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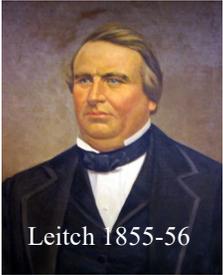
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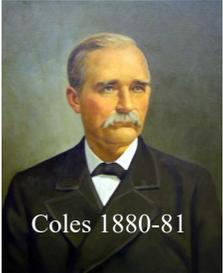
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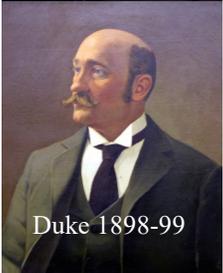
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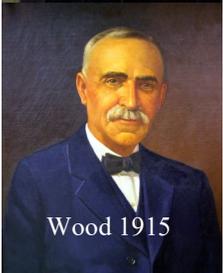
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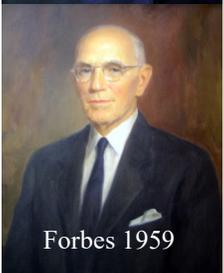
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Normalcy is returning to WSL #60!! At our July Stated we will have a meal!! It has been a long time since we shared a meal before Lodge. Our July meal will be no charge. We need you to make reservations for dinner so we can have the caterer prepare the right amount of food. Call, text, or email me to make a reservation. My contact information is at the end of this message. I'm looking forward to our July Stated. Dinner reservations are needed!!

At our June Stated we balloted and elected Brother Timothy Lea Soyers for membership in Widow's Sons' #60. Welcome to our Lodge!!

Also, Brothers David Goodwin and John Williamson were presented their 25 year Masonic Veteran's Lapel Pin by MW Jeff Hodges. Congratulations to these fine brothers on this achievement.

RW Jason Pattison announced the recipients of the four \$3000 scholarships we award to worthy students. Next year I hope we can host the 2022 scholarship winners and their families as we normally do.

Upcoming news: our program in July will be on the Dogwood Viet Nam Memorial presented by Brother Jim Carpenter. We are hoping to recognize area Eagle Scouts in August. Our Lodge picnic is scheduled for Saturday August 14 at Ole Creasy Farm. We are planning our Ladies Night for sometime in September. More information coming in the August Hiram Journal. We are getting back to normal!!

On July 26 we will have a Fellowcraft Degree for Brother Don Cochrane. Come out to support our brother. It's been a while since we have had a Fellowcraft Degree in our Lodge.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. Continue to check on our widows and our brothers with health challenges. If I can help you in any way call or text me 434-960-6776 or email me at [hlw@comcast.net](mailto:hlw@comcast.net).



Fraternally Yours,

Harry Walker

2021 Worshipful Master



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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
L. Mark Ascoli	07/27/1988
Mark A. Chandeysson	07/17/2008
Larry W. Claytor	07/15/1986
Robert A. Clore	07/24/1971 (50 Yrs)
Andrew F. Conely	07/29/2006
Vestal Greer	07/29/2006
Jeffrey A. Kennedy	07/01/2009
David C. Merchant	07/28/2004
Richard K. Powley	07/24/1967 (54 Yrs)
James L. Reinhold	07/28/1999
R. Lee Richards	07/19/1991
William Roberson, Jr.	07/24/1961 (60 Yrs)
Barty L. Sorrells	07/22/2006
Peter R. Thorsen	07/21/1978
Paul Vereshchetin	07/29/2013

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



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

**July 19th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting  
 MEAL at 6:00 PM (No Cost)  
 Presentation by Bro. Jim Carpenter—Dogwood Vietnam Memorial**

**July 21st, 6:00 PM—FC Degree Practice**

**July 26th, 6:00 PM—FC Degree**

**July 29th, 6:00 PM—Officers Meeting via Zoom**

**Aug 14th—WSL#60 Picnic at Ole Creasy Farm**

**Sept 10th, 2:00 PM—Masonic Rites for Bro. Hollis Proffett at Monticello Memorial Gardens**

**Sept 17th—Official Visit of the Grand Master of Virginia to District 10 at Louisa Methodist Church  
 More information to follow**

