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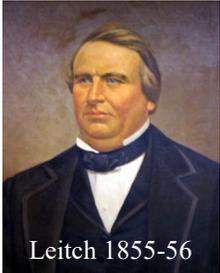
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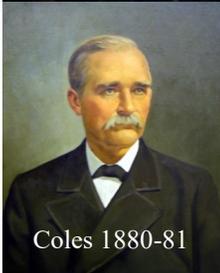
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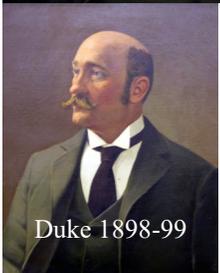
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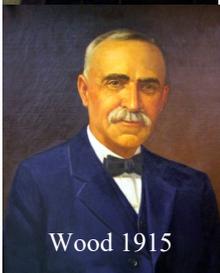
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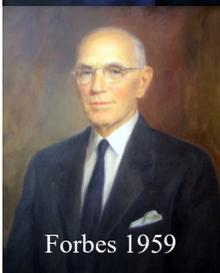
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Wood 1915



Forbes 1959



Hodges 2009



Brethren, We had a very enjoyable meeting in September! Despite the bad weather, we had a fairly large number of brothers join us. I was also pleased to meet quite a few new brothers visiting our lodge. Our Senior Warden Jason Parham did an excellent job with his presentation! If you missed it, he gave a talk on how freemasonry, as we know it, may have evolved. I really appreciate him coming out of the West and providing that for us. And before lodge we had some delectable BBQ brought to us by the officers again. Before I took over as Worshipful master, I asked all the officers to pitch in and help provide good food before every meeting and they have done a great job. Great work!

We initiated a new brother on September 13th and will initiate another on October 4th. The officers did a great job with the Entered Apprentice degree. I thought it went very smoothly. I look forward to the upcoming degree and the Master Mason degree coming up November 1st. We will be putting on several practices over the next couple of weeks trying to prepare. If anyone would like to participate, or even just come to support our efforts, please let me know.

October 4th we have an Entered Apprentice degree at 6pm.

October 15th will be our outdoor lodge at camp Holiday Trails. We will enjoy some burgers and hotdogs before hand. Don't forget you can dress down in overalls. Jim Dickerson will be providing the program on founders day.

November 1st will be our Master Masons degree at 6pm.

November 19th we will have Jim Dickerson's famous oyster stew for dinner. And the program will be provided by brother Jeff Robbins. He will be talking about his experiences overseas and sharing pictures he took.

Sincerely
Worshipful Christopher N. Bragg



The lodge speaker, Senior Warden Jason Parham, spoke on the operative stone masons during the Middle Ages. He also discussed their guilds.



October Masonic Birthdays!
Wish a Brother
Happy Masonic Birthday.

Simon C. Alexander	10/10/2012
Christopher N. Bragg	10/24/2013
Mark S. Chapman	10/01/2007
Richard D. Cook	10/28/1974
Jay L. Cotner	10/04/1989
Mike D. Griffin	10/30/1996
D. Mitchell Hofecker	10/16/1993
Richard L. Hull	10/23/2017
Earl V. Jorgensen	10/02/2013
Charles M. Long	10/25/1976
Charles E. Reinhold	10/28/1998
Patrick S. Rowe	10/26/2016
Christopher A. Ruffin	10/18/2012
George P. Scouras	10/09/1953
Robert E. Simpson	10/15/1965
Clyde D. Snoddy, Jr.	10/19/1996
Russel G. Snodgrass	10/25/1976
Joseph Seth Spivey, III	10/28/1985
Robert E. Stark	10/08/1975
Zia A. F. Tompkins	10/29/2013
Howard K. Trail	10/19/1996
Harry L. Walker, Jr.	10/03/2002
James C. Wood	10/15/1996
John D. Zero	10/28/1991

UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Widow's Sons' Lodge

Loves and Fishes, Tuesday October 2nd 4th 6:00—8:00 PM
 EA Degree, October 4, 2018 at 6:00 PM
 Stated Meeting, Monday October 15, 2018, Outdoor Lodge

District Lodges

Alberene No. 277 Stated, 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM
 King Solomon's No. 194 Stated, 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM
 Widow's Sons' No. 60 Stated, Third Monday at 7:00 PM
 Piedmont Stella No. 50 Stated, 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 PM

Appendant Bodies

OES Queen Esther Chapter No. 14, 2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM
 Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58, 4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM
 Charlottesville Commandery No. 3, 4th Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Grand Lodge

Family Day at the Masonic Home, Saturday October 13th.
 Grand Annual Communication, November 9th, 10th.

“A man who doesn't read good books, has no advantage over the man that can't read them.” Mark Twain, American Humorist and Freemason

The WM recognized those with a Masonic birthday in September. The following were present, pictured L-R: Carlos McReddie, 34 years; Worshipful Bragg; Philip Nelson, 19 years; Jason Pattison, 8 years; Will Reichert, 1 year; and Tom Hill, 10 years.



