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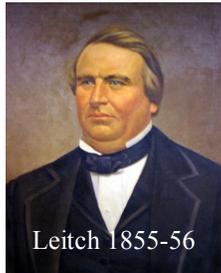
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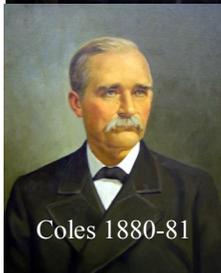
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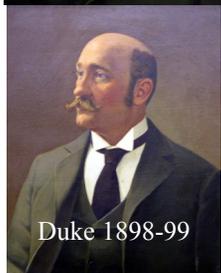
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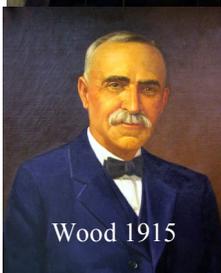
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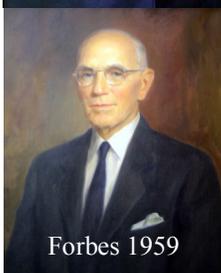
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February Message from the East: Greetings Brethren and Friends,



What a great way to begin our new year than by bringing in the Haggis to celebrate Robert Burns supper before opening our January Stated Communication. Special thanks to our chef extraordinaire, RW Jim Dickerson and his assistants in preparing a Scottish meal fit for Kings. And a special thanks to our Secretary, RW Bill Bond, for delivering one of the best "Ode to the Haggis" heard in our lodge dining room in many a year..... Robert Burns would be proud!

At our January Stated Communication, Lodge members took a survey of the charitable organizations they wish to support throughout the year. An article inside this newsletter gives the results of the survey. While the February meal is free, we are asking for a donation (cash or check) be given for the meal to benefit one of these charities. This month's donation will be given to the Alzheimer's Association where Lodge members have a Mason Team participating in the Charlottesville WALK to End Alzheimer's. Please be as generous as you can to support finding a cure for this disease.

Our February 20th meal and Stated Communication promises to be as exciting as last months. We'll again serve our meal at 6 P.M. in the dining room, and afterward open lodge and actively participate in an educational hands-on Masonic activity. Our chef for the evening meal is Wor. David Simpson; he is preparing a gourmet dinner for us ... including dessert. What a bargain! I hope that you'll come in from the cold, make a donation, and join us for one of the best bargains in town...RSVP with our Lodge Secretary, and bring a friend who has asked you about Masonry! We'll be showing videos on stone carving while we're feasting.

Our February Stated program features the talents of Master stonemason, RW Bob Clore. He will deliver a talk on operative masonry and encourage Lodge members to participate in hands-on stone carving ... just like the stone masons of the past. The stone that we'll be carving in lodge will be the SAME stone used in our WSL60 tribute to the UVA cornerstone laying bicentennial ceremony October 6th, 2017. How exciting! To be a part of the living history of Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 and to be commemorated in October with our stone donated to UVA as a time capsule of our lodge history.

If you haven't been an active member of WSL60 and wish to rejuvenate your Masonic enthusiasm, then now is definitely the time to do so by attending Lodge meal and Stated on February 20th. And if you're rusty on ritual, then just ask any Lodge officer for assistance.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Wor. Mark S. Chapman



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

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| John Thurman Lawson | 2/19/1958 |
| Thomas F. Wilson | 2/15/2011 |
| Michael Alan Haas | 2/12/1979 |
| Edgar Straessle Robb | 2/08/1966 |
| Wm. Frederick Reinhold | 2/23/1973 |
| Hollis T. Proffitt | 2/23/1954 |
| David Hogan Misner | 2/26/1957 |
| Lewis A. Martin, III | 2/21/1979 |
| Samuel D. Coughran | 2/24/1992 |
| Nathan M. Hoffman | 2/26/1964 |



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 7: WSL60 Officers Mtg 6;30PM; meal @ 6 PM**
February 11: Division Leadership Conference (DLC)
Bridge Christian Church
1275 Goose Creek Road, Fishersville, VA
Registration: 9 A.M.
- February 13: Alberene Lodge No. 277 Stated Communi-
 cation**
- February 14: King Solomon Lodge No. 194 Stated Com-
 munication – DDGM Official Visit**
- February 15: Piedmont Stella Lodge No 50 Stated Com-
 munication – DDGM Official Visit**
- February 20: WSL60 Stated Communication – Stone
 carving Hands-On Participation by Lodge
 Members under the leadership of stone
 mason: RW Bob Clore**
- February 28: 6:00 PM: Charlottesville Commandery #3**
7:30 PM: Keystone Royal Arch Chapter #58
- Order of Amaranth (Blue Ridge Court #8): Mtg. Feb. 3**
Eastern Star (Queen Ester Chapter #14): Mtg Feb. 11 @10 A.M.
Valentine’s Day: February 14; Don’t Forget Your Valentine!!!!

ATTENTION!