**October 9th, 2021—Masonic Family Day at Masonic Home of Virginia, Richmond, VA**



**2021**

**Benefitting the  
 Masonic Home of Virginia**

**13th Annual James Stanley Johnson Memorial  
 Golf Tournament**

**Location: Lexington Golf and Country Club  
 141 Country Club Road  
 Lexington, VA 24450**

**Date: August 27th, 2021  
 Registration at 9:00 AM  
 Shotgun Start at 10:00 AM**

**Entry Fee: \$90 per person or \$360 per team  
 Proceeds support the Masonic Home of Virginia**

**BALL DROP in honor of RW Bruce Lupton. Tickets are \$10 or Golfers can round up to \$100 to include Ball Drop.**

**Join for the Widow's Sons' Lodge #60 Team to represent the Widow's Sons' Lodge at the Tournament**

**Contact the Lodge Secretary for more details: [WidowsSons60@gmail.com](mailto:WidowsSons60@gmail.com)**

# THE FREEMASONS OF INDEPENDENCE

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*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."* - Preamble of the Declaration of Independence

In honor of Independence Day, it is fitting to reflect upon those who made this national holiday possible. The signing of the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution were borne from our Founding Fathers' unwavering belief in the right to "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Thus, today, we celebrate the bravery and patriotism of the men who did what was deemed treasonous in order to achieve what they knew was right for their fledgling nation. Among these liberty-seeking men were some of the United States' most prominent historical figures, including George Washington, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, and Paul Revere. Just as these courageous men are well known across the U.S. for laying the foundation upon which our country has been built, their devotion to the Fraternity is lauded among Masons.



## **George Washington, First President of the United States of America**

As the first President of the United States of America, George Washington is one of the most famous Founding Fathers and Freemasons in American history. Washington acted as the backbone of the American Revolution and set an example for future presidents by serving the American people with dignity and humility. To learn more about the political leader and military general who led the Patriots to victory in the War for Independence, we encourage you to visit our blog [George Washington, President and Freemason](#).

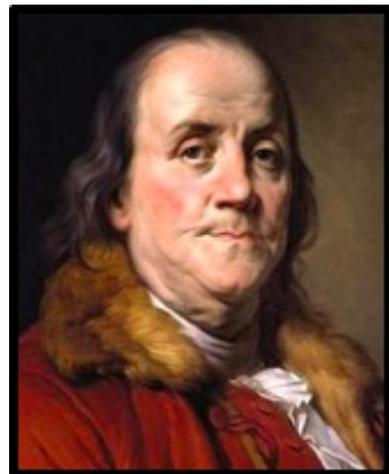
## **Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father, Politician and Freemason**

Once described as "An Illustrious Brother whose distinguished merit among Masons entitles him to their highest veneration," Brother Benjamin Franklin was a true embodiment of Masonic values. A writer, an inventor, an activist, a revolutionist, and a Freemason, Benjamin Franklin's life was never dull.

Born in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, Franklin was an enthusiastic writer from the first. At the early age of 12 years old, he became an apprentice for the printing company owned by his brother, James. Three years later, James had established the first US newspaper, The New England Current, and, much to young Benjamin's dismay, his brother forbade him to submit his own work to the paper. However, having always been an advocate for freedom of speech, Franklin submitted his work under the pseudonym, Silence Dogood. Ardently committed to this fundamental right, Franklin once said, "Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech."

In 1731, at the age of 17, young Franklin's travels took him to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was quickly initiated into the Philadelphia Masonic Lodge. His dedication to Freemasonry led him ultimately to become Grand Master of PA in 1734 and Secretary of John's Lodge from 1735 to 1738. His other notable Masonic accomplishments include editing and publishing the second edition of James Anderson's Constitutions of the Free-Masons.

Over time, Benjamin Franklin's popularity and political clout grew and he was eventually selected as the Pennsylvania Delegate to the Second Continental Congress. During the rise of the Revolution, Franklin became an appointed member of the Committee of Five, which was responsible for drafting, presenting and, ultimately, signing the Declaration of Independence.



## THE FREEMASONS OF INDEPENDENCE ~ CONTINUED

### John Hancock, Governor of Massachusetts

John Hancock played a pivotal role in sparking the rebellious flame of independence that liberated the American colonies from under British rule. Like many notable figures of the Revolution, Brother John Hancock was born in Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard Law and spent much of his life dedicated to the Revolutionary cause, his political aspirations, and the Craft. During a trip to Quebec in 1762, Hancock was first made a Freemason in the Marchants Lodge No. 277. Upon his return to the colonies later that year, he became a devoted Brother to the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston.



Hancock's career in politics was prolific. While serving as President of the Second Continental Congress, Hancock etched his place in American history when he scribed his famously flamboyant, oversized signature upon the Declaration of Independence. As legend has it, Hancock claimed he wanted King George III to be able to read his signature without the use of his eyeglasses.

