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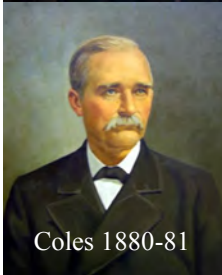
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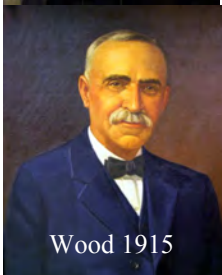
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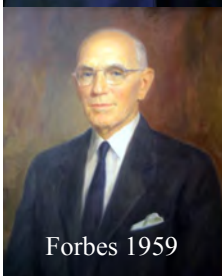
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Brethren, I believe, Freemasonry is personal, private and beyond description. We have rituals that we perform, like a play, that remind us of certain moral lessons, and hint at the antiquity of our craft. These are the material displays of what we do. They are not secrets, yet they remain private in most cases as every group or person has the right to personal privacy. They are the process of what we do. Just as what I do does not define me as a person, so the manner of what we do, does not define us as Freemasons. My obligations make me a Freemason, and the manner in which I live and build my house of character show that I really understand and earn the title of Free and Accepted Mason.

The real secrets of Freemasonry are in what happens in you!

No man can see into your mind or heart. No man can tell you how to apply the allegorical lessons of Freemasonry to your life, actions and character. These are the real secrets...it's all about how your mind and conscious uses the information that you are presented.

The noted Masonic scholar and author, Brother Alphonse Cerza phrased these words, "Occasionally a member is asked by a non-Mason "What benefits do you receive from your Masonic membership?" Most members when asked this question for the first time have difficulty knowing what to say. This is especially true if the member has not given the matter any thought or he has had no experience explaining things to others. The situation can be further complicated for the member who erroneously believes that Freemasonry is a "secret" society and that the answer he may give might be disclosing a Masonic "secret." We also must recognize that Freemasonry has so many facets and attractions that each member has sought membership in the Craft for a reason personal to himself. Each has entered the lodge in search of something that is probably different than another member".

That being said, please mark your calendars for our Bring a Friend Breakfast, which is to be held at the Rosebrook Inn in Stanardsville, VA. Most men enjoy breakfast and I can not remember the last time we got together and shared bacon and eggs together. All Masons are welcome to attend at no charge. Come, bring a friend who you think is interested in Freemasonry, bring your sons, nephews, or grandsons or just come alone. I promise this will be an informal event with a lot of friendship to go around. This is only for the men. See information for time and directions further in this newsletter.

I am very excited about our August stated communication, I have a special guest coming to visit our Lodge. If you have any spare time at all, you do not want to miss this guest and his program. I am sure you will be glad you were present.

A big thank you goes out to our speaker in July, Brother Pascal Bussiere who gave a most heart felt presentation on Freemasonry in Haiti. I had many comments from brethren saying how much they enjoyed Brother Bussiere's presentation. Also, a big thank you to R.W. Jim Dickerson our District Education Officer who gave an interesting educational program on who we as Masons should and should not allow through our west gate. Thanks also to Brother Rob Harrison who contributed the brisket for July's refreshments also to R.W. Jim Dickerson, R.W. Mike Griffin, Brother T.C. Dickerson and Brother Jamie Stafford who assisted in preparing it. It was delicious and enjoyed by all.

Dress for our August stated communication is again casual attire, for example golf shirts and dress slacks (no ties required). It is my sincere hope that you will find it within the length of your cable tow to join your officers and me at our next stated communication on August 18th at 7:00 PM. I promise you will come away feeling blessed that you took the short bit of time to dwell together with us in unity.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bill

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

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

Michael L. Arnold, 8/30/2004
Alexander Banks, 8/26/1968
Dale R. Blosser, 8/29/1988
Joseph F. Brown, III, 8/12/1992
Brian E. Campbell, 8/28/1990
William W. Clark, Jr., 8/27/1951
James E. Craig, 8/16/2008
David S. Davidson, 8/7/1967
Harold W. Davis, 8/4/1975
Steve E. Fetcho, 8/27/2005
Irving Forrest, 8/23/1995
George P. A. Forschler, 8/3/1967
Robert H. Garner, 8/23/1963
Carroll J. Good, 8/27/2005
Charles M. Hale, Jr., 8/9/1977
Robert A. Harrison, Jr., 8/19/1953
Robert A. Harrison, III, 8/27/2005
Jeffery E. Hodges, 8/26/1985
Jason E. Hodges, 8/27/2005
James E. Hollar, 8/27/1984
Douglas D. Hudson, 8/20/1951
Ian C. Kelly, 8/27/2005
Patrick M. Kelly, 8/27/2005
Boyd L. Knott, 8/24/1970
Daniel T. LaPlume, 8/27/2005
John C. Maddox, 8/2/1971
Brady L. McLane, 8/4/2004
Timothy B. Parent, 8/27/2005
Wm. F. Reinhold, III, 8/26/1996
William E. Rose, 8/26/1972
Larry B. Saunders, 8/27/2005
Kent Schlusel, 8/7/1990
Steven R. Thomas, 8/28/2008
William D. Vincent, 8/27/2005
M. Van Wilson, 8/7/1990

New Member

The right hand of fellowship is extended to BROTHER GEOFFREY BRIAN SPRINGER who affiliated with Widow's Sons' Lodge on July 21, 2014. His mother lodge is Santa Monica -Palisades No. 307 in Santa Monica, California. He is a computer programmer. Welcome to the lodge of the Widow's Son.