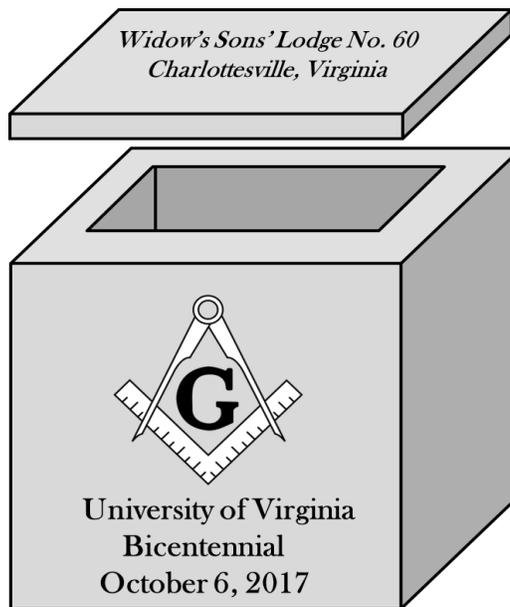
Monthly Masonic Suppers are now being served at **6 p.m.** in the Lodge Dining Room **BEFORE** the 7 p.m. Stated Communication. **Donations are accepted for a Charity. For meal send RSVP to our Secretary**

2017 Dues

Brethren, Your 2017 dues cards are now in and ready to be distributed. Notices have been sent out. Again, for this year they are \$117. Please remit \$117.00 payable to Widow’s Sons’ Lodge No. 60.

Send to;
 William R. Bond III, Secretary
 400 Mountainside Drive
 Stanardsville, VA 22973

Also, there are several Brethren who have not as yet paid their 2016 dues, please see to this as you will be in arrears on January 1, 2017.



**Drawing of the
 cornerstone
 that WSL60
 members will
 begin making
 at our February
 Stated and pre-
 sent to UVA for
 their Bicen-
 tennial Tribute on
 October 6, 2017**

Please Keep these Brethren in Your Thoughts & Prayers

(Give them a call or send a card)

- Bro. Gene Carpenter434-973-6617
- Bro. RW Harlan Phelps ... 434-296-2247



**Bringing in the Haggis at our Lodge Robert Burns Supper
Before January Stated Communication**



**WSL60 Masonic Fellowship
now begins at 6 P.M. in our
Lodge Dining Room
BEFORE our Stated!
RSVP to Lodge Secretary!**

DIVISION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 11th

Dear Brothers and Worshipful Masters.

Please be mindful of the emphasis that Grand Master Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook is placing on the up-coming DLC set for Fishersville at the Bridge Christian Church on Saturday 9 a.m. Feb. 11, 2017. I have been asked to contact each Worshipful Master in my District of the importance that he places on this event, and to communicate his thoughts . The following is a quote from his message to all District Deputy Grand Masters holding under the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Brethren I feel that is best that I not edit or paraphrase the words of the Grand Master M.W. V. Stuart Cook. therefore, I am sending you a direct quote from his message to all DDGMs which is as follows:

" contact every Worshipful Master within your District and to remind him that it is surely within the length of his Cable Tow to come to the Divisional Leadership Conference when held in his respective area. It is important that the Worshipful Master be reminded that this is a "summons sent to and received by him" and is essentially necessary that he attend. The Worshipful Master should also be strongly encouraged to bring his entire Line of Officers and as many Brother Master Masons as he can possible bring as we will be discussing a number of very important topics during this year's conferences. All of the Lodge Officers will also have the important opportunity of meeting with his counterpart Grand Line Officer immediately after the open session. Remember my Brethren that we only get out what we put in and the opportunity to share "fellowship, friendship and Brotherly Love" will be there for us all if only we attend. The schedule of these Conferences is listed on the Grand Lodge Web Site and is also included in my calendar.....

I will hope to see you and all of your line officer of the 18th Masonic District there on February 11, 2017. Anyone needing directions to the church should call me at [434.361.0386](tel:434.361.0386) or send me an email.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Right Worshipful Goldie Wilson Tomlin, Jr. DDGM 18th Masonic District

Wor. David Simpson is our
Chef on February 20th

Menu

**Beef tenderloin
with sautéed mushroom
and onion topping.**

**Whipped mash potatoes,
broccoli with a dinner roll.**

**Pumpkin pie
and vanilla ice cream**

Food For Thought

**WSL60 Dinners Now Start
Promptly at 6 P.M. Thus
meeting on the square now
begins with a "square" meal.**

*Why not invite your curious
friends to our meals... ?*

**VIDEOS on Stone³ Carving
will be shown in the DR dur-
ing the meal time.....**

What Happens When Masons Think Great Things?

During the Supreme Council's session in October 1909, a resolution was passed to enlarge or extend the existing House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., or to erect a new one. This unanimously enacted resolution gave Grand Commander James D. Richardson "full power to do any and all things necessary and proper in connection herewith (that is the building etc.,) including the purchase of the necessary real estate and the erection of a suitable building, furnishing the same, etc." (1911 Transactions, p. 115).

