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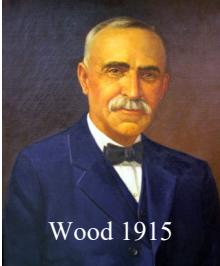
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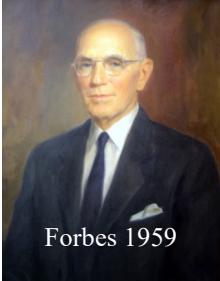
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Brethren, Our Lodge Member activities in October were not only historic but surpassed expectation. If you didn't participate in at least one activity, then there's always a Masonic activity waiting for you next month and if you're not sure what you can do for your Lodge, then just ask the Worshipful Master for some suggestions. One talented member and stone mason RW Bob Clore put his stone engraving skills to use in making the UVA marble time capsule which became the capstone of their Bicentennial celebration on October 6<sup>th</sup>.



If you want to get involved with the ritual side of Lodge work, then we have excellent Lodge and District Instructors of Work and Past Masters to guide you in learning degree parts. And speaking of ritual, I hope that you were able to attend one or both of our Lodge's Master Mason Degrees in October. We raised two Fellow Craft's (Bro. William Reichert and Bro. Richard Hull) to the sublime degree of Master Mason... Welcome to WSL60, Brothers. The MM Degree Team members as well as Team organizer, SW Nick Bragg, are to be congratulated for their hard work.

At our October Stated Communication RW Greg Hosaflook was voted an Honorary Member of WSL60. For years, Brother Greg has supported our Lodge through his time and patience helping members with degree work and learning ritual, through his talent as a speaker wherein he presented many interesting lodge programs, and through his financial contributions to our Lodge's featured charities. We are proud to recognize Bro. Greg as an Honorary Member of WSL60.



If philanthropic activities are your favorite Masonic interests, then contact Bro. Stewart Plemons, to learn how to help feed the local citizens by volunteering in the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry; or contact the WM to learn how to get involved with the local Alzheimer's Association. One doesn't have to look far to find a Brother or a neighbor in need of your charity. The featured charity for our Lodge meal donation in October was the Masonic Home of Virginia; our Lodge meal donors raised \$173 for the Masonic Home plus our Lodge sold prints and photos at their annual Family Day event and raised about \$200 more. And RW Russ Snodgrass presented the October Stated program on MAHOVA in support of Founders Day. Thank you Brother Russ.

In November, WSL60 members can staff a table at Grand Lodge Annual Communication (November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>) to continue selling prints as a fundraiser for the Masonic Home of Virginia. Contact the WM to help staff the table at the Grand Annual Communication in Richmond. You are invited to attend the Grand Lodge of Virginia's Grand Annual Communication with the Officers of WSL60 for a great time of fellowship and activities...contact the Secretary or Lodge Officers for details.

Our Lodge's November 20<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication promises to be exciting for two reasons:  
(1) Members are invited to prepare a main dish consisting of their favorite wild game (venison stew, boiled rabbit, bear roast, rattlesnake soup or whatever...) and a reward will be given (if we all survive the meal) for the best tasting delicacy. A donation for the meal will be collected for the Shriner's Hospital.  
(2) After our meal, we'll open Lodge and be enlightened by RW Bill Reinhold giving a program about The Blazing Star.... A Masonic symbol introduced in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Plan to attend the Stated Communication prepared to challenge your understanding of this symbol in ancient history.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Mark S. Chapman, WM WSL60



## November Masonic Birthdays! Wish a Brother Happy Masonic Birthday.

<b>Thomas V. Anderson</b>	<b>11/04/1974</b>
<b>C. Victor Armstrong</b>	<b>11/10/1971</b>
<b>Henry Booth</b>	<b>11/23/1959</b>
<b>Mark H. Bryant</b>	<b>11/19/1996</b>
<b>Mark A. Chamberlain</b>	<b>11/21/1995</b>
<b>Gregory H. Faust</b>	<b>11/12/1973</b>
<b>Wayne W. Ferguson</b>	<b>11/17/1978</b>
<b>Eugene G. Flamm</b>	<b>11/26/1975</b>
<b>George D. Hale, Jr.</b>	<b>11/28/1966</b>
<b>John M. Lane</b>	<b>11/29/1976</b>
<b>Harry A. McCauley*</b>	<b>11/27/1967</b>
<b>Devan E. McPherson</b>	<b>11/30/2015</b>
<b>M. Shane Parsons</b>	<b>11/21/1994</b>
<b>William T. Randolph</b>	<b>11/28/2001</b>
<b>Ashish Singh</b>	<b>11/30/2015</b>
<b>John P. Sylva</b>	<b>11/20/2003</b>