THE CHIEF'S STRENGTH AND SUPPORT

By Sir Knight Philip G. Buckholz, Grand Commander of Wyoming

Our fraternity is an interesting collection of individuals hailing from different backgrounds, individuals with different personalities, priorities, and philosophies coming together to support one another and to watch out for each other and our families. This community of support requires significant commitment and dedication on the part of its members. This labor is often very challenging and difficult.

I am continually reminded of the need for that constant effort on my part to contribute to maintaining the peace and harmony of the fraternity. There are times when the most casual comment or statement strikes a nerve, and I must remind myself that to be offended is a choice I make. To allow another to offend me is the result of my not regulating my life agreeable to the dictates of reason, failing to wisely determine upon things relative to the peace and harmony of the fraternity. I must stop and remind myself to take the time to apply "liberal lenient tolerant judgment" and to recognize "the best possible construction on the characteristics or actions of others." I must continually direct myself to be prudent and tolerant, to extend true Masonic charity by presuming that the individual intended no ill will and that the individual was most likely only stating a fact or opinion with which I did not agree or which was philosophically opposed to my own. That does not make the individual wrong; it does not make me wrong; it only makes us different.

Variety is one of the greatest assets in our fraternity; it would indeed be a dull and stagnant group of individuals if we all thought alike, if we never disagreed on anything. Likewise, our style of communication varies, what one considers a whisper, the recipient may interpret as a scream, one may be too succinct while the other too verbose; however, in most cases' each has an important message they are attempting to communicate. If, because of the constraints of time or situation, that individual failed to invest the time and effort to camouflage the message with glowing superlatives in an attempt to gain my approval or agreement, that technique does not make them wrong, because it may not have been the way I would have done it, again it only makes us different. I believe we must look past the delivery and find the message, or we will lose an opportunity to learn from each other, to improve ourselves, to grow and prosper mentally and philosophically through our association and social intercourse with each other.

I freely admit that my efforts to subdue my passions and conform to the methods of thought and behavior outlined above are not always successful; it is an on-going work in progress, but I shall continue to persevere. I must accept that the level of the fraternal bond is not universally constant, the variety in our values, priorities, philosophies, and personalities are very influential factors which contribute greatly to that level of fraternal bond. As mere mortal beings we must be willing to accept the fact that we will always be closer to some than to others. I am especially thankful for that special bond which I share with a few very special individuals, and I feel no need to apologize for that bond.

**The Seventh Annual
James Stanley 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

Charlottesville WALK to End Alzheimer's 2014

On October 18th starting in Lee Park at 8:30A.M., I'll be walking to help reclaim the future for millions and I invite you to join me either as a Walker or Contributor. By participating in the 2014 Alzheimer's Association WALK to End Alzheimer's, I'm committed to raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer research, care and support.

Currently, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. This year another 500,000 more people will be added, which means it is likely to affect people we know, including our friends and loved ones.

As a Lodge brother, I need your support! Please join me for the WALK and make a donation to help the Alzheimer's Association advance research into prevention, treatments and a cure for Alzheimer's. (To contribute online, just click on the following link: http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2014/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?fr_id=5699&pg=entry)

For the millions already impacted by this disease, the Alzheimer's Association offers care, education, support and resources in communities nationwide.

Thank you for supporting this event!

Mark S. Chapman, Senior Deacon, WSL60, Team Captain 2014, Charlottesville WALK to End Alzheimer's

Masonic Trip to Pennsylvania

A trip to visit a lodge in Pennsylvania and also the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. RW Andy Keller is putting the trip together. You will leave on Wednesday the 15th of October and return Friday the 17th. There will a two night stay in a motel.

You will be visiting Concordia Lodge # 67 in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania as well as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requires advance reservations. If you plan to be a part of the trip, please contact Brother Keller. The price of the tour of the GL of Pennsylvania is \$5.00.

The group will be staying in a Days Inn close to the Lodge at a rate of \$74/per night including tax. This is a two double bed room. Get a roomy and make your reservations early.



The secretary wins the Masonic Hat Drawing, a Pocket Watch



When: Saturday, August 16, 2014, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

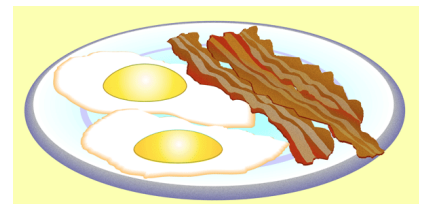
Where: Rosebrook Inn, 1026 Rosebrook Road, Stanardsville, VA

RSVP: R.W. Bill Bond, (434) 985-6171, wbond0051@gmail.com

Or Wor. Mike Skeens, (434) 985-7976, skeens1948@yahoo.com

Brethren, Please come and join your brothers for a complimentary buffet breakfast at Rosebrook Inn in Stanardsville, Virginia on Saturday, August 16th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Brethren, bring your father, sons, grandsons, friends or just come alone for the brotherhood and friendship of sharing a meal together. Please RSVP no later than Sat., August 9th, that we may plan accordingly. Directions: Take 29 North to Ruckersville and turn left on Route 33 West.

Travel 7.5 miles and turn left on Route 810 (Dyke Road). After 3.5 miles, turn right on Route 631 (Haneytown Road). Take the next right on Rosebrook Road. The Inn is the second driveway on the right.



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Brother Pascal Bussiere, who presented a program on Masonry in Haiti is thanked by the WM with a pocket watch.



Brother Jim Dickerson is thanked by the WM for presenting a brief program on Masonic Education.