The Blue Forget-Me-Not in Nazi Germany



Most Freemasons, and Freemasonry as a whole, are particularly mindful of our heritage. Both the most experienced Master Mason and the newest Entered Apprentice can appreciate the lessons and knowledge available to us through careful study. Our reverence for the wisdom of the liberal arts and sciences provides us with a unique perspective on the architectural foundations and columns of the built world, as well as a healthy respect for mathematical numbers and letters. In addition, we see, as others do not, the internal beauty of the natural world, from the grandeur of the sun, stars, and moon, to the sacred and solemn symbolism of the most modest acacia plant. To be a Mason is to be in possession of a special gift, to always be in search of meaning, present or hidden, in the world around us.

The “forget-me-not,” is the informal name of the *Myosotis* flower, generally known for being small, with 5 blue or purple petals. Historically, it holds a place in the poetry of Wordsworth and Thoreau, medieval German legends, Christian hagiography, and English political history. For Freemasons, the forget-me-not is a symbol that reminds us of resilience and resistance, and of love for the Fraternity and its principles, even under distress and persecution.

From its inception in 1933, Nazi Germany placed a strong emphasis on propaganda and achieving a positive public perception of its ideological goals. This included legal, political, and civic restrictions against opponents of the regime, and those who were victims of its rigid racial and social ideology. Along with Jews, homosexuals, those living with physical and mental handicaps, Catholics, and Jehovah’s Witnesses - Freemasons were targeted for criminal prosecution and exclusion from society. This was achieved in a number of ways. The Enabling Act of 1933 allowed for a governmental decree the following year that officially dissolved all Masonic Lodges within the Third Reich, confiscated their property, and formally barred those associated with Freemasonry from membership in the Nazi Party. In 1934-5, the Ministry of Defense ruled that soldiers, officers, and civilian personnel could not be members of Masonic organizations, and Hitler declared a victory over “international Jewry” in which he linked anti-Semitism to conspiracy theories about Freemasonry. Freemasons were considered political prisoners within the German concentration camp system, and thus forced to wear the inverted red triangle badge.

The head of the SD, the intelligence branch of the SS, Reinhard Heydrich, labeled Masons as “most implacable enemies of the German race.” He later demanded that Germany “root out from every German the “indirect influence of the Jewish spirit” -- “a Jewish, liberal, and Masonic infectious residue that remains in the unconscious of many, above all in the academic and intellectual world.” The SS featured two separate offices dedicated to pursuing Masonic properties and Freemasons, a process that would continue into the war and into countries under direct or indirect German control. Vichy France declared Freemasons ‘enemies of the state’ and in Fascist Italy, Mussolini spoke out against Jewish-Bolshevik-Masonic conspiracies.

Anti-Freemasonry took many forms under the Nazis, both individual and collective, and in official and informal capacities. The most popular charges were conspiratorial and anti-Semitic. That is, Freemasonry was linked to a variety of Nazi enemies – Communism, the international press, and Jews. This was done in Party newspapers and literature, in political speeches, and through indoctrination events such as museum exhibitions. For example, mock lodge displays were set up featuring skeletons in Masonic regalia alongside Jewish symbols or imposing the square and compass over or alongside a six-pointed Star of David. Portraits of prominent Freemasons were displayed alongside a Torah scroll, and posters featuring the site of European radical political revolutions featured a Masonic apron.

Free association between and among Masons under Nazi control was dangerous. There were Brothers, however, who were determined not to give up their identity as Freemasons, even under these most difficult of circumstances. For example, at the concentration and later prison camp at Esterwegen, Belgian political prisoners formed the Loge Liberate Cherie (Beloved Liberty Lodge) and conducted meetings and ritual in secret from 1943-1944.

In 1926, the Grand Lodge of Germany held its annual meeting in Bremen in northern Germany. It adopted a blue forget-me-not badge as its emblem, which was produced by a local factory. By coincidence, the same facility was called upon to produce a blue forget-me-not lapel pin in 1938 by the National Socialist People’s Welfare Organization, to commemorate its Winterhilfswerk, or winter charitable contribution drive. The pin was a gift to donors. Thus, the blue forget-me-not, ostensibly a symbol of Nazi social policy, became a symbol of Freemasonry – a clandestine badge of membership.

This article was provided by Worshipful Brother Alex Lehning of Washington Lodge No. 3 in Williston, Vermont

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**Widow's Sons' Lodge
Outdoor Lodge
When: Monday, October
15, 2018**

6:00 PM—Dinner
7:00 PM—Lodge Stated

Where: Camp Holiday
Trails
400 Holiday Trails Lane
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Wear your bib overalls or
jeans
Bring a flashlight and lawn
chair

Hiram's Journal



Widow's Sons' Lodge presents LED Hampers to the children at the Virginia Institute of Autism. Pictured L-R: Mark Chapman,; Lisa Falke, Executive Director of Virginia Institute of Autism and Yale Landsberg.

All Masonic Family Day, October 13, 2018

PLACE: Masonic Home of Virginia, 500 Masonic Lane Henrico, Virginia 23231

Each member of the lodge is invited to attend the Annual Masonic Family Day to be held at the Masonic Home of Virginia on Saturday morning, October 13. Please attend with their families and friends. The schedule is as follows:

8:00 A.M. — Coffee and doughnuts by Grand Lodge

8:30 A.M. — Corn Hole Tournament by Callahan Building

9:00 A.M. — Room and Cottage Tours

9:15 A.M. — Grand Lodge Library Museum Tours

10:00 A.M. — Youth Group Activities

11:00 A.M. — Parade 12:00 Noon — BBQ Lunch prepared by Amelia Lodge No. 101