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Stated Communications October 19th, 2020 (OPEN)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Our September Stated went very smoothly!! The Masonic Corporation had the Lodge room ready to go! Everyone had masks on and proper distance was adhered to. Tucker Griffin Barnes law firm donated two state of the art thermometers and everyone's temperature was checked at the front door. Thanks to the Masonic Corporation and Tucker Griffin Barnes for helping us get back in Lodge for the first time since February!! Thanks also to RW Greg Hosaflook for presenting the program "Origins of the Pledge of Allegiance" and Masons involvement in the Pledge. Very interesting.



October Stated on the third Monday (19th) will of course have the same virus precautions in place. Coat and tie will be appropriate. Our program will be on Founders Day presented by RW Russ Snodgrass. RW Bud Hogan will be presented his 50 year membership pin. Congratulations Brother Bud!! Also, on October 10th a One Day Conferral will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Richmond and three of our brothers will become Master Masons.

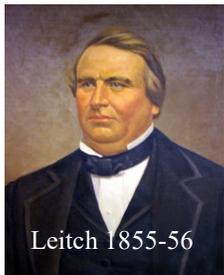
I appreciate every brother helping us cope with the virus. It has been a weird, difficult year. I don't think any of us thought COVID 19 would still be such a factor in what we do. But it is. Continue to be safe and take proper precautions. Continue to check on our brothers and our widows.

As I said in my September Message, if you don't feel like you can attend Lodge because of the virus, that is still ok. Call me 434-960-6776 or email me [hlw@comcast.net](mailto:hlw@comcast.net) if you need a ride to Lodge or help in any way and we will do our best to assist. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

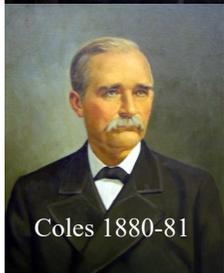
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Harry Walker

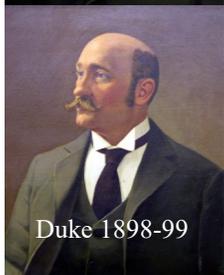
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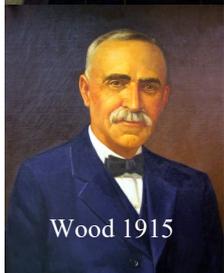
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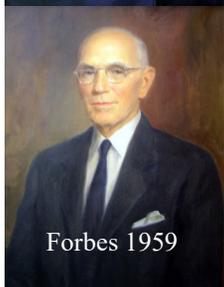
Coles 1880-81



Duke 1898-99



Wood 1915



Forbes 1959



Hodges 2009



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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
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
Steven Patrick Rowe	10/26/2016
Christopher A. Ruffin	10/18/2012
George P. Scouras	10/09/1953 (67 Yr)
Robert E. Simpson	10/15/1965 (55 Yr)
Clyde D. Snoddy, Jr.	10/19/1996
Russel G. Snodgrass	10/25/1976
Joseph Seth Spivey, III	10/28/1985
Harry L. Walker, Jr.	10/03/2002
James C. Wood	10/15/1996
John D. Zero	10/28/1991

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:**

**Oct 19th, 7:00 PM—WSL60 Stated Communication**  
 See page 7 for details  
**Oct 26th, 6:00 pm—WSL60 Officer's Meeting**  
 Officers meeting will be through Skype. Contact the Secretary if you need to get Skype set up.

**GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES:**

**One-Day Conferral: October 10th: 3 Candidates from WSL60 will be attending and will be raised to Master Masons at the Richmond Scottish Rite Temple.**

**MAHOVA DAY: CANCELLED**

**Widow's Sons Chapter Drive-thru Parade at MAHOVA**  
**October 17th, 2020—1 PM**  
**Drive-Thru Parade—Meet at County of Henrico Parking Lot**  
**3820 Nine Mile Road, Richmond VA**  
**Rain date is October 24th**

**2020 DUES:**

**Brethren, the Secretary would like to remind all the members that we still need to pay 2020 dues. During these hard times we still support charities and need to pay expenses for the continuing operations of Lodge and Grand Lodge.**  
**Secretary Email: WidowsSons60@gmail.com**

**CHARLOTTESVILLE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**

**Brothers, this year's Charlottesville's Walk to End Alzheimer's will be on October 24th and completely online!!!**

Contact the Lodge secretary ([Widowssons60@gmail.com](mailto:Widowssons60@gmail.com)) for information about this event and/or register online for the Charlottesville Mason Team at

