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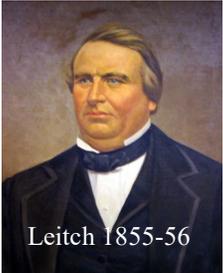
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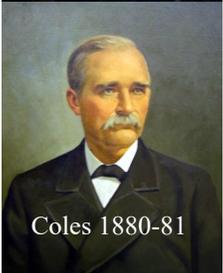
Stated Communications April 20th, 2020 (CANCELLED)

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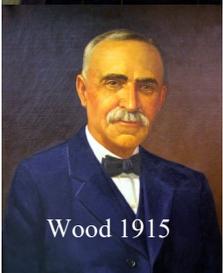
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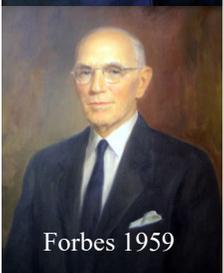
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

As we continue to cope with this terrible Coronavirus, I want to thank all of the members of WSL 60 for following the guidelines for keeping everyone safe from this scourge. I am also grateful that we are checking on our fellow brothers and widows to make sure they are ok, and to find out if there is anything they need or anything we can do for them. Situations like this virus pandemic make us stronger, in my opinion.



As you all are well aware, our Stated Communications for March and April have been postponed because of the virus. We hope to be able to get back on schedule in May, but at this point that is not certain. Our Lodge picnic at Ole Creasy Farm is still scheduled for Saturday, May 30th, from 4 to 7 pm. I hope we are able to have it.

With all the uncertainty now because of the virus, we are trying to figure when we can welcome RW Jason Pattison on his Official Visit to our Lodge, which was scheduled for March Stated, as well as our Eagle Scout presentation and our Scholarship awards to outstanding seniors from Albemarle County's four high schools. Needless to say, we have never experienced anything like the challenges brought on by this virus. Table Lodge is still on in June, as well as the Grand Master's Official Visit to District 10, also in June. I hope things are back to somewhat normal well before then.

In closing, stay safe. If there is anything you need to help you get through this trying time, let me know and we will try to help. My phone number is 434-960-6776 and my email is [hlw@comcast.net](mailto:hlw@comcast.net)

Fraternally yours,

Harry Walker  
2020 Worshipful Master



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

Name:	Master Mason Degree:
Daniel A. Albert	04/26/1965 (55 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 (51 Yrs)
Monte S. Parsons	04/02/1992
Ronald G. Ridge	04/26/1965 (55 Yrs)
A. Frederick Seaman, Jr.	04/13/1971
Matthew C. Stimart	04/06/2009

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**WSL60 Officer Meeting: April 6th, 6:00 PM**

**Officers, this will be a virtual meeting through Skype. Contact our Secretary for details.**

**DDGM Official Visit— Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master RW Jason Pattison to WSL60 is scheduled for the May Stated Communication.**

**GRAND LODGE EVENTS:**

**Per Grand Master Douglas Vernon Jones proclamation, all Lodge activities are suspended until April 30th.**

**See note below.**

**GRAND LODGE RESPONSE TO  
 CORONAVIRUS**

MW Douglas Vernon Jones—MARCH 16th, 2020



Effectively immediately, all stated communications are suspended until April 30, 2020. By this action, I set aside Section 2.09 of the Methodical Digest, no further paperwork or dispensation is required. This suspension applies to all building rentals, Youth organizations, and any other appendant bodies, which meet in any Masonic Lodge building beholden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Brethren, this response was sent from our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones, to all the Lodges within Virginia to help keep our brothers safe and healthy and to do what is needed to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus, or COVID-19, from spreading within our Brotherhood.

This means that there will be no April Stated Communications for Widow's Sons' Lodge #60, nor for any of the appendant bodies that meet within the building.

**District Deputy Grand Master**

**Official Visit, May 18th.**

Brethren, since the March Stated Communication was cancelled, we were not able to receive RW Jason Pattison, District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District for his official visit. Since our April Stated Communication is suspended, we will receive RW Pattison for his official visit during our May Stated Communication, on May 18th.

**DDGM 2022 VOTE**

Brothers, at our May Stated Communication on May 18th, we will be voting on who will be District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District in 2022. Please try to attend and to help cast your vote.