Following the Revolutionary War, he was elected as the first Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As Governor, he pushed for the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and would end up holding the office twice. In poor health during his second term, John Hancock passed away while in office and was buried in Boston. His grave remains a popular destination for those visiting the city to this day.

### Paul Revere, Folk Hero, Silversmith & Freemason

Born in the North End of Boston, Massachusetts, Paul Revere spent his formative years as an apprentice at his father's silver shop. As a young adult, Revere enlisted in the provincial army to support the patriot cause. Later in his life, he opened his own silver shop and became a well-regarded silversmith in his community, although he also dabbled in dentistry to help him make ends meet.

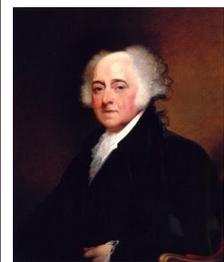
Throughout his life, Brother Paul Revere was an active, devoted Freemason, beginning his Masonic journey in 1761 when he became a member of the St. Andrews Lodge. After 34 years as a Freemason, Revere was elected as the second Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

There is likely no story more famous in the United States' history than that of Paul Revere's "Midnight Ride". A Freemason through and through, his courageousness and pivotal role in defying the forces of the British army made him a local hero and legend throughout the colonies, but especially in Massachusetts.



It was April 18th, 1775, when Revere was summoned by fellow Mason, Dr. Joseph Warren. There were rumors that the British army was making its way toward Lexington to capture Samuel Adams and John Hancock. There was also a mounting fear that the British planned to invade Concord military stores to destroy military ammunition. The story is well-known across the United States: Warren sent Paul Revere out riding to Lexington to warn Adams and Hancock and help them avoid capture, along the way warning the patriots of Massachusetts that the British were coming.

His legacy lives on to this day, especially in Massachusetts, where the town of Revere bears his name. The route of his famous ride is still marked by signs through Lexington and Concord.



### John Adams, Second President of the United States of America

Although he was not a Freemason, it is fitting to revisit the eloquent and prescient words John Adams wrote to his beloved Abigail as the Continental Congress prepared to sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

*It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore.*

*You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration and support and defend these states. Yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means. And that posterity will triumph in that day's transaction, even although we should rue it, which I trust in God we shall not...*

*It may be the will of Heaven that America will suffer calamities still more wasting, and distress yet more dreadful. If this is to be the case, it will have this good effect at least. It will inspire us with many virtues which we have not, and correct many errors, follies and vices which threaten to disturb, dishonor and destroy us. The furnace of affliction produces refinement, in States as well as individuals...But I must submit all my hopes and fears to an overruling Providence, in which, unfashionable as the faith may be, I firmly believe.*

# JUNE STATED PRESENTATIONS



MW Jeffrey E. Hodges presented Brothers David N. Goodwin and John Williamson, Jr. with their 25 year Masonic Veteran's Lapel Pin from the Grand Master of Virginia.



## LODGE FAMILY PICNIC AT THE OLE CREASY- FARM

Brothers, the annual Lodge Family Picnic this year will be held on August 14th at the Ed Creasy Farm Estate. More info to follow in next month's Hiram's Journal.



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

## ORDER UP!!!!

Brothers, we will now be able to serve meals again before our Stated Meetings!!!! There will be a meal before the July Stated Meeting starting at 6:00 PM AT NO COST to you.

Please call WM Harry Walker to make reservations so an accurate head count can be taken.

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### Elected Officers for 2021

Worshipful Master: Wor. Harry Lee Walker, Jr.  
Senior Warden: R.W. Jason Andrew Pattison  
Junior Warden: Wor. Christopher Nicholas Bragg  
Treasurer: RW Mike Daniel Griffin  
Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman

Senior Deacon: Bro. William Heron Reichert  
Junior Deacon: RW Andrew Donald Keller  
Chaplain: RW Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.  
Marshall: Bro. James Thomas O'Kelley, Jr.  
Tyler: Bro. John Coulter Maddox

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## **CASUAL WEAR and MEALS!!!!**



**Brothers, the Worshipful Master has ordered that the stated meetings for the months of JULY, AUGUST, and SEPTEMBER will be casual wear. Bring out your Polos!!! See RW Andy Keller to purchase a WSL60 polo shirt.**

**A meal will be served at 6 pm (Free of Charge) before the Stated, but see rsvp in Order Up notice on page 5.**