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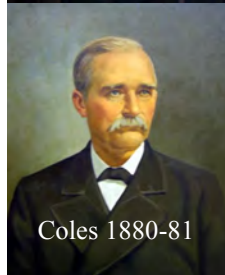
Stated Communication April 21, 2014

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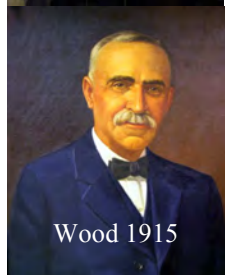
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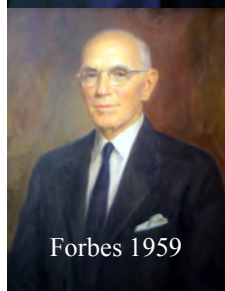
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Brethren, Spring is here and hopefully the sun and warm weather are right around the corner. Spring is the season where everything flourishes, revitalizes and renews itself. I ask each of you to reflect on this and renew your interest in your lodge and in yourself as a Freemason.

There are many plans on the trestle board that have not as yet been accomplished. Your lodge needs you and wants you. You may be surprised at how enjoyable an experience it may be to dwell with your brothers and friends in unity. If you have been away for awhile, I assure you your friends and brethren will make you feel welcome. Please consider taking the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. You might be pleasantly surprised at what you will receive from a night at lodge. It only takes one night a month to renew and revitalize your Masonic season.

A while ago, I had a brother who at one time was very active in the lodge, he also was a Past Master. He told me his wife had asked him why he did not attend lodge any more. His reply to her was that things had changed, the lodge wasn't the same as it once was. The brethren did not act to one another as they once had. They didn't seem to care for each other as before. She replied by saying that she thought that Masons were suppose to be friends and brothers and act to each other the way friends and brothers should. We constantly hear things such as this and how Masonry is fast in decline. Maybe the way some of us act, not as friends and brothers is a reason for this. I know of several brethren who were good members and active who will not return to lodge because of something a brother said that hurt their feelings. As the old saying goes it only takes one apple to spoil the whole bunch. We really need to be guarded in our words and deeds in regard to each other. Let each of us look deeply into our own hearts and consciences and make sure there is nothing there that is contrary to our great teachings. Let us each be careful of how and what we think is giving good counsel and maybe whisper some in our own ear.

I would really like to thank R.W. Robert E. Simpson for his presentation on R.W. Thomas L. Farish who was a Captain for the Confederacy and was captured by Custer on his way into Charlottesville. What a great story and one related to a brother of our lodge.

I would also like to thank Brother Jim Haney, our District Blood Coordinator for giving us a bit of information about our district's blood program and how many lives we could potentially save by giving a pint of blood.

At our Stated Communication on April 21st we will have as our speaker R.W. Stuart Cook, Grand Junior Warden of The Grand Lodge of Virginia. I am sure you won't want to miss this presentation.

If your cable tow allows (and I hope it does) please try to be with us, I know you will go away feeling richer for being with your brothers.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bill

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

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

Daniel A. Albert, April 26, 1965
 Frank W. Bauer, April 17, 1985
 M. Wayne Biby, April 1, 1991
 Bobby Cameron, Jr., April 7, 1975
 Timothy J. Edwards, April 24, 1976
 William B. Fischer, April 27, 1964
 William C. Gentry, April 22, 1963
 Theodore M. Jones, III, April 30, 2008
 James M. Landreth, April 5, 1976
 Peter-John Leone, April 25, 2012
 Michael G. MacInnis, April 3, 2000
 Earl R. Morris, April 7, 1969
 Monte S. Parsons, April 2, 1992
 Harlan E. Phelps, Jr., April 5, 1977
 Ronald G. Ridge, April 26, 1965
 William S. Roudabush, April 21, 1958
 A. Fredrick Seaman, Jr., April 13, 1971
 Matthew C. Stimart, April 6, 2009
 Glenn R. Sweet, April 5, 1965

Important Dates



- April 11th and 12th, R. R. Kennedy Area Ritual School for Districts 18 and 19, Waynesboro, 7:00 p.m. on the 11th and 9:00 a.m. on the 12th.
- May 1st, Grand Master’s Official Visit to the lodges of the 18th District, Charlottesville. Reception 6:00 p.m., tiled meeting 7:00 p.m.
- June 19th, Grand Master’s Official Visit to the lodges of the 19th District, Lee Lodge Waynesboro.
- July 31st thru August 2nd, Reid James Simmons Academy, Best Western Hotel, Waynesboro. Please note the change in location.