# Common Lessons from Masonry and Scouting

Jack Mortimer, PDDGM



The author has been very active in Freemasonry and Scouting in Virginia. He has served as Master three times and Secretary for his lodge, and as a District Education Officer and District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in addition to other Masonic experience. In Scouting, he has served in numerous local and district leadership capacities for many years.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Two organizations I respect and in which I am active are the Boy Scouts of America and Freemasonry. It might interest you to know that there are many similarities between these two organizations.

The Boy Scout organization was started in England by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in 1908. You may have heard the story of an American businessman, William Dixon Boyce, who was lost in the London fog one evening. He stopped to ask a young lad for directions. The youth took him to his destination and refused to be compensated, saying he was a Scout and it was his duty to assist others. This good turn so impressed Mr. Boyce that he worked to transplant the idea of Scouts in America, and, on February 8th, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated in Washington, DC.

The Order of the Arrow was founded during the summer of 1915 at Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Scout Camp, by E. Uner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, both of whom became Freemasons and both were influential leaders in the Boy Scouts of America during much of the twentieth century. Historical records show that Treasure Island was an early camping ground of the Lenni Lanape or Delaware Indians. It seemed only natural to base this brotherhood of honor campers on the legend and traditions of the Delaware Indians.

The purpose of the Order is:

- \* To recognize those campers, Scouts and Scouters, who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition inspire other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition;
- \*To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit;
- \*To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council;
- \*To crystallize the Scout's habit of helpfulness into a lifelong purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Both Arrowmen and Freemasons have secrets. These include special grips or handshakes, passwords, and ceremonies. I became an Arrowman as an adult Scouter. I had been a Freemason for many years and knew many of the Masonic rituals. As I went through the ceremonies to become an Arrowman, the similarities between the two organizations became most clear to me. Without divulging the secrets of either group, allow me to share some similarities I see:

Masons do not ask men to join Freemasonry. Arrowmen are elected to membership by other Scouts who are not members of the Order. Freemasonry has three degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. The Order of the Arrow (OA) has three levels: Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor. A Freemason candidate starts the initiation ceremony blindfolded. The BSA does not permit blindfolds of Scouts, but the Ordeal candidate is lead to the ceremony in complete darkness by an OA guide. A Masonic candidate is conducted around the Lodge room and stops at three stations where he is questioned. An OA candidate is conducted around the council fire and stops at three places where he is questioned. To enter an OA council fire an Arrowman must know the password and sign for that meeting. To enter a Masonic lodge meeting the Mason must know the password and sign for the meeting. The Order of the Arrow is a society of honor campers who have shown good qualities through their daily lives. Freemasonry takes men of good character and makes them better.

# Common Lessons from Masonry and Scouting—*Continued*

On a personal note, as I was going through the Ordeal ceremony, I caught myself thinking that one or another of the Arrowmen speaking the ritual of that ceremony had gotten some words wrong. Yes, some of the ritual in the two organizations is very similar. Although we know most of the details of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, much of the similar information for Freemasonry has been lost to the ages.

While the OA uses the traditions of the Delaware Indians to teach their lessons, Freemasons use the tools and traditions of the ancient builders going back to King Solomon's time to teach valuable moral lessons. For example, the twenty-four inch gauge is an instrument used by operative masons to measure and lay out their work, but we as Freemasons use it for the more noble and glorious purposes, dividing our twenty-four hours each day for the service of God, our usual vocations, and for refreshment and sleep.

Arrowmen may remember the Uncas had a higher vision of life. He cheerfully offered his help despite the negative attitudes around him. He cared enough for others that he was willing to face hardship and life-threatening danger, alone if necessary. Allowat Sakima's description of the Arrow is that it is straight, and its point keen. Aimed high, its course is undeviating, its direction onward and upward. The Boy Scouts of America and Freemasons are both societies of friends and brothers who have some common experiences and similar goals. We—members of two outstanding organizations—are all making the world a better place, one person at a time.

