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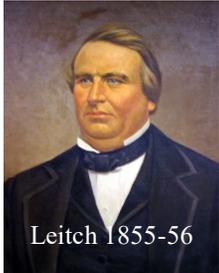
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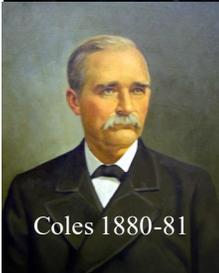
Stated Communications January 18, 2021 (CANCELLED)

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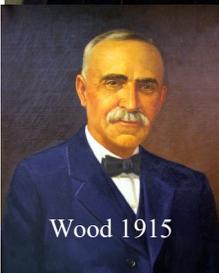
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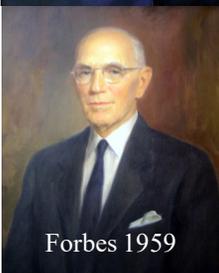
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Wood 1915



Forbes 1959



Hodges 2009



Brethren,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! Our family certainly did. We were thankful to be together and free from the virus.

COVID-19 is still in charge of what we are doing at Widow's Sons'. Our December Stated Communication was cancelled. And thus we did not elect new Lodge officers for 2021. The current plan is to have WSL60 Officer election and installation in February. Our January Stated will also be cancelled. We can't assemble with a maximum of 10 people as the governor has mandated. We hope that the vaccines will be effective and that we can return to normal in February.

Although our January 18th Stated is cancelled, we are having another Zoom get together on Monday January 18 at 6 pm. We can't conduct Lodge business on Zoom, but we can talk and visit with our Lodge brothers. We have done these before and I think all who participated had a good time. Our Junior Warden, Adam Buffington, has done a great job setting this up and I appreciate his help. If you haven't joined us for any of our previous Zoom get togethers Brother Adam can help you get set up on your desktop computer or smart phone. His email is adam_buffington@hotmail.com. Adam's cell phone is 319-461-6850. I hope every brother will join us for this "get together".

Brethren, we have several brothers having health challenges at this time. Please keep these men in your prayers. Also, keep in touch with our widows. They need our attention more than ever during this virus pandemic.

I look forward to seeing all our brothers at our Zoom get together!! Call or text me at 434-960-6776 or email me at hlw@comcast.net if I can help you in any way.

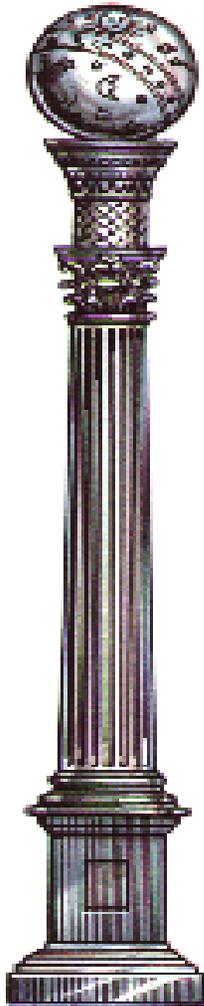
Happy New Year!! Take care.

Fraternally yours,
Harry Walker 2020 Worshipful Master



**January Birthdays!
Wish a Brother
Happy Masonic Birthday**

Lee W. Bullwinkel 01/19/1973
 James G. Carpenter 01/25/1993
 Halbert E. Davis 01/31/1983
 Paul H. Drinard 01/27/1969
 James D. Dunbar, Jr. 01/30/1984
 Rolling E. Fields 01/19/1973
 Kurt M. Gloeckner 01/31/1972
 Jimmy G. Houser 01/05/1976
 Curtis Parker Leake 01/12/1977
 James W. Marshall 01/13/1973
 Thomas A. Patrick III 01/30/1984
 E. Mack Powell 01/31/1961



UPCOMING EVENTS!



Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

January 18, 2021: 7 P.M.— WSL60 Stated Communication —
 * CANCELLED *

6 P.M. — ZOOM Brother Fellowship
 (Virtual “Get Together”)
 Contact Bro. Adam Buffington for IT
 assistance or Lodge Secretary

January 28, 2021: 6 P.M.— WSL60 Officers Meeting on SKYPE
 Contact the Lodge Secretary if you
 need help with Skype

February 15, 2021: 7:00 P.M.—WSL60 Stated Communication
 — 2021 LODGE OFFICER ELECTION & INSTALLATION

- * No meal before Stated
- * Temperatures will be taken at door
- * Masks are required for entry into building
- * 6 feet minimum distance between everyone, no exceptions



2020 Departed WSL60 Brethren

**The following Lodge Brothers laid down their
 working tools this past year:**

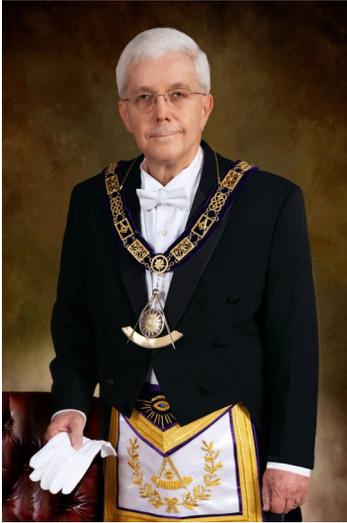
Harold Wayne Davis—Departed Jun. 7, 2020
 Born: Jan. 28, 1944 ; Raised a MM : Aug. 4, 1975

Howard Tolar Parsons, Jr. - Departed Oct. 4, 2020
 Born: Jan. 30, 1952 ; Raised a MM: Jun. 1, 1981

Hollis Thurston Proffitt — Departed Apr. 3, 2020
 Born: Sep. 5, 1963 ; Raised a MM: Feb. 23, 1954

Thomas Frederick Wilson — Departed July 10, 2020
 Born: Feb. 17, 1963 ; Raised a MM: Feb. 15, 2011

A Message from the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia



Health and safety remains the number one priority and the weeks following the holidays are likely to be a critical time. The message from us as leaders is not to sound like a broken record but instead to remind the Brethren to not let their guard down. The ten or less rule (*as prescribed by our Virginia Governor*) is yet another detour but with the vaccine now out there, hope is on the horizon.

All previously established protocols and guidelines remain in place to include the wearing of masks, no ritual practice involving personal contact and following the Phase I meal plan... (communication dated October 19, 2020.... Staying in touch and remaining connected remains vitally important so I strongly encourage the use of zoom for welfare checks and fellowship. This platform also provides an opportunity to have

a program appropriate for an open setting and to discuss matters of interest in the Lodge provided no business is conducted. Phone trees can provide updates and messages of encouragement as well and one on one calls add a highly personal touch. The key is to reinforce the message of reaching out and making a connection particularly after the holidays and during the cold winter months.

One question squarely on the front burner concerns the use of zoom or live streaming in conjunction with a stated communication. Can we open the Lodge according to custom and then call off and allow members to connect electronically for the business portion of the meeting? After the business or program exit the live broadcast and the tiled Lodge is closed. Moving the business of the Lodge outside of the tiled setting is an enormous departure from Masonic tradition and as Virginia Masons I believe we must first ask the question do we really want to go there, and secondly, are we prepared to go there. With respect to the latter, we are certainly not prepared to go there at this point in time. Uniformity in how this would be administered and managed as well as an understanding of the impact on the Craft both now and beyond the pandemic is essential. Similar questions surround teaching catechisms and qualifying for Wardens certificates. The tug of war between Masonic tradition and exploiting technology in a manner beneficial to the Craft deserves our attention but we must proceed with caution. I have asked the Grand Lecturer and his committee to fully explore these questions in collaboration with the Committee on Information Technology.