\* 50 Year Masonic Veteran

## UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 1 November: WSL60 Officers Meeting 6 pm meal served before meeting
- 7 November: Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry Masons participation night at 6-8 pm; Brothers who are interested in participating and have never registered before, please contact Bro. Stewart Plemons via email (stewpindous@gmail.com ) or cell phone (434) 989-7903
- 10-11 November: Grand Lodge of Virginia, Grand Communication at the Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa, 12042 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA. Contact the WM to carpool.
- 17-18 November: Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia Grand Convocation, Fr. Magruder Inn, Williamsburg, VA.
- 20 November: Widow's Sons' Lodge No.60 Stated Communication; Meal @ 6 pm; Stated @ 7pm. Menu items will be contributed by the Brethren that hunt (so let the Secretary or WM know what you plan to bring); the meal will feature a "Wild Game Night" and an award will be presented for best tasting wild game recipe... so get your venison stew, baked rabbit, bear roaster ready to cook and join us for a taste of wild game. Note: anyone bringing in bear meat to share please make sure it is cooked well done! Donations collected for the wild game meal will be given to the Shriner's Hospital.
- 28 November: Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58 and Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 meeting starting at 6 pm; a meal will be served between Commandery and Chapter Meetings; donations collected during meal will be contributed to Alzheimer's Association.



The Worshipful Master recognized those with Masonic birthday's in October. L-R: Mark Chapman, 10 years; Nick Bragg, 4 years; Earl Jorgensen, 4 years; Mike Griffin, 21 years; Harry Walker, 15 years, and Bob Simpson, 52 years.



Picture Upper left, Wor. Mark Chapman addressing the audience at Brown's Collage, Monroe Hill on the 200th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone at the University of Virginia. Upper center, Mt. Wor. Jeff Hodges addressing the history of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Upper right, Wor. Mark Chapman and Rt. Wor. Bob Clore presenting the time capsule to the University with a copy of the lodge history in side to be opened in 100 years. Below, the Masons who attended the cornerstone tribute: First Row, L-R: Bob Clore, Goldie Tomlin, Philip Nelson, Mark Chapman, Assoc. Prof. Stephan Paul Plaskon, Jeff Hodges and Mark Phillips. Back Row, L-R: Mike Griffin, Paul Vereshchetin, Kent Schlussel, Jim Dickerson, Earl Jorgensen, Stewart Plemons, Jason Pattison, Harry Walker, John Bradshaw, and Bill Reinhold

## Bicentennial of the Laying of the Cornerstone at the University of Virginia October 6, 2017

Though the exact location of its original capstone remains a mystery, the University of Virginia celebrated the early milestone with speeches, the Good Ol' Song and a new marble time capsule Friday. The event was part of the kickoff to UVA's two-year bicentennial festivities.

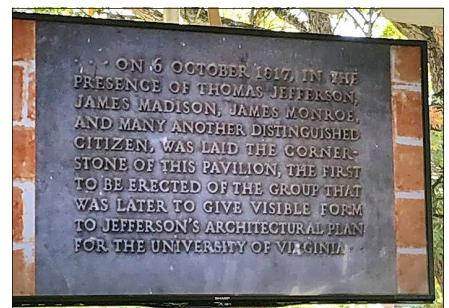
Faculty, the governor and current and former presidents of UVA and the Masonic Fraternity joined together to praise the university's past and to highlight its momentum moving forward.



President Teresa A. Sullivan described the growth of the school, from Thomas Jefferson's first proposal of a university in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains to its first class of students in 1825. The history of the university is inextricably linked to the history of the United States, she said, by Jefferson, by ideals of reason and freedom and by the history of slavery and oppression.

"In a profound sense, the story of UVA is the story of America, born from an idealistic sense of mission, risen now to a position of global prominence, imperfect in its history yet perfectly optimistic as we look to its future," Sullivan said.

That history was referenced by Bobby Battle, co-chairman of UVA's Bicentennial Commission, as he described the remarkable journey of the university from a "field, well-situated" to a UNESCO World Heritage Site. "But we must pause to remember, these lands were originally home to the agriculturally advanced Monacan Indians, and that these grounds were originally surveyed with the assistance of enslaved laborers, and that the Academical Village was originally built, staffed and served by enslaved laborers, as well."



Gov. Terry McAuliffe praised the university's role in forming so many leaders in the commonwealth. "We are a better nation and a better globe today because of the University of Virginia," he said. "Time and time again, the university has been a leader. Thomas Jefferson set that in motion 200 years ago."

