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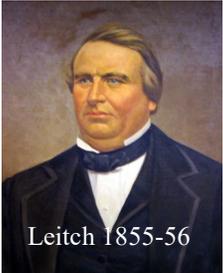
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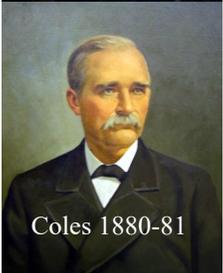
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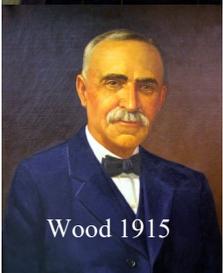
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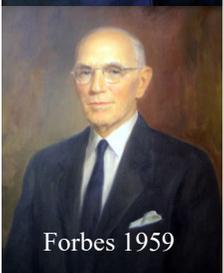
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST:

Brethren,

I know everyone knows how important ritual is to the craft, and its future. Also remember that it is in many ways the bonding agent that sets Masonry apart from typical clubs and groups, and allows for the greatness of Masonry to continue on undisturbed by time and locality. That is why it is imperative that all able brothers contribute to the quality of the ritual in our lodge, district, and state.

We should all strive to be as proficient as our abilities and time allow. It not only improves the quality of our degrees and meetings, but Practices are a great opportunity to meet new masons and to have a more fulfilling sense of brotherhood with the masons you already know. That is why I ask that everyone stretch their cable tow and attend not only Widow's Sons' ritual practices, but also the district and state ritual schools.

Please also try to attend the Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual on August 16th and 17th, which WS has already paid the fee for your attendance. Thanks brethren and I look forward to seeing you at these practices.

Respectfully,
Worshipful Jason Parham



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

Name:	Master Mason Degree:
Daniel A. Albert	04/26/1965 (54 yrs)
Frank W. Bauer	04/17/1985
M. Wayne Biby	04/01/1991
Bobby Cameron, Jr.	04/07/1975
Timothy J. Edwards	04/24/1976
James M. Landreth	04/05/1976
Peter-John Leone	04/25/2012
Earl R. Morris	04/07/1969 (50 Yrs)
Monte S. Parsons	04/02/1992
Ronald G. Ridge	04/26/1965 (54 Yrs)
A. Frederick Seaman, Jr.	04/13/1971
Matthew C. Stimart	04/06/2009

James Monroe Wreath Laying Ceremony

Brothers, our lodge members have been invited to come to a wreath laying ceremony by Wor. Shelby Chandler.

Saturday, April 20th, at 10 am at
 4460 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA

LODGE RITUAL CLASS

Brothers, the Lodge will be starting a Ritual Class soon to learn ritual, floor work, catechisms, etc. For more information, please contact Wor. Nick Bragg.

Email: nick22882@gmail.com
 Cell: (434) 882-2743

GL Scholarship Fund Fundraiser

Brothers,

The Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund Fundraiser will be the Ian McLaurin Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, April 18th, 2019.

This tournament is hosted at the Kiskiack Golf Club, 8104 Club Drive, Williamsburg, VA.

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/annual-ian-mclaurin-shipley-jr-memorial-golf-tournament/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Widow's Sons' Lodge Events:

WSL Stated Communication: April 15th, 7:00 pm

10th District Masonic Lodges:

Day Lodge No. 58 Stated, 1st Thursday at 7:30 PM

Widow's Sons' No. 60 Stated, 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM

Murray No. 175 Stated, 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Waddell No. 228 Stated, 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM

Mineral No. 311 Stated, 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM

Cabell No. 328 Stated, 1st Wednesday at 7:30 PM

**James Monroe Wreath Laying Ceremony—April 20th, 10 am
 Colonial Beach, VA. See note below.**

**Cabell Lodge Family Fish Fry Dinner— April 27th, 4:30 to 7:00 pm
 Cabell Masonic Lodge, Kents Store, VA—more on Page 4.**

GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

**Robert R. Kennedy Jr. Ritual School—April 12th and 13th,
 Waynesboro, VA**

Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund Fundraiser— April 18th in Williamsburg, VA. See note below

**Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual—August 16th—17th
 in Roanoke, VA. See note below**

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org>

APPENDANT BODY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Eastern Star—Queen Esther Chapter No. 14:
 April 13th at 10:00 am

Knights Templar Commandery No. 3:
 April 23rd at 6:00 pm

Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 58:
 April 23rd at 7:00 pm

Shriners Piedmont Club:
 No planned meeting for April. Every other month.

