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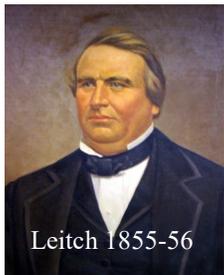
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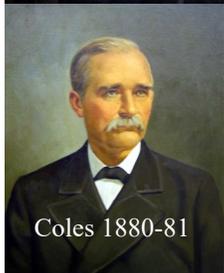
Stated Communications March 20th, 2023

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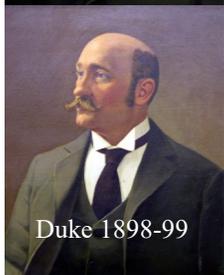
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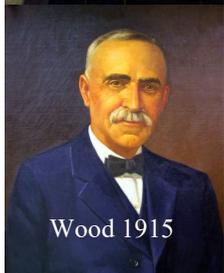
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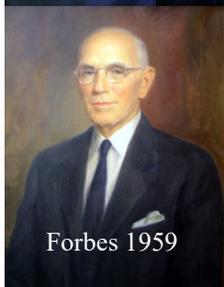
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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

February was a fun month for Freemasonry. We were excited to have our visit from RW William Foster Hughes District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District. It is always good to hear what the Grand Master has planned for his year.

We postponed our Stated Meeting a week so the Brothers of the 10th district could attend the George Washington Masonic Memorial 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone. Every state in the Nation was represented and many other countries. If you just go to the monthly meetings you are missing out on so much Freemasonry has to offer. If you know of anything going on around the state let us know. Traveling is what Masons do best.

In March we are pleased to have RW Ross Morland (Lee Lodge #209) presenting a program for us. We also plan on visiting a DeMolay chapter meeting. If you are interested in going let myself or any of the officers know. We would love to have as many Brothers as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you soon Brothers.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jason A. Pattison

2023 Worshipful Master





**Happy
Birthday!**

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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Master Mason Degree:</u>
William F. Baskerville	03/04/1985
Richard L. Bradley	03/25/1986
William J. Douglas	03/24/1976
Mark J. Hall	03/22/1999
J. Stevens Hall	03/25/1966 (57 Yrs)
Kerry L. Harlow	03/23/1987
John L. James	03/09/1965 (58 Yrs)
Christopher R. Kintner	03/30/2009
Michael T. Rose	03/26/1997
Bland M. Wade	03/14/1960 (63 Yrs)
F. E. Wellman	03/10/2004



UPCOMING EVENTS



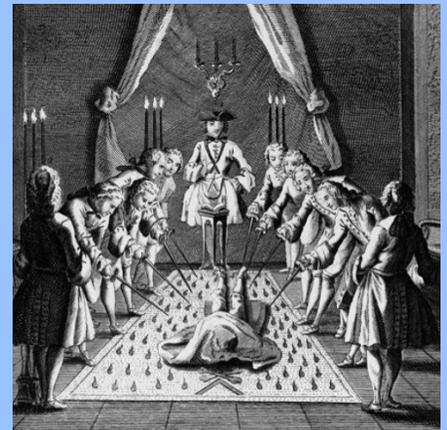
Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 Events:

- Mar 7th, 5:30 PM—WSL60 Officers Meeting at WSL Practice for FC Degree
- Mar 13th, 7:30 PM—Fraternal Visit to Waddell Lodge No. 228
- Mar 20th, 7:00 PM— WSL60 Stated Meeting, Meal at 6:00 PM
- Mar 25th, 9:00 AM—R.E. Loving Area School of Instruction, Fairfax Lodge No. 43 (see below for details)
- Mar 28th, 7:00 PM—Keystone RA Chapter No. 58 Meeting, See Chapter Newsletter and Email
- Mar 28th, 6:00 PM—Charlottesville Commandery No. 9 Meeting, See Chapter Newsletter and Email
- Mar 28th, 5:00 PM—Wisit to DeMolay Chapter in Westhampton. Meet at MW Jeff Hodges office or at Zion Cross Road Park and Ride at 5:30 PM.
- April 20th—Annual McLaurin Golf Tournament (See page 8 for more details)
- April 29th, 9:00 AM—One-Day Conferral, Fairfax Lodge
- May 20th—District 10 Bring-a-Friend Breakfast Day Lodge No. 58