After the holidays, I will issue a communication to set aside the law to allow for the election and installation of officers in February, and if necessary, in March. In the meantime, the question has come up can we proceed with election and installation with only ten members present at a stated communication. While I suppose technically, and with more than a few adjustments, it could be done this way, I'm not sure it's in the best interest of the Lodge when so few members can be present. Officers need, and deserve, to be installed with proper protocol and decorum. If there's any hint of a contested election, the process, must of course, wait. As with many things, there is not a one

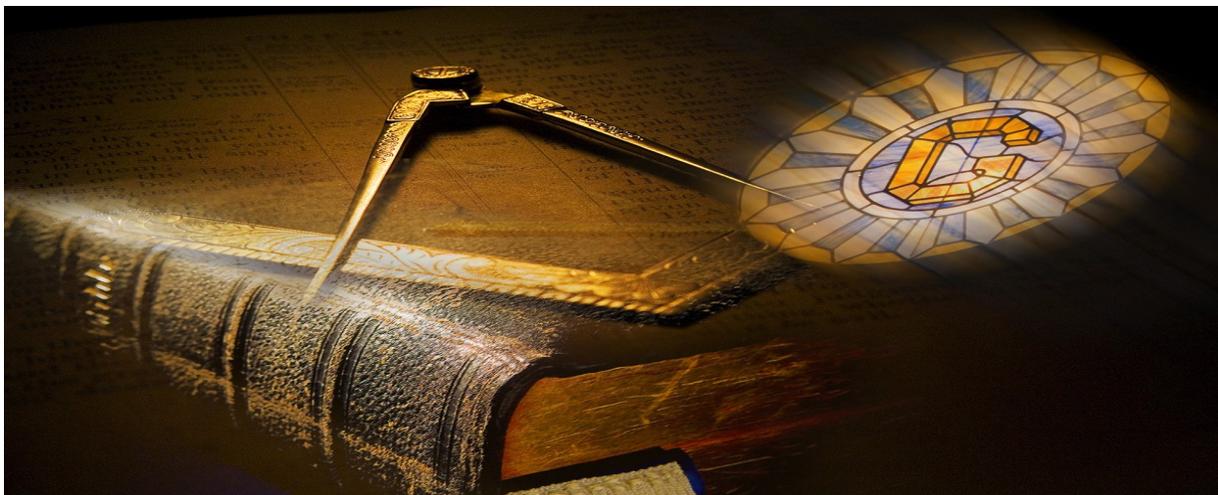
size fits all answer so there may be limited exceptions. Case in point, a Lodge proceeded with ten because the sitting Worshipful Master had health problems and needed immediate relief. There could be other circumstances such as a vacancy that urgently needs to be filled for one reason or another, those can be addressed on a case by case basis. Otherwise, for now, we need to wait.

In response to another question, the reading of petitions, and balloting thereon, is suspended until our Lodge gatherings can return to more normal numbers. Again, where necessary, the law will be set aside. With 10 or less, there is no reasonable or fair way to entertain a petition. Section 2.95 of the Methodical Digest, page 85, third paragraph, "When the petition is to be considered by the Lodge, it shall be read for the information of all present, followed by the two Recommenders' reasons for signing the petition, the report of the Investigating Committee, and a discussion by members or visiting Brethren on the moral and physical qualifications of the petitioner before the ballot may be spread." We all want to welcome worthy and well-qualified men into our fraternity but this process also demands proper protocol and decorum. If a man has made the decision in his heart to pursue his journey in Freemasonry he will understand the times we find ourselves in and he will await a time with patience.