Order of Amaranth—Blue Ridge Court No. 8:
 April 5th at 6:00 pm

Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual

Brothers, the Simmons Academy of Masonic Ritual is happening this year on August 16th and 17th at the Scottish Rite Temple in Roanoke, VA. More information to follow.

<https://rjsacademy.org/>

PILLARS OF BEAUTY: FREEMASONRY AS AN AESTHETIC TRADITION

By: W. Bro. Adam G. Kendall PM

PART ONE: AN INTRODUCTION TO MASONIC AESTHETICISM

The intent and action of the individual will that compels one to enter the portals of Freemasonry and the ongoing process by which one shapes himself as such is a common theme throughout the tradition. It is illustrated by the symbolism and allegory of the craftsman's aesthetics, which is defined as a branch of philosophy dealing with the nature, creation and appreciation of beauty. Indeed, the whole of the Masonic mythos is said to impart into the initiate the creative skills of ancient temple builders in order that their speculative discipline blossoms into self-exploration. Hence the symbology, ritual drama (or allegory), jargon and (especially) the common origins of Masonic history—both of ancestral builders and medieval architects and workers of stone, mortar and metal—is the central theme of the instructional dramas that comprise Ancient Craft Freemasonry.

It has been my personal observation as an artist, that the method of teaching embodies a systematic ritualized illustration of real aesthetic principals derived from a mythological operative past. The path of the aesthete, an admirer of aesthetic principles, is not limited to only artisans, but to all people good and true who are interested in the key precepts of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Freemasonry's ingenious and layers-deep system of rectitude and self-knowledge teaches, at its core, that an individual can build and lead their lives as if it were metaphorically a beautiful, strong edifice—shaped with skill, but, alas, not without the least effort or exertion of regulated force and restraint. Herein lays the necessity of training a technique that requires a natural predisposition to a creative and rational mindset.

Were this philosophy devoid of appreciation for the supra-conscious and spiritual part of man, it would be rigid and devoid of mechanics that encourage the development of creative possibilities. Conversely, if it was purely creative for its own sake, the effort would be deemed unfocused, no matter what the design. For the arts in all of their forms: the scientific; the medical; the architectural, and the Fine; all combine formula, intellect, logic and reason with mercurial intuition and creativity. These professional arts are also dependent upon each other—for many buildings would never be erected without the metallurgist or other scientists, such as an engineer or seismologist to determine the finer points of the building's structure and its relationship to the earth in which it sits. Moreover, none of them can be expressed without the skills of the fine artist who may draw the anatomy of a building or a body to use as a map for the architect or surgeon. In fine, aestheticism is the ideal by which all skills of the human being may unite to create a work of art in perfect harmony. This is a very important point when considering the unity and interdependence in nature.

Intent and action must be balanced in order to reach its goal—which is to create something, as mentioned before, balanced and perfect. However, the end result is not the finality; the process of its creation determines its perfection. Therefore, to the aesthete, the process of understanding the path and the way one may affect the unfolding of its becoming, lies in the patient acquiring and exercise of skill—which is the harmony of intent and action.

Part Two—The Rough and Perfect Ashlars will be in the May Issue.



Dogwood Vietnam Memorial
Re-dedication Ceremony will be held on April 26th, 2019 at 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.
The Charlottesville Dogwood Memorial is dedicated to the lasting memory of all who served our country in Vietnam and especially those from the Charlottesville Albemarle area who gave their lives in that service.

Appendant Body of the Month!

Brothers, for this month, as is the Grand Master's wish, we are to make April remembered for the Youth Organizations of Freemasonry. Within Virginia, there are three main youth organizations that are recognized by the Grand Lodge: Demolay International, Jobs Daughters International and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Demolay International is the premier youth organization for young men that develops leadership and good moral character. Each local body is called a Chapter. This organization accepts young men between the ages of 9 and 21. Demolay instills seven Cardinal Virtues as basic ideals: Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness and Patriotism.