The April Lodge Speaker will be RW Vernon Stuart Cook, the grand junior warden of the grand lodge of Virginia. Don’t miss the opportunity of hearing and meeting this leader in Virginia Freemasonry.

Support the Lodge Art Project

For a \$100.00 donation, you can receive a framed copy of one of the four oil paintings that will be installed on the north wall of the lodge room. For a \$1,650.00 donation you can sponsor an oil painting in honor of another or in memory of another. Wouldn’t it be great to have a painting in memory of Worshipful George Washington, or some other Brother. A plaque will be installed on the printing with the name of the sponsor. All those supporting this effort will be recognized in lodge and in Hiram’s Journal. Please contact the secretary, Brother Bob Simpson who can assist you in your choices.



Brother Bruce Thompson was recognized on his 60th Masonic birthday.



The Worshipful Master presents a Masonic Bow Tie to Bro. Bob Simpson for serving as the program speaker on RW Thomas L. Farish, a captain in the Confederate Army.

The beautiful stain glass art pictured to the left includes over one-hundred pieces of glass. It will replace the letter “G” behind the chair of the worshipful master in the east. Completion is expected before the official visit of the Grand Master on May 1st.

Grand Master's Visit to the 18th Masonic District

On Thursday, May 1, 2014, Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, will make his Official Visit to Masonic District No. 18. You and your wife or guests are most cordially invited to attend and participate in this occasion with us.

The event will be at the Masonic Temple at 423 E Main Street, Charlottesville, VA, on the pedestrian mall. (Use the parking garage address in your GPS unit). You may park in the adjacent Market Street Parking Garage at 502 East Market St, and your parking ticket will be validated by the lodge. A Reception with hors d'oeuvres will start at 6:00pm. The food cost is \$6.50 per person, and you may wish to contribute by a donation at the door. There will be a joint, tiled, called communication beginning at 7:00pm sharp. A program will be provided for, the Ladies.

The Grand Master's Party, and Lodge Officers will wear tuxedos, while other brethren may wear dark suits. Ladies may wear church attire.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend with your number of guests by April 18, 2014 to help us plan the amount of food required.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Philip H. Nelson, Jr.

Philip Harding Nelson, Jr., DDGM District 18

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The worshipful master thanks Brother Jim Haney, district blood coordinator. Brother James Haney reported that 23,600 pints of blood had been donated by the Masons of Virginia. For every pint, three lives are saved. It was reported that Bro. Bill Reinhold had just donated his 103rd pint of whole blood.



The Masonic Hat Winners... Pictured L-R: Worshipful Master Bond, Steve Fetcho, Mike Hollar, and David Goodwin.

Entered Apprentice Degree

Brethren, mark your calendar for April 28th, at 6:30 p.m. Be in attendance as a new Brother receives light in Masonry. What an impression is made when the chairs are full.



The worshipful master recognized Bro. Mike Jaffee who affiliated with Widow's Sons' Lodge. He presented him with a lodge name badge and a copy of the lodge history.

District Bring-A-Friend-Night... Brethren, mark your calendar for June 22nd. The district membership coordinator, Wor. Tom Hill, is planning a district wide Bring-A-Friend-Night to be held at the Charlottesville Masonic Temple from 2 pm to 5 pm. Bring a relative or friend and expose him to the greatest Fraternity in the world.

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It was a joyous time at the March Stated Communication as Worshipful Hollis Proffitt and Worshipful Bruce Thompson received their 60 year veterans emblem. Brother Proffitt was made a Master Mason in Widow's Sons' Lodge on February 23, 1954 and served as Worshipful Master in 1959. Brother Thompson was made a Master Mason in Charleston No. 153, WV on March 6, 1954. He affiliated with Charlottesville No. 55 on April 9, 1973 and served as Worshipful Master in 1979. He became a member of Widow's Sons' Lodge on January 1, 1990. Pictured first row, L-R: The worshipful master, Bill Bond, Bruce Thompson, Hollis Proffitt, and Jeff Hodges who made the presentation. Second row, L-R: Jim Dickerson and Charlie Via who served as a committee.