Moving forward, Bryanna Miller, student representative to the Board of Visitors, said today's students can be inspired by that history and determined to continue using those ideals and goals to make the world a better place. "We should be inspired by students," Miller said. "Because those are the ones — we are the ones — who are the seeds of the future. And each one of you alumni, staff and faculty members have had a role in planting each of those seeds."

While the University has had to reckon with its past over the years, and especially in recent weeks, since white nationalists stormed the Grounds on Aug. 11th, students should still be proud to attend, said Dr. Marcus Martin, UVA's vice president for diversity.

Martin was the first African-American head of a clinical department at the University. He described going to a segregated elementary school and being in the first generation of his family to go to college.

## Worshipful Master's Remarks at Monroe Hill October 6, 2017



On behalf of the Officers and Members of WSL60 and the other Masonic Lodge members that have joined us in celebration, I wish to express appreciation for the invitation to be a part of your Bicentennial Tribute. Masons have been supporting education for a long time; for many years, the members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 have given scholarships annually to local High School students to help them defray college costs. As I thought of how Masons might support this bicentennial celebration, I entertained the thought that a gift associated with the time period of our Lodge's laying of the cornerstone at Central College would be appropriate...and we have just such a gift .... (unveil print) Please accept this print of our Lodge's Floor Cloth.

Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 first met in the town of Milton, Virginia in October of 1799. At a Lodge meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1800, the Lodge Master ordered the payment of twenty-one dollars

to Brother John Gambill "for a Floor Cloth & Seal." By 1815, our lodge moved to Charlottesville and conducted its meetings in various locations, e.g., churches, courthouse jury rooms, etc. and most likely this Floor Cloth was a part of the early Masonic Education. For a brief history of WSL60, see me or one of the Lodge Officers for a free brochure prepared by one of our members, RW Bob Simpson, specifically for this occasion.

What is a Floor Cloth and how was it used by Masons? Basically, a Floor Cloth is a canvas on which the emblems of Masonry are inscribed to frame discussion at Lodge meetings ... it's kind of like using a power point presentation on which an instructor could lecture for an hour on one slide (Not that that ever happens now days). And when the Masonic meeting is over, one simply rolls up the floor cloth and leaves the meeting room in its original condition. A complete lecture on the Masonic symbols contained on our Lodge's 1800 Floor Cloth must wait for another occasion; however I would like to end my time with you this afternoon by Thanking You again for letting me share some Masonic history with you. I wish you all the best in your quest for knowledge.

Mark S. Chapman, 2017 Worshipful Master  
Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60



Wor. Mark Chapman selling high quality prints of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Oil Paintings. All profits from the sales benefit the Masonic Home of Virginia. Small prints (10" x 15") sell for \$25.00; Medium prints (14" x 21") sell for \$50.00; and Large prints (20" x 30") sell for \$75.00. Purchase information can be found on page 25 of the Fall 2017 issue of the Virginia Masonic Herald.

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#### **Worshipful Master's Remarks at the UVA Bicentennial Ceremony**

I bring you greetings from the Officers and Members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 and from the members of others Masonic Lodges that have joined in celebration with us today. We are grateful for the opportunity to share with the faculty and students of UVA this Bicentennial Tribute. Two hundred years ago today, the members of our Masonic Fraternity conducted the laying of the original cornerstone for Central College. The original cornerstone laying ceremony was described in October 6, 1817, by John Hartwell Cocke as follows:

"The blessings of God were then invoked upon our undertaking ... After which the Grand Master made short address... expressive of the gratification of his fraternity in being called to assist in so praiseworthy & honorable an undertaking & thence proceeded... in conformity to the ancient Masonic usage on similar occasions, to pour out Wine & Oil, & scatter grain on the Corner stone. This done, the Visitors were invited to try the square, the level, & the plumb – the duty being assigned to the President Monroe, he applied the three instruments to the stone, which...was pronounced... to be "true & trusty"."



As a tribute to this historic occasion, the Officers and Members of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60, take pride in presenting to the University of Virginia this marble "Bicentennial Tribute Cornerstone" which was created by the skilled stone mason beside me, Rt. Wor. Bob Clore. Within this stone we place the history of our Lodge and the working tools upon which we base our ancient fraternity... and thus within this marble time-capsule we deposit our belief in the unchanging tenets of Freemasonry and trust that it will be celebrated by future generations 100 years henceforth.

Mark S. Chapman, 2017 Worshipful Master  
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