Jobs Daughters International is an organization for young women between the ages of 10 and 20. Each individual local chapter is called a Bethel. The purpose of Jobs Daughters is to band together young girls and build character through moral and spiritual development. Each local Bethel has a different philanthropic project.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls accepts young women from the ages of 11 to 21 and teaches leadership through community service. These young women learn the value of charity and service through their work and involvement of service projects. Each local body is called an Assembly. For Rainbow Girls, each color has a corresponding virtue: Red for Love, Orange for Religion, Yellow for Nature, Green for Immortality, Blue for Fidelity, Indigo for Patriotism and Violet for Service.

Each of these organizations offers great opportunities for our community youths. Sadly, these organizations are not as readily available everywhere such as our Masonic Lodges. Each organization needs sponsors in order for a Chapter, Bethel or Assembly to be had. And not just Lodges need to be sponsors, but the Order of the Eastern Star, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or the Knights Templar can be sponsors for these wonderful youth organizations.



CABELL LODGE FAMILY FISH FRY DINNER

Meal Ticket Donation: \$10

Cabell Lodge is holding a Fish Fry Dinner for the Lodge Building and Masonic Charities Fund Raiser. It is on April 27th, 2019 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm (rain or shine).

Meal includes: Fish, Beans, Hushpuppies, Cole Saw, Drink and Homemade Desserts

Masonic Little League

RW Andy Keller said at that the Lodge has received a plaque from the Masonic Little League Baseball Team for the Lodge Sponsors and that it will be mounted on the Lodge Wall near the entrance.

RW Keller will provide the schedule for the Little League games within the future and asks that Brothers attend these games to show our support for the Little League team and to encourage the kids as they play their game.

Once the schedule has been determined, it will be added in a column within the journal with dates, times and locations for any Brothers who would wish to attend the games.



MARCH STATED PRESENTATIONS



DDGM10 RW Arleigh presented WM Jason Parham with a plaque for the Levy Award for 2018 in recognition of Lodge member blood donations in 2018.



WM Jason Parham recognizes the following Masonic Birthdays in March and presented the Brothers in the East: RW William F. Baskerville (34 years) and Bro. Bruce Thompson, Jr. (65 years).



WM Jason Parham invited Bro. Ross Morland to present a program at last stated. Ross Morland gave an interactive presentation on “The 47th Problem of Euclid” and it’s significance to Freemasonry. The 47th problem applied to Freemasonry helps teach that all men are on the level, that every man should stand upright and that we must believe in God.



Elected Officers for 2019

Worshipful Master: Wor. Jason Michael Parham
Senior Warden: Bro. Harry Lee Walker, Jr.
Junior Warden: Bro. Eddie O’Hare Creasy
Treasure: RW Mike Daniel Griffin
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman

Senior Deacon: RW. Gerald William “Bud” Hogan
Junior Deacon: Bro. Adam Lee Buffington
Chaplain: RW Phillip Harding Nelson, Jr.
Marshall: Bro. Anthony Curtis Schienschang
Tyler: Bro. Bobby Cameron, Jr.

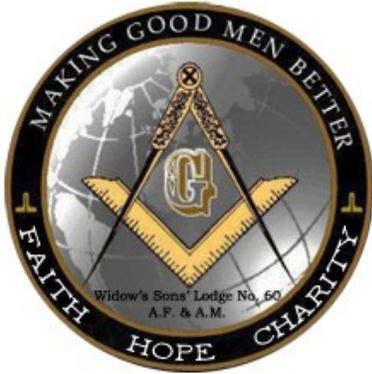
LODGE OF SORROW

Brothers, it is with great sadness that we report Brother Russell Louis Maugans (March 4th) and Brother Robert Edward Stark (January 15th) laid down their working tools and went to the Celestial Lodge above. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. A \$100 donation to the Masonic Home of Virginia will be made in their honor.

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Brethren,

As part of being a Mason, we are always encouraged to give to the community and to help in whatever way we can. A way to give to the Charlottesville Community is through volunteering at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry or by donations of food to the Holy Comforter Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen. Our Lodge helps both of these food pantries. The food donated in the barrel located in the Lodge entrance hallway goes directly to the Holy Comforter Food Pantry; last year WSL60 donated 170 lbs of food to them. And they need our support this year too. So please drop off a can of food in the barrel when you visit your Lodge, or contact the Volunteer coordinator for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry to help distribute food to those in need... See the following website for more information: <http://www.cvilleloaves.org/>