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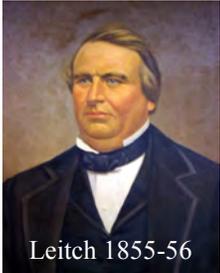
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# HIRAM'S JOURNAL

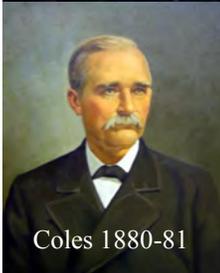
**Stated Communication September 15, 2014**

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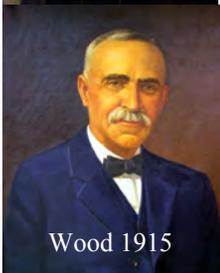
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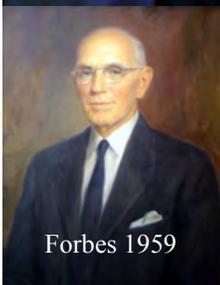
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Brethren, first, let me extend my sincere thanks to Worshipful Brother Tom Hill for sitting in the East for me during the August Stated Communication. I heard that he did a fabulous job during my absence and I am indebted to him for taking the reigns while I attended to the matters concerning the recent passing of my father. Thank all of you who have been so kind to my family and me during this sad time in our lives. I also would like to thank our Senior Warden, Brother Jason Pattison in seeing that all matters during my absence were taken care of in an efficient manner.

Also, I realize that Hiram's Journal is written mostly for the members of Widow's Sons' Lodge, however, I would be neglect if I did not recognize my Masonic brethren without the 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District for the most impressive turnout and Masonic rites given to my father, William R. (Sockey) Bond, Jr. at King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. A thanks to Worshipful Brother Goldie Tomlin for seeing that all was taken care of and ran smoothly. A special thank you to R.W. Lonnie Tuthill for the wonderful and impressive job he did in performing the Masonic Rites for my father. Dad would have been pleased. To all the brethren that attended, I extend my family's as well as my own heartfelt thanks for all you have done for us.

I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to Worshipful Brother Mike Skeens, Worshipful Master of Piedmont Stella Lodge No. 50 and his wife Cory for hosting our first Bring a Friend Breakfast at their B&B and making it a great success. I understand that several petitions were received because of this. I also heard a great breakfast was served and a great time and good fellowship was had by all in attendance. This is probably something we will want to continue with in the future.

I am pleased to have as our speaker at our September Stated Communication, R.W. Mike Griffin who will lighten things up a bit with one or two of his stories. If you have not read one of Brother Mike's stories about life as a kid growing up in rural Georgia which he occasionally posts to the Lodge's Face book page, you are in for a real treat. You do not want to miss this if you like humor and the lighter things in life.

A big thank you goes out to our speaker in August, Worshipful Brother Ron Carnegie who portrayed Worshipful Brother George Washington. I am so sorry to have missed this as it was one of the big highlights of my year in the East. I have had brethren tell me how great Brother Carnegie's portrayal of Brother Washington was. A special thanks to M.W. Jeff Hodges for helping me set up this program.

Dress for our September's Stated Communication continues to be casual attire, for example golf shirts and dress slacks (no ties required) until next month (October).

M.W. Benjamin Franklin once said, "Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw wages in silver or gold will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another: Sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

I hope each of you my brethren, will find it in your hearts to collect your Masonic wages as Brother Ben Franklin so aptly spoke of and join your officers and me at our next stated communication on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. I promise you will come away with riches beyond your imagination.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Bill*

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

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

Stephen G. Brown, 9/25/1996  
P. Douglas Cheape, Jr., 9/6/1955  
Ancel B. Davis, Jr., 9/20/1986  
James F. Dickerson, 9/1/1995  
Craig M. Downing, 9/1/1995  
William K. Fields, 9/20/1986  
L. Thomas Hill, Jr., 9/2/2008  
John E. Hopkinson, 9/2/1982  
Carlos E. B. McReddie, 9/5/1984  
Philip H. Nelson, Jr., 9/27/1999  
Jason A. Pattison, 9/16/2010  
Richard A. Rohm, Jr., 9/18/2002  
Michael Sheffield, 9/12/1975  
David T. Simpson, 9/16/2004  
Seward F. Stoneburner, 9/2/1957  
Charles M. Ward, 9/20/1986

**IN MEMORIAM**

The lodge is saddened at the death of WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM SEABIRT ROUDABUSH, who died August 1, 2014 in the 86 year of his life. He was worshipful master of Charlottesville Lodge No. 55 in 1966, and President of Piedmont Shrine Club in 1971. He became a member of Widow's Sons' Lodge on January 1, 1990. His spirit to God, his memory in our hearts, his body to the earth.

The lodge was also sad to learn of the death of Brother William R. (Socky) Bond, Jr., the father of the worshipful master. Brother Bond was a 50 year Mason and member of King Solomon's Lodge No. 194.