Richard E. Loving Area School of Instruction



Date: March 25th, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM— Noon
Location: Fairfax Lodge No. 43
209 East Davis Street
Culpeper, VA 22701



FREEMASONRY'S MONUMENT BY: CARL H. CLAUDY

The movement to erect a Masonic Memorial to George Washington had its origins in a strong desire on the part of the Masonic Fraternity of the United States to safeguard the Washington relics in the possession of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, of Alexandria, Virginia. Washington was the first master of this lodge, (then Alexandria Lodge No. 39) serving in that office while he was President of the United States. At the time of the formation of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, these relics were inadequately protected from fire, and visitors to the old lodge room gave general expression to their belief that some means should be adopted to provide a safe repository for the collection, the many items of which are priceless because of their association with Washington's life and Masonic career.



While Alexandria Masons were fully aware of the need for protection of the relics, and had given careful attention to the matter for a number of years, the first nation-wide action with respect to it occurred on February 22, 1910, when a number of grand masters and representatives of grand masters met in Alexandria, on the invitation of the grand master of Virginia, and took preliminary steps to organize a national association for the purpose of erecting a memorial to Washington, the Mason. The relics were to be housed in that memorial. The meeting in 1910 endorsed the proposal and in 1911 and 1912 plans for raising funds were developed and a Constitution and by-laws were adopted. The first thought, of a simple repository for the Washington relics, very soon developed into a great memorial to Washington and, as the years passed and greater interest throughout the country was manifested, it became apparent that the Washington Memorial offered an opportunity for the erection of a monument to Freemasonry itself and to the influence which it had exerted in the foundation and preservation of our free government.

The great structure is now much more than either a monument or a memorial. It is the living embodiment of the faith and patriotism and practice of Freemasonry; it is a demonstration both to the world at large and the world of the Craft that fifty (forty-nine continental grand lodges + Philippine Islands) grand jurisdictions can labor unitedly to a common end. East and West, North and South, have engaged in a friendly rivalry to see which would soonest complete its per capita contribution.

The exterior of the building is completed, as is also the beautiful auditorium. The beacon light on top shines every night; the permanent roadway from King Street is finished; heating, ventilating, electrical wiring, lobbies and adjacent stairways and the auditorium are finished. The great Memorial Hall, which the visitor sees on entering, lacks only the heroic status of Washington and the mural decorations. The entrance lobbies are also finished, and the next step in construction is the completion of the Blue Lodge Room and the Replica Room, in the latter of which will be placed the Washington relics. Plans and specifications for these two rooms were completed by architects during the past years, bids for the work were obtained and this work is now under way. The exact amount of progress made depends wholly on the ability of the contractors to obtain the necessary materials for construction under the priority regulations of the United States Government. Funds for the work are in the hands of the treasurer.



The standing resolution of the Association, provision is made that no contract for any work may be let until the money to pay for it is actually in the treasury—hence the thirty-six acre park in which is erected this imposing pile of imperishable granite, its decorations, its lighting, its heating, the landscaping, so far as now completed, are all paid for. Not a dollar of mortgage or indebtedness of any kind stands against this shrine of the Ancient Craft.

FREEMASONRY'S MONUMENT ~ CONTINUED

The influence of this monument cannot be estimated. Unlike many memorials, this will serve many practical purposes as well as those altruistic and patriotic. More than one hundred lodges all over the country have met in it. Ceremonials of all proper Masonic character have been held in it. Masonic bodies travel long distances to perform some ritualistic observance within its portals. Brethren from many sections have been raised there and have counted in an honor in Masonry. The nucleus of a magnificent Masonic library is already in hand. Masonic leaders with vision of the future see the Memorial as a great center of Masonic learning; they envision it as a central source of Masonic light and knowledge, as well as a shrine, a meeting place, a monument and a Memorial.