## DANIEL CARTER BEARD MASONIC SCOUTER AWARD



*Daniel Carter Beard founded the Sons of Daniel Boone in 1905, which Beard later merged with the Boy Scouts of America. Beard, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a Master Mason of New York, was the first national scout commissioner of the Boy Scouts and served the organization for thirty years. He became editor of Boy's Life magazine, the BSA official publication. Brother Beard helped his sister organize the Camp Fire Girls organization. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania created the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award in his honor in 2001. Below is a brief explanation of the award from the grand lodge website page. See [www.pagrاندlodge.org](http://www.pagrاندlodge.org) (click on Youth Foundation) or [www.pmyf.org](http://www.pmyf.org), the home of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, which administers the award. Also, see Short Talk Bulletins from December 1997, and August 2011, for other information about the Boy Scouts and Freemasonry.*

Many Freemasons nationwide have been of great service to the Boy Scouts of America by supporting the development of Scouting units, serving as volunteers, and assisting their Masonic lodges in forming and sponsoring Scout units. The relationship between individual Masons and Scouting, which has existed since the founding of Scouting in America, has resulted in immeasurable benefits for both Freemasonry and Scouting.

At a June 2001, meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Grand Master approved the creation of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. It was created with the approval of the Boy Scouts of America as a national Masonic Scouter award, and is administered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a service to all other grand lodges. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is an honor due to the countless Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry and act as role models to the young men who are part of one of the nation's outstanding youth organizations.

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## Boy Scouts of America and Scholarship Presentations

Brothers, due to the suspension of Masonic meetings and activities, our presentation of awards for the Boy Scouts of America and of scholarships to Albemarle County High School students shortly to attend college has been postponed.

The Lodge Officers are hoping to get these presentations up and going as soon as possible and will inform you as to when we will be presenting them. As May looks like to be our next stated communication, barring any worsening environment conditions, it seems the May Stated will have many presentations and activities planned for then.

Stay safe Brothers and keep healthy. You are the life blood of the Lodge.

## ONLINE MASONIC PODCASTS

Brothers, here is a list of online Masonic Podcasts that can keep you entertained and help you to increase in Masonic knowledge and philosophy and see how other Masons are doing within our Fraternity.

**Whence Came You?** - <https://www.youtube.com/user/Wcypodcast>

**The Masonic Roundtable** - <https://www.youtube.com/user/MasonicRoundtable>

**The Winding Stairs** - <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheWindingStairs>

**At Refreshment** - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb8IaNvD2Xmc\\_XJq6OdGt9A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb8IaNvD2Xmc_XJq6OdGt9A)

**The Working Tools** - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLOnWyjj1j62Pr1krm8bb5g>

**The First Three Knocks** - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12126LIYlhCQU3xV8OWaWw>



## LODGE FAMILY PICNIC AT THE CREASY FARM



Brothers, the annual Lodge Family Picnic this year will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Ed Creasy Farm Estate.

It will be a Pot Luck to include: Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, etc.

It will be a great time for brotherhood and fellowship with some games and entertainment for all.

Please contact our Junior Warden, Brother Adam Buffington, for any additional information.

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### Elected Officers for 2020

Worshipful Master: Wor. Harry Lee Walker, Jr.  
Senior Warden: Bro. Eddie O'Hare Creasy  
Junior Warden: Bro. Adam Lee Buffington  
Treasurer: RW Mike Daniel Griffin  
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman

Senior Deacon: RW Gerald William "Bud" Hogan  
Junior Deacon: RW Jason Andrew Pattison  
Chaplain: RW Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.  
Marshall: Bro. Anthony Curtis Schienschang  
Tyler: Bro. Bobby Cameron, Jr.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY—IMPORTANT

Brethren, there still have 10 brothers that haven't paid 2019 & 2020 dues and are in jeopardy of suspension for NPD; also for 2020 dues (payable Jan 1 2020) we still have an additional 28 brothers for a total of 38 brothers owing WSL60 dues. If you are having financial difficulties paying lodge dues then contact the Secretary immediately.

#### WSL#60 VIRTUAL MEETINGS

*Brothers, the Lodge Officers will have their Officer's Meeting on April 6th at 6:00 PM and the meeting will be conducted using Skype. Our Secretary is setting up the particulars for the meeting and asks that you reach out to him to help get set up for the meeting.*

*For committees, since the Lodge is closed and all meetings, workings, degrees or conjugations are suspended at the Lodge until April 30th, the alternative is to conduct your meetings using an online application such as Zoom, Skype or Facetime. While no ritual can be performed through these Virtual Meetings, business discussion is allowed to help keep the Lodge going and for any financial necessities. These have already been used to great effect within the Fraternity nationwide.*