**Important Dates in 2014**

October 11th, All Masonic Family Day, Masonic Home

November 7th & 8th, Grand Lodge in Richmond

November 7th, Delegate Banquet, \$35.00 prepaid in advance through the Grand Lodge Office

November 8th, Grand Master's Ball, \$25.00 prepaid in advance through the Grand Lodge Office

**INSTRUCTIVE TONGUE, ATTENTIVE EAR**

By The Reverend Brother David R. Ritchie  
Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

As Fellow Crafts, we are given the Instructive Tongue, the Attentive Ear. and the Faithful Breast.

It has been my experience that most Masons are more than willing to use the Instructive Tongue. We have all been part of a degree with six prompters (usually all saying something different). We like to help and we want to inform others, share with them the knowledge we have. This is one of the passions many of us struggle to subdue. We sometimes tend to employ the Instructive Tongue before we have engaged the Attentive Ear.

The Attentive Ear is where it starts. It is how we learn our work. It is also the first step in practicing our tenets. Brotherly Love starts by listening to a Brother's story. Relief starts by listening to a Brother's struggles, his problems. Truth begins when we listen to the beliefs and ideas of others and then quietly contemplate and form our own.

The Instructive Tongue, Attentive Ear. and Faithful Breast are the reasons we, as a fraternity, have survived the centuries. They are the reason we are valid and needed today. They are what will make us viable in the future.

How many problems are caused in Lodges and in life by an unbridled instructive tongue? The trouble comes when we get the order wrong.

The Instructive Tongue must teach us first. This is what the Attentive Ear hears. Then the Attentive Ear fills the Faithful Breast and then, and only then, will the Instructive Tongue, in turn, be ready to pass on to others the secrets of Freemasonry, our history, our stories, and our ritual.'

Additions to the Lodge Library. The following books have been donated to your Lodge Library by Bro. R.E. Simpson and Bro. S. E. Fetcho, respectively:

1. Masonic Service Association Series: The Hat and Gavel; Think Tank for Junior Wardens; Tried and Proven; Trestle board Tidbits; The Worshipful Master's Workbook; Leadership; Suggested Lodge Programs; Masonic Feasts, Banquets and Table Lodges; Program Notebook for Worshipful Masters.
2. Southside: Virginia's Last Hope In the Civil War by Thomas B. Fowler. Thanks for sharing these resources. There is a wealth of Masonic information in our library that is waiting to share it's contents with you... be sure to check out these new acquisitions the next time you're at lodge and return them when finished reading. If you need assistance finding a book, then contact your Lodge Librarian,

Bro. Mark S. Chapman, Lodge Librarian

## DO YOU HAVE A MASONIC ELEVATOR SPEECH READY?

Masonic Information Center, Focus, June 2014

An elevator speech is one that you can deliver to one or more persons while taking a brief elevator ride. It may be 30 seconds, or 1 minute long. It must summarize and provide an important message in a minimum of words.

For example, you step onto the elevator with a business associate, who says, "What is that lapel pin you have on?" By the time you reach his or her destination on the 3rd Floor, you should be able to say it is a Masonic pin, and state a few positive things about your membership or about the organization.

How many times has an opportunity similar to that happened to you, but you quickly answered and hoped the other person would change the subject?

How often, when you thought about the opportunity later, did you wish you would have been ready to produce a short, intelligent response?

The time to prepare your "elevator speech" and explain Freemasonry and what it means to you - is now - before that chance arises.

The opportunity may come on the street corner; it may occur as you are departing from church; it could materialize in a fast-food line as you are waiting to order.

Some Masons believe the lack of having such an "elevator speech," is why membership is not advancing as it should. Too often, Masons are reluctant to speak up about their Masonic membership. Too often, they are not prepared to say something positive, and so don't say anything. Too often, they just feel unqualified to be that needed "public relations" representative for our Fraternity.

In the *Indiana Freemason* magazine in 2013, George Burkley, a Past Master of Tyrian Lodge #12 in Goshen, IN, presented his views on the need for an "elevator speech." If someone would say to Brother Burkley, as they were entering an elevator, "I hear you are a Mason. What's that all about?" here is what he might say:

*Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternal organization for men over the age of 18. We are dedicated to serving our members and their families through building relationships, soda! networking, and activities with our members and in the community.*

*Freemasonry is not a religion but it is an organization where every member must profess a belief in God.*

*Freemasonry is not a charity but it is an organization that sponsors numerous charities, for example (and here he names charity endeavors that his Lodge, Grand Lodge, or one of his appendant bodies in Freemasonry supports).*

*And finally, Freemasonry is not a volunteer organization but it is an organization where its members voluntarily bind themselves together to make themselves, and their community, a better place. Personally, my closest friends outside my family are members of the Masonic Fraternity.*



General and Worshipful George Washington, a.k.a. Wor. Ronald S. Carnegie, Jr. an interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg, addresses the lodge.

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Masonic Birthdays recognized: Geo Washington, 261 years; Jeff Hodges, 29 years; Jason Hodges, 9 years; Kent Schlüssel, 24 years; Steve Fetcho, 9 years; Bob Harrison, 61 years; Rob Harrison, 9 years; Tom Hill, Acting Worshipful Master