The annual meetings of the Memorial Association are held in the Temple and grand masters and their representatives, from 46 of our 49 grand jurisdictions, have assembled there on occasion for this purpose. They invariably depart from its halls with enthusiastic determination to do their part toward the completion of the project. The first President of the Association was M.W. Brother Thomas J. Shryock, grand master of Maryland for thirty-three years. He was succeeded by Past Grand Master Louis A. Watres, of Pennsylvania, to whose wise guidance and constant efforts much of the progress made is due. On the death of Brother Watres in 1937, M.W. Brother Elmer R. Arn, past grand master of Ohio, was elected President and he has proved himself a worthy successor of the distinguished brothers who preceded him.

It is a matter of regret that conditions, the Depression, the confusions incident to the war in Europe, and many other causes, have prevented the gifts of enough funds to permit the great building to be completed. It is now almost ten years since the Dedication in May 1932. The Fraternity has yet to show to the world what is unquestionably the fact, that it can reflect the glory that is Masonry's and the ability of its membership to complete that which it begins. It is a matter of faith to all who have seen the Memorial that Masonry having set its hand to the plow will not fail to accomplish its purpose. The final fruition of Masonic hopes in the erection of this monument to Masonry, this Memorial to the only man in all our history who was at the one time master of his Masonic lodge and President of the United States, must follow united efforts just as surely as the night follows the day and the evening the morning.

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton truly caught the vision of the Memorial when he wrote, after witnessing the laying of the cornerstone in 1923, the following prophecy:

“When at last, the work of the Builders is done, and the Memorial stand stately in the sunlight, white and magnificent at night, it will be at once a perpetual Shrine and a prophetic Symbol; a Shrine where men who despair of the present may rekindle their Masonic faith and patriotic hope; a Symbol of the unity and power of Freemasonry, in whose fellowship our first President lived and wrought-led by its light, taught by its truth, hallowed by its spirit—the Republic itself at once its monument and his Memorial. “

The original plans for raising funds contemplated the contribution for \$1.00 for each Mason in the United States. Some ten years ago it was seen that the amount that would be provided from this source would be insufficient and on the suggestion of the grand master of New York, who agreed to raise \$200,000 in addition to the \$1.00 per capita, the quota sought to be achieved was raised to \$1.70 per capita.



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FEBRUARY PRESENTATIONS



Prior to opening the Stated Communication, R.W. William F. Reinhold was conducted to the East and presented with his 50 Year Masonic Veteran Award with his family present to join in the celebration. His three sons are LMIP of WSL60 and escorted him to the East. Bros James Reinhold, William Reinhold III and Charles Reinhold

A committee of R.W. Gregory Hosaflook and R.W. Grant Routzohn (Day #58) retired and escorted the District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District, R.W. William F. Hughes to the altar where he was introduced and welcomed. He was received in the East and saluted in the ancient manner for his official visit.



Wor. Todd Polanowski and other members of Day Lodge No. 58 made a Fraternal Visit to WSL60 and presented the Traveling Gavel to WM Pattison.



At our January WSL60 Stated Communication, MW Jeff Hodges offered to match contributions (up to \$500) for the Virginia Masonic Youth Foundation. All funds were to be collected at our February Stated Communication on Feb 27th. Thanks to the generosity of our members and guests, we raised \$1,480. This fundraising effort was in response to the Grand Master's request for donations.



After his presentation, Worshipful Jason Pattison presented R.W. William F. Hughes with a masonic emblem for his official visit to Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60.

Elected Officers for 2023

Worshipful Master: Wor. Jason Andrew Pattison
 Senior Warden: R.W. Mike Daniel Griffin
 Junior Warden: R.W. Gregory Dean Hosaflook
 Treasurer: R.W. James Friend Dickerson
 Asst. Tres: R.W. Mike Daniel Griffin
 Secretary: Wor. Mark Stephen Chapman
 Asst. Sec: R.W. Robert Edward Simpson

Senior Deacon: Bro. Christian Dwight Manly Owens
 Junior Deacon: Bro. Thomas Matthew Castellanos
 Senior Steward: Bro. Henry Paul Hagenau
 Junior Steward: Vacant
 Chaplain: R.W. Philip Harding Nelson, Jr.
 Tyler: Bro. John Coulter Maddox

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LOCATION:

Kiskiack Golf Club
8104 Club Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

TEE TIME:

Check in: 9:00 AM
Shotgun Start: 10:00 AM

Contact Secretary for more info:

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