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2020/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?team\\_id=612896&pg=team&fr\\_id=13696](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2020/VA-CentralandWesternVirginia?team_id=612896&pg=team&fr_id=13696)

For fundraising ideas for the Alz Walk see link:  
<https://bit.ly/Alzwalkfundraising>

See link for donation form that can be mailed in to Lodge Secretary  
[https://act.alz.org/site/DocServer/Walk\\_Donation\\_Form13\\_1\\_.pdf?docID=11201](https://act.alz.org/site/DocServer/Walk_Donation_Form13_1_.pdf?docID=11201)

Mail check to Lodge Secretary: 22 Pine Crest Dr., Troy, VA 22974



# FOUNDER'S DAY AND THE HISTORY OF THE MASONIC HOME OF VIRGINIA

(Masonic Home of Virginia Lodge Talk #6-2015 by Masonic Home Ambassadors)



Located at 500 Masonic Lane, Henrico, Virginia, the Masonic Home of Virginia was chartered by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia in January 1890.

The first discussions of a Home began in Grand Lodge sessions as early as 1811. There was no resolution from these discussions, although later one or more committees were formed to investigate the matter further. The final committee reported back to Grand Lodge, stating that there appeared to be no feasible solution for such an institution. It is recorded that Dr. George Potts, born in Canterbury, England and a member of Astrea Lodge No. 85, made several eloquent appeals to the committee and to the Grand Lodge, but without success.

However, another Master Mason stepped forward in December 1889. After hearing Dr. Potts latest appeal and after again seeing no resolution in sight, Captain A. G. Babcock donated \$5000 in cash and pledged further assistance for the maintenance of the Home if needed. With funds available, the Grand Lodge FINALLY decided to act. The Home was chartered in January, 1890. Then on February 18th, 1890, Brother Babcock donated "44 1/2 acres of excellent farming land on Nine Mile Road, with a dwelling of ten rooms in good order, a large barn and stable recent built, and all of the other necessary outhouses." That property makes up the bulk of what is today the Masonic Home of Virginia.



From this humble beginning, our Masonic Home raised 835 children of Virginia Master Masons from 1890 to 1975 and has cared for more than 1,300 adults since the adult division began in 1955. We owe a great deal to those who have gone before us for their foresight and desire to make today's Masonic Home of Virginia what it is and what it promises to be in the future.

As noted earlier, a strict search of the archives of Grand Lodge reveals that the first discussion of the need for a home began almost 80 years before the Home became a reality. The Home finally became a reality because one person was able to make a gift to cover the financial cost of starting the program.

Today, the Masonic home of Virginia occupies a 93 acre tract of land on the eastern outskirts of Richmond in Henrico County. Our campus consists of a residential facility for adults, a skilled nursing facility, a Memory Support unit, a Chapel and forty-five (45) independent living cottages in the Masonic Village. Currently there are 217 residents living at the Home.

## THE HISTORY OF THE MASONIC HOME OF VIRGINIA ~ CONTINUED



The Masonic Home of Virginia stands today as a symbol of the willingness of Virginia Masons to stretch forth their hands and provide their brethren, their wives and widows a healthy and fulfilling life. Today, people live in this community and enjoy a great life. They go there to live, not to die.

No one has to give up all they own to move to the Home. This has never been the case. Many residents simply pay their own way, because they recognize it is worth it! For those who cannot afford it, a financial assistance program is available in which they transfer a portion of their assets and income for LIFE CARE. A model unit is open each weekday in the Village or if you drive by on a weekend, just stop by the Care Center and they will let you borrow a key to the model unit so you can take your own private tour.

If you have ever wondered how you, as a part of Grand Lodge, live up to your obligations as a Mason, how you personally carry on the tradition of our Founders, and how we as a Fraternity “practice what we preach,” you need look no further than the Masonic Home. Just as founder’s Day recognizes men who made a difference in our Fraternity, the Home stands as a monument to honor ALL Virginia Masons, because they cared enough to do something with what Freemasonry taught them.



May God continue to grant us the strength to help others through the Masonic Home of Virginia, as we carry forward the attitude of service shown to us by our Founders. Nothing is more consistent with our obligations as Master Masons.

