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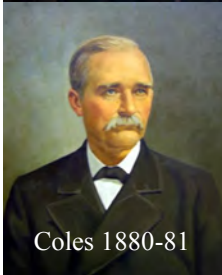
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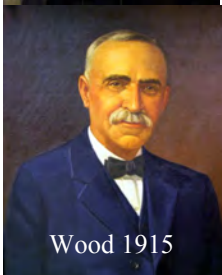
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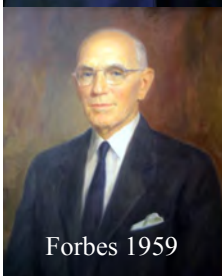
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Brethren, How quickly the sands of time flow. It is November already and my time as your Worshipful Master is fast drawing to a close. By the time you read this we will likely have a new Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. I will be attending Grand Lodge as our lodge's representative. May God give me wisdom in voting for or against the resolutions before the Grand Lodge that will best serve our brethren.

This month we will be celebrating Veterans Day, please join me in welcoming Brother Admiral William G. Sizemore, II who will be our honored speaker for the evening as we honor our veterans. November 11, or what has come to be known as Veterans Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day - the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans. Dan Lipinski said of Veterans Day, "It takes courage for a soldier to risk life and limb for his country. The least we civilians can do is to honor these heroes. That is the basis of the Veterans Day celebration. Venerate these great men and women with words of appreciation. The edifice of our society stands on the martyrdom of these selfless souls. On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free." Please, brethren if you are a veteran and Freemason please be present so we may bestow on you the honor and gratitude you deserve.

Thank you to all who assisted in our Masonic skit last month to recognize the Founding of our Grand Lodge and the election of our first Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

I remind you again of our Marine Corps, "Toys for Tots" charity that we do in conjunction with the James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners. You will find a box on the 3rd floor to contribute to this worthwhile charity. Please bring a new toy and place in the box. Remember that this may be the only Christmas a boy or girl has. Please keep in mind that we are taught early as Freemasons that charity extends beyond the grave throughout the boundless realms of eternity.

Brother Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Greatness is not where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but sail we must and not drift, nor lie at anchor." Yes, you, you and you - together we can make a difference. Brethren, no man stands alone if we communicate and Share the Light. It is our duty to keep that light strong and focused, and influence others to follow that same light in their daily lives.

Please join your officers and me on Monday, November 17th at 7:00 PM as we honor our veterans who have served us personally and our country. Together we will Share the Light.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bill

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

P.S. I heard somewhere that R.W. Jim Dickerson was providing special refreshments this month and it featured oysters.

November Masonic Birthdays!

Call a Brother and wish him a Happy Masonic Birthday.

- Thomas V. Anderson, 11/4/1974
- C. Victor Armstrong, 11/10/1971
- Henry Booth, 11/23/1959
- Mark H. Bryant, 11/19/1996
- Mark A. Chamberlain, 11/21/1995
- Gregory H. Faust, 11/12/1973
- Wayne W. Ferguson, 11/17/1978
- Eugene G. Flamm, 11/26/1975
- James O. Green, 11/27/1951
- George D. Hale, Jr., 11-28-1966
- Donald J. Lamb, 11/29/2000
- John M. Lane, 11/29/1976
- Harry A. McCauley, 11/27/1967
- Travis A. Moran, 11/20/2000
- M. Shane Parsons, 11/21/1994
- William T. Randolph, 11/28/2001
- Michael E. Roberts, 11/7/1977
- John P. Sylva, 11/20/2003



The lodge Junior Deacon, Brother Peter Leone, introduced to the overflow audience at Pavilion VII (first building constructed at the University of Virginia) the Masons present and then introduced Brother Bob Simpson who spoke on the early years of Freemasonry, the meaning of the ceremony that was performed on October 6, 1817, and what Masons do.

Marine Corps Toys for Tots

Each year the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program receives donations and new toys to provide children with the joy of Christmas cheer. The James Monroe Chapter, No. 549, National Sojourners, Inc. will again sponsor this program this year. RW Brother Bill Bond is the Lodge Chairman for this effort and is asking each Mason to join in adding to the Christmas joy for these children by bringing a new toy, not wrapped, to the November stated communication.

Checks are always welcome. Make your check payable to Toys for Tots and you can give them to MW Bro. Jeff Hodges.

Brethren, these are difficult times for all of us, but a little child doesn't understand the economy or its implications. Please assist us in this out-reach effort.

Fraternally, RW William (Bill) Bond

A MASONIC PRESIDENT OF THE U. S. FOR 1 DAY!
Southern California Research Lodge Fraternal Review, June, 1914

In the courthouse of Plattsburg, Missouri, there is a statue, bearing the inscription, "David Rice Atchison, 1807—1886, President of the United States for One Day."

The circumstances were the transition of office from President James Polk to Zachary Taylor. According to the law at the time, President Polk stepped down at President on Sunday, March 4, 1849. Zachary Taylor was a deeply religious man and refused to be inaugurated on a Sunday.

Thus, according to ascension laws, the office falls to Vice President George M. Dallas. However, his term also ended on March 4th. Thus the Presidential line then falls to the President Pro Tem of the Senate, who was Brother David Rice Atchison.

The problem was debated in the Congress for several hours and it was agreed that Brother Atchison, although never inaugurated, was legally and by the Constitution, President of the United States from noon on March 4, 1849, until noon on March 5, 1849.

Brother Atchison was a member of Platte Lodge No. 56, in Platte City Missouri.



Pictured starting left and going clock wise. Wor. Tom Hill receiving his PM ring; RW Charlie Via winning the Master's Hat drawing, a Masonic pen; and Bro. Jason Pattison, the lodge senior warden, receiving his certificate of qualification

The Officers and Members of King Solomon's Lodge No. 194, AF & AM Crozet, Virginia Chartered - December 13, 1864

Cordially Invite you to attend their 150th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 1:30 PM

576 Radford Lane, Crozet.

Refreshments will be served after the 150th Anniversary Program.

Please RSVP to RW Bill Baskerville, Secretary – 434.466.5030 or Email: Bill Baslerville.com by December 4, 2014

Please Note: Attire will be Coat and Tie for the Gentlemen, Church attire for the Ladies.



Brother George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to *"recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"*

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.



Widow's Sons' Lodge participates in the 197th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of Pavilion VII at the University of Virginia. A standing room only crowd attended. The Masons pictured above are holding a framed copy of the minutes of the October 6, 1817 event. Pictured L-R, First Row: Andy Keller; Bob Simpson, the guest speaker; Bill Bond; Peter Leone, who made the arrangements, and made the introductions. Second Row: Jason Pattison, Bob Romanac, and Mike Griffin. Back Row: David Simpson, Bill Baskerville, Philip Nelson, and Jim Dickerson. Also present by not pictured, Mark Chapman.

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The October Masonic birthdays recognized, pictured, L-R: Bill Bond,; Nick Bragg, 1 year; Mark Chapman, 7 years; Richard Cook, 40 years; Donald Stoneburner, 65 years; Earl Jorgensen, 1 year; Mike Griffin, 18 years; Bob Simpson, 49 years; and Harry Walker, 11 years.