Grand Commander Richardson was deeply committed to building a new Temple so magnificent that it would be revered by all Scottish Rite Masons worldwide. His dedication to this endeavor is best illustrated by his own words:

This task or duty was not self-imposed or invited by me, but was put upon me by your vote. ... In the attempt to execute it I have felt that we were building, not for today, or the next year, or the year after, but, most probably, for fifty years and that, as nothing is too good for our Council or for Scottish Rite Masonry, the Temple should be built right, so that it could, and would be pointed to, by our brethren here and elsewhere, as the pride of the Mother Council of the Rite and all Scottish Rite Masons in the world. We are building a Temple, a permanent home, in the Great Capital of the Greatest nation of the Earth. I would prefer to be criticized for building a Temple, considered by some, too fine and costly, rather than for a cheap or mediocre building, surrounded as it will be, by the beautiful structures of our Capital. Better not build at all, than only half way build, while we are engaged in the laudable enterprise. (1911 Transactions, p. 125).

— Grand Commander James D. Richardson (1911)



WSL60 Stated in April to be Conducted at House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. on Saturday April 22, 2017**



Contact Lodge Secretary to Sign-up NOW. Reservations are required.

** Pending Approval of Dispensation by Grand Master

Lodge Trip: April Stated in House of the Temple

Plans are being made to conduct our WSL60 April Stated Communication at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. (pending approval by the Grand Master).

The trip will be conducted on April 22, NOT our usual third Monday in April..

We'll be chartering a bus for the trip that will leave from the JC Penney's parking lot at Fashion Square Mall at 8:30 A.M., arriving in time for lunch (photo taking and checking out the book / souvenir store), having a guided tour of the building, conducting our Stated Communication with a special guest speaker (W. Bro. Brent Morris, 33), and returning to Charlottesville in the evening.

Contact Lodge Secretary, RW Bill Bond (434) 985-6171 or Email: WidowsSons60@gmail.com for reservations as soon as you can because the bus is filling up quickly. Twenty-four Brothers have already sign-up for the trip.

The cost of the trip is estimated to be about \$45 including meal; however this estimate may be adjusted slightly based upon the number of participants; fees for the trip will collected in the next couple months. If you are undecided about whether or not to join us, then check out some of the best images of the Temple found on the website: http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/sr_house_of_the_temple.htm

To read about the original Mausoleum at Halicarnassus (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World) on which the House of the Temple is designed, see the following website:

<http://www.unmuseum.org/maus.htm>

This is a part of your Masonic heritage! Enjoy it?

MASONS: ALWAYS ON THE CUTTING EDGE!

January WSL60 Member Picks for Charlottesville Community Charity Involvement During 2017

The Charities listed below were chosen by those present at our January Stated Communication. Hence the list may not show all Lodge members' concerns for local charities. So, I invite you to add to the list as your heart desires and organize our Lodge members in a Community event that supports **your** favorite charity. I am convinced that although writing checks is important for these charities it is equally important to show our non-Mason neighbors our philanthropic nature through Community involvement.

The Charities listed below are followed by website links you can use to find details of local support activities. Click on them and discover how you can lead or join a **Mason Team** to support that activity. For example, I started a Mason Team in the Charlottesville WALK to End Alzheimer's... you are welcome to join me to help find a cure but simply clicking on the link. If you submitted a charity name at the January Stated that you'd like your Lodge brothers to support, then I urge you to get involved, start a Mason Team, and start conducting Community activities to support that charity. My goal is to have Lodge Member participation in at least one Charity event each quarter... but I welcome more involvement.

This is **YOUR** Lodge.... Let's show the local Community our Masonic philanthropic character. Just let me know **when** you plan to conduct your charitable event so that I can inform the Brethren and put it on our Lodge Calendar. Thank you, Mark

CHARITY AND ASSOCIATED WEBSITE(S): (with Copy, Paste and Go Links)

Alzheimer's Association (5 votes) http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=10166&pg=team&team_id=385879

American Cancer Society (3 votes)/ **Children's Cancer Research** (1 vote)/**UVA Cancer Center** (1 vote) (Total of 5 for Cancer related charities) <http://www.cancer.org/>
http://main.acevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17SA?pg=entry&fr_id=83319
<http://childrenscancercenter.org/>

Boy Scouts (4 votes) <http://www.bsa-sjac.org/>

Heart Association (2 votes) <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1150952>

Shriner's Hospital (2 votes)..... <http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/locations>

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry (1 vote)... <http://cvilleloavesandfishes.org/>

Remote Area Medical USA (RAMUSA/VIRGINIA) (1 vote) <http://ramusa.org/virginia>

American Diabetes Association (1 vote) ... <http://www.cvillefreeclinic.org/tag/diabetes/>

Albemarle Housing Improvement (AHIP) (1 vote) ... <http://ahipva.org/>

Ronald McDonald House (1 vote) ... <http://rmhcharlottesville.org/>

Multiple Sclerosis (1 vote) <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/>



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