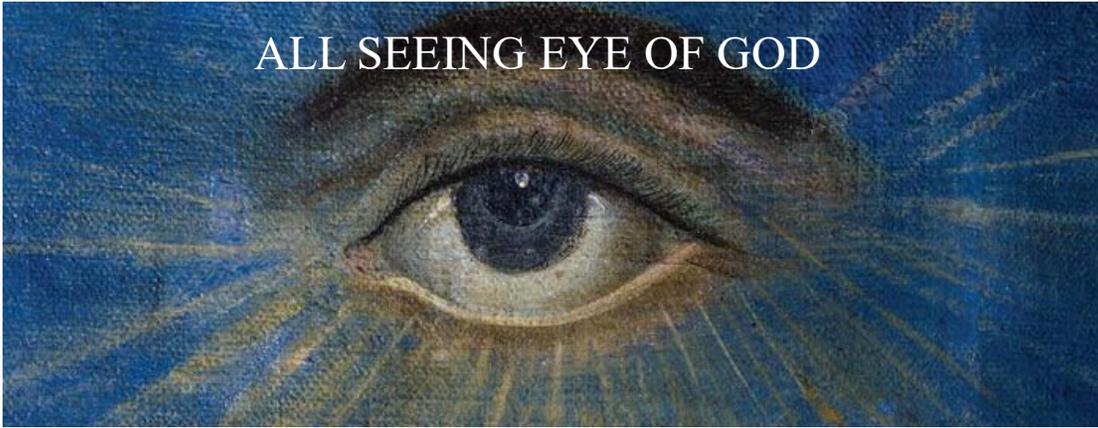
... I'm going to restate something from my last email because I think it sums up the current state of affairs pretty well. "The virus has gotten worse and clearly has us in a rough place at the moment. Please encourage your Lodges and Brethren to be extremely careful in all they do. We all love our Gentle Craft but lets not sacrifice our health for something that can wait to a later time. We will get to the other side of the pandemic and once again enjoy fellowship in our Lodges."

.... I hope you have a happy and safe New Year as we welcome in 2021 and begin that journey back to a place called normal. Be safe and stay well.

Fraternally, Brother Doug
Most Worshipful Douglas V. Jones
175th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia



ALL SEEING EYE OF GOD



The All-Seeing Eye is an important symbol of the Supreme Being, borrowed by the Freemasons from the nations of antiquity. Both the Hebrews and the Egyptians appear to have derived its use from that natural inclination of figurative minds to select an organ as the symbol of the function which it is intended peculiarly to discharge. Thus, the foot was often adopted as the symbol of swiftness, the arm of strength, and the hand of fidelity.

On the same principle, the open eye was selected as the symbol of watchfulness, and the eye of God as the symbol of Divine watchfulness and care of the universe. The use of the symbol in this sense is repeatedly to be found in the Hebrew writers. Thus, the Psalmist says, Psalm xxxiv, 15: "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry," which explains a subsequent passage (Psalm cxxi, 4), in which it is said: "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

In the Apocryphal *Book of the Conversation of God with Moses on Mount Sinai*, translated by the Rev. W. Cureton from an Arabic manuscript of the fifteenth century, and published by the Philobiblon Society of London, the idea of the eternal watchfulness of God is thus beautifully allegorized: "Then Moses said to the Lord, O Lord, dost thou sleep or not? The Lord said unto Moses, I never sleep: but take a cup and fill it with water. Then Moses took a cup and filled it with water, as the Lord commanded him. Then the Lord cast into the heart of Moses the breath of slumber; so he slept, and the cup fell from his hand, and the water which was therein was spilled. Then Moses awoke from his sleep. Then said God to Moses, I declare by my power, and by my glory, that if I were to withdraw my providence from the heavens and the earth, for no longer a space of time than thou hast slept, they would at once fall to ruin and confusion, like as the cup fell from thy hand."

On the same principle, the Egyptians represented Osiris, their chief deity, by the symbol of an open eye, and placed this hieroglyphic of him in all their temples. His symbolic name, on the monuments, was represented by the eye accompanying a throne, to which was sometimes added an abbreviated figure of the god, and sometimes what has been called a hatchet, but which may as correctly be supposed to be a representation of a square. The All-Seeing Eye may then be considered as a symbol of God manifested in his omnipresence—his guardian and preserving character—to which Solomon alludes in the Book of Proverbs (xv, 3), where he says: "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding (or, as in the Revised Version, keeping watch upon) the evil and the good." It is a symbol of the Omnipresent Deity.

[Albert G. Mackey, "All-Seeing Eye," *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* Vol. I. (Chicago: The Masonic History Company, first published 1909, new edition 1946), 52-53.]

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Scottish poet and lyricist,
Robert Burns.
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Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman

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