### Masonic Home of Virginia Donations

**Any brother or non-mason can make a donation to the Masonic Home of Virginia and there are many options for donations.**

<https://www.mahova.org/give/>

**A popular donation is the memorial giving:**

**Waverly Peers Crouch Memory Garden: \$50 donation allows the donor to have an engraved brick placed in the Memory Garden to memorialize any individual**

**WWII Memorial: \$75 donation allows the donor to have an engraved brick placed in the WWII Memorial to honor any individual or Lodge**

**Armed Services Veterans Memorial: \$200 donation allows the donor to have a paver engraved at the Armed Services Veterans Memorial to honor any individual or Lodge**

**Brothers can also purchase WSL60 Lodge artwork, where the proceeds go to MAHOVA and also donations through Smile on Amazon.**

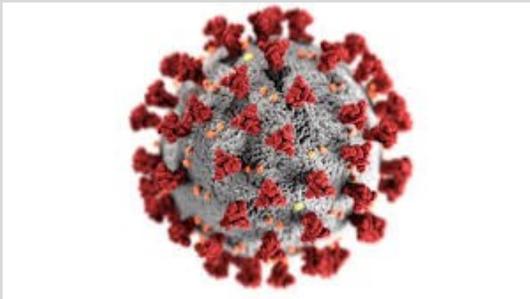
# SEPTEMBER STATED PRESENTATIONS



**WM Harry Walker recognized the Brothers present with Masonic Birthdays in September. From Left to Right: Wor. Harry L Walker (WM), RW Jason A. Pattison (9yrs), RW Philip H. Nelson, Jr. (21yrs), RW James F. Dickerson (25yrs).**

**RW Greg Hosaflook presented a program on the history of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The pledge was originally written by a Mason in 1892.**

**RW Jason A. Pattison, DDGM10, presented RW James F. Dickerson with a 25-year Masonic Veteran's Lapel Pin. RW Dickerson was initiated, passed and raised in 1995. He is a LMIP of WSL60, WM in 2001 and DDGM in 2006.**



## **Rules for Use of the Masonic Temple** **During COVID-19**

**From the Masonic Corporation**

**Members**

**Russell Snodgrass, Gerald Hogan, Stewart Plemons, Kent Schussel and David Goodwin**

- 1) Wear a mask and maintain proper social distancing at all times (6 feet minimum).**
- 2) If you have a cough or fever or if you are not feeling well, do not enter the building.**
- 3) If you are in a high risk health category, do not enter the building.**
- 4) Use of the elevator is restricted to one person at a time, unless persons are of the same household or traveled to the meeting in the same vehicle.**
- 5) Only go to the floor that the meeting is being held.**
- 6) Only use seats that do not have an "X" on them. Do not move any of the furniture.**
- 7) When the meeting is over, do not linger and socialize.**
- 8) The dining area and kitchen are on lockdown. Do not enter.**
- 9) Only one person may be in the bathroom at a time.**



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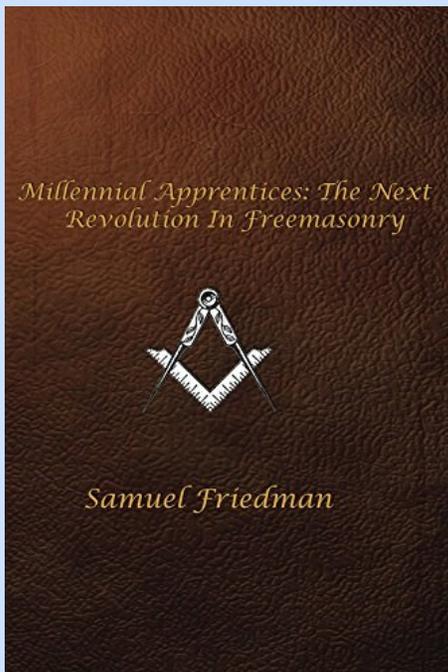


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## **MASONIC BOOK REVIEW**

### **MILLENNIAL APPRENTICES: THE NEXT REVOLUTION IN FREEMASONRY**



A new generation of American men has begun to enter the fraternity of Freemasonry. This group of young men belong to the second largest generation in America history. Known as the millennials, they possess unique motivations and aspirations for the Craft that are quite different from the several generations before them.

This book looks at the current state of Freemasonry, how the Fraternity has arrived at this point and proposes restorations within the Craft that point the way forward into the twenty-first century. Written by a young and enthusiastic millennial Mason, this book is meant to inspire thought provoking discussion on what this new breed of Mason desires, and what it truly means to be a Mason in the twenty-first century.