please come see the new artwork that has been completed by our Senior Deacon, Brother Mark Chapman. He has completed and installed the first of four pieces of art. The first of which is the Widow's Sons' floor cloth. I can only say it is a beautiful piece of art which will be enjoyed by the brethren in years to come.

I would like to thank our District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Philip Nelson for the fine job he did in chairing our scholarship committee and making the presentation prior to our stated meeting in June. We wish these young men and women much success in their future educational endeavors.

If you missed our Table Lodge to celebrate the Festival of Saint John the Baptist on June 24<sup>th</sup>, you missed an evening of a great meal, good friendship and lively toasts. A big thank you goes out to Brother Tim O'Brien for putting this together. Also, I cannot thank Ill. Brother Albert Pike (AKA M.W. Jeff Hodges) enough for bringing us the fifth toast of obligation and inspiring each of us with his presentation and remarks. Thanks to all who attended and participated.

For our July stated communication we are fortunate to have two speakers for the evening. First, Brother Pascal Bussiere will make a presentation on Freemasonry in Haiti. Brother Pascal travels to Haiti regularly and visits with our brethren there, He has put together an interesting history both then and now of Masonry in Haiti. Secondly, R.W. James Friend Dickerson our District Education Officer will bring us an interesting and informative Masonic education program.

A big thank you goes out to our speaker in June, Brother Bob Garner who traveled from Roanoke to present a program on John the Baptist for us. The presentation was enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks again Brother Bob.

The Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership is to be held at the Best Western Inn in Waynesboro between July 31 through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. I encourage anyone who wishes to learn Masonic ritual to consider attending. I especially would encourage our officers to consider attending.

Dress for our July stated communication through the month of September will be casual attire, for example golf shirts and dress slacks (no ties required).

I hope to personally have the pleasure of welcoming you at our next stated communication on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Finally Brethren, may you live in peace and may the God of peace and love delight to dwell with and bless you.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Bill*

William R. Bond, III  
Worshipful Master, Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 A.F. & A.M.

**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  
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  
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  
James R. Ruhland, III, July 9, 2003  
David S. Scott, July 6, 1962  
Barty L. Sorrells, July 22, 2006  
James D. Stoneburner, July 13, 2005  
R. Eric Thompson, July 24, 2006  
Peter R. Thorsen, July 21, 1978  
Paul Vereshchetin, July 29, 2013  
Ronald L. Webster, July 23, 1984

**In Memoriam**

The lodge was saddened to learn of the deaths of BROTHER WILLIAM BRENNER BIXLER, who died April 8, 2014. He was made a Master Mason in Ephrata Lodge No. 665, Ephrata, Pennsylvania and affiliated with Widow's Sons' Lodge on November 19, 2001. Also, BROTHER EDWARD HILB HILDEBRAND, who died June 13, 2014. He was made a Master Mason on June 19, 1950 in Charlottesville Lodge No. 55. He became a member of Widow's Sons' Lodge on January 1, 1990. Both were Honorary Members.

**WHO WERE THE MOST INFLUENTIAL MASONS EVER?**

One Internet source decided to make a list of 17 of the most influential Masons ever - influential in society, not necessarily within the Fraternity.

*Business Insider*, in its online edition on March 21, 2014, decided to create a list of important Masons. The authors do not say exactly what qualifications they used for the list, although they did comment that Masonic members believe in "truth, tolerance, respect, and freedom."

So, this list of "17 of the Most Influential Freemasons Ever," includes:

1. Benjamin Franklin
2. George Washington
3. Paul Revere
4. Francois-Marie Arouet (Voltaire)
5. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
6. Simon Bolivar
7. John Brown (involved in the disappearance of William Morgan)
8. Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain)
9. Winston Churchill
10. Harry Truman
11. Alexander Fleming
12. Earl Warren
13. J. Edgar Hoover
14. Douglas MacArthur
15. John Glenn
16. Steve Wozniak (co-founder of Apple)
17. Jesse Jackson

The writers added a few "honorable mentions" under the headline. "Other Big Names Include:" John Jacob Astor, Andrew Jackson, William "Bud" Abbott, Salvador Allende, Nat King Cole, Samuel Colt, Duke Ellington, all seven Ringling brothers, Shaquille O'Neal, Oscar Wilde, and John Wayne, "just to name a few," it concluded.

Congratulations to **BROTHER KENT SCHLUSSEL** who was recently installed President of the James Monroe Chapter #549, National Sojourners. Also, **BROTHER BILL BASKERVILLE** who was recently installed Commander of the Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes of 76'. Both members of Widow's Sons' Lodge.

**The Seventh Annual  
James Stanley Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament  
Benefitting the Masonic Home of Virginia.  
August 14, 2014**

4 man Florida Best Ball Format (Captain's choice). Includes: 18 holes with cart, gift bag, picnic and awards presentation. Entry Fee: \$75.00 per player or \$300.00 per team. (\$17.00 per person is Tax Deductible). Location: Vista Links Golf Course, Buena Vista, Virginia. For Information and Registration Forms contact the Secretary



Pictured Left, Ill. Brother Albert Pike, a.k.a. MW Jeff Hodges, addressing the brethren at the 34th annual table lodge. He referenced an 1876 letter Pike wrote to the International Supreme Councils stating that to admit the existence of a “Creative Principle” in lieu of a personal God that the Freemasons put their trust in, was nonsense. God is a supreme being not just a principle.

Pictured Right, the Reverend Brother Bob Garner who spoke at the June stated communication on the life and times of John the Baptist, one of the Patron Saints in Freemasonry.



Lodge Scholarships were presented at the June 16th stated communication. . Pictured above, L-R: Bill Bond, worshipful master; Nathaniel Fox who will attend UVA; Phoebe Nash who will attend Roanoke College; Caroline Bray who will attend UVA; Forrest White who will attend Virginia Tech; Rajia Arbab who will attend Georgetown University; and Philip Nelson, chairman of the scholarship committee. Each student received a \$3,000.00 scholarship from the lodge charity fund.

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**LEFT:** The WM recognizes Masonic birthdays, pictured L-R: Bill Bond; David Goodwin, 18 years; Jack Grinnalds, 15 years; and John Williamson, 18 years. **CENTER,** the WM presents Brother Andy Keller with Masonic cuff links for winning the Masonic Hat Drawing; **RIGHT,** The WM recognizes representatives from the Masonic Home of Virginia. Pictured L-R: Bill Bond; Sean Watterman, who will become the Development Director on the retirement of Brother Jeffrey Spence, pictured right, on July 1, 2014. Brother Spence thanked the lodge and the brethren for their financial support of the Masonic Home.