



Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219
A. F. & A. M.
Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121



View From The East WM Bob Feigenblatt

February 2009

I wish to thank everyone that made last month's degree work successful for our candidates.

This month has several family activities and degree work. The Mt. Vernon OES #178 Spaghetti dinner and Harmony Heritage Singers on 07 Feb at 5:30 pm. Last year we had a great time and everyone came out to support them and Bro Gus Beach, a member of the Harmony Heritage Singers. Can you pick him out? Tickets are still available in advance and at the door.



Also in February, we have another Masonic Family Movie Matinee and Dinner. This will be on Sunday 15 February starting at 1 pm. I have pictures of the last one hanging on the wall in the fellowship hall. The movie will be Purple People Eater.

Be Well and See You in Lodge!!!!

Fraternally,

Bob Feigenblatt, WM

Note: The e-Trestle Board may be found at <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeoy21x/mtvernon219/>



From the Desk of the Junior Warden - Brother John Tillery

Welcome to the Fourth Floor or the George Washington Museum Room

The fourth floor is the museum room. It was created by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. As you walk around you can see the different aspects of George Washington's life. During a time when Masonry just beginning in America, George Washington was made a Master Mason in November of 1752 in Fredericksburg Lodge # 4. He later moved to Alexandria and joined Alexandria Lodge # 22. Many of the items from that time period are in this room and are the collection of Alexandria – Washington's Lodge. The most intriguing pieces in the collection are the Washington's Bible and two military sabers. Another is the desk that George Washington used throughout the Revolutionary War. Just imagine... the very desk that George sat at during the revolution that won our countries Independence and began the United States of America. The Key to the Bastille is next to the desk and, was presented to the Alexandria-Washington Lodge by Lafayette in 1825. As you can see in the image, there is a second floor. There you will see many pieces of furniture of that time period and many other things that belonged to George Washington.



One of the first things you notice when you walk into the room from the elevator is the floor. It is parquet and framed in black. This is representative of King Solomon's ground floor. You know the symbolism. The winding staircase (Jacob's Ladder) will take you to the floor above.

Brethren, if you haven't visited the Memorial in Alexandria. Come up and see me; I would be honored to give you a tour.

Fraternally,
Bro. John T. Tillery

Come Join Us !

SPAGHETTI DINNER

February 7, 2009
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
ALL YOU CAN



Mount Vernon Chapter
#178 OES 8717 Fort Hunt
Road Alexandria, Virginia

The Harmony Heritage Singers will present the entertainment following the dinner, which includes one of our own brethren, Brother Gus Beach. This will be a great opportunity to "introduce" these men to our Masonic Family.

Cost: \$ 9.00

Children Under 12: \$ 4.50

For Tickets Call:

Roxie Fox 571-313-8443

Karen Feigenblatt 703-799-7238
Chapter Officers



<http://members.cox.net/theperfectpitch/index.htm>

Masonic Family Movie Matinee



Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge
15 Feb 2009
Starting 1:00pm

Bags of Popcorn & Candy
Dinner: Chicken Casserole, Salad,
& Soft Drinks

Dessert: Cookies

For more information
Call Bob & Karen Feigenblatt
Or Julie Divine

Movie to be shown in
Fellowship Hall, bring
favorite chair and blanket
to soften the floor.

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- Surviving Winter Driving Hazards -

Most of the Brethren have lived all of their lives in Virginia; and have grown accustomed, almost complacent to its winters. Take it from someone who has been stationed in the remote areas of Alaska for many years, complacency is a recipe for disaster.

I'd like to share with you a list of essentials for your car's trunk. Also, what does one do if you get stuck in the snow. (The following has been compiled from several government websites.)

Winter Car Kit:

- Flashlights with extra batteries
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- Several blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Extra newspapers for insulation
- Plastic bags (for sanitation)
- Matches
- Extra set of mittens, socks, and a wool cap
- Rain gear and extra clothes
- Small sack of sand for generating traction under wheels
- Small shovel
- Small tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver)
- Booster cables
- Set of tire chains or traction mats
- Cards, games, and puzzles
- Brightly colored cloth to use as a flag
- Canned fruit and nuts
- Non-electric can opener
- Bottled water

What to do if you get stuck in a snow storm:

- Stay in the car.
Do not leave the car to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards. You may become disoriented and lost in blowing and drifting snow.
- Display a trouble sign.
Hang a brightly colored cloth on the radio antenna and raise the hood.
- Occasionally run engine to keep warm.
Turn on the car's engine for about 10 minutes each hour. Run the heater when the car is running. Also, turn on the car's dome light when the car is running.
- *Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning.* Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow, and open a downwind window slightly for ventilation.
- Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.
- Do minor exercises to keep up circulation.
- Clap hands and move arms and legs occasionally. Try not to stay in one position for too long. If more than one person is in the car, take turns sleeping.
- For warmth, huddle together.
- Use newspapers, maps, and even the removable car mats for added insulation.
- Avoid overexertion.
Cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow or pushing a car can bring on a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse. Be aware of symptoms of dehydration.

Be well and see you in lodge.

Masonic Birthdays

William Gaither Collins – 2/9/77	32
Arthur Clinton Harrold – 2/3/61	48
Randall Dmytro Ivanciw – 2/27/80	29
John William Judy - 2/18/74	35
William Dale Judy - 2/18/74	35
John Joseph Leeper – 2/3/58	51
Charles Edward Shepard – 2/10/99	10
Bushrod Corbin Washington – 2/1/49	60
John James Watkins – 2/16/62	47
Rufus Owen Watts, Jr. – 2/3/61	48



Activity Calendar February 2009

Date	Time	Event	Location/Notes
Feb 02	7:00 pm	Ritual Practice for DDGM Official Visit	Mount Vernon Lodge
Feb 03	Carpool	Fraternal Visit to Springfield	Mount Vernon Lodge
Feb 03	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit to Springfield	Springfield Lodge
Feb 04	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting, DDGM Official Visit to Mt. Vernon	Mount Vernon Lodge
Feb 07	5:30 pm	Mt. Vernon OES Spaghetti Dinner and Harmony Heritage Singers	Mount Vernon Lodge
Feb 09	Carpool	Fraternal Visit to Occoquan	Mount Vernon Lodge
Feb 09	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit to Occoquan	Occoquan Lodge
Feb 11	11:00 am	DDGM Official Visit to Ft. Hunt-Skidmore	Ft. Hunt-Skidmore Lodge
Feb 14	1:00 pm	Masonic Bowling	Ft. Belvior Bowling Alley
Feb 15	1:00 pm	<i>Masonic Family Movie Matinee</i> <i>*Snacks and Dinner*</i>	Mount Vernon Lodge
Feb 16	7:00 pm	Ritual Practice for FC	Mount Vernon Lodge
Feb 18	7:30 pm	FC Degree	Mount Vernon Lodge
Feb 20	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit to Dale City	Dale City Lodge
Feb 21	1:00 pm	Masonic Bowling	Ft. Belvior Bowling Alley
Feb 23	7:00 pm	Ritual Practice	Mount Vernon Lodge
Feb 25	7:30 pm	District Ritual School	Springfield Lodge
Feb 28	1:00 pm	Masonic Bowling	Ft. Belvior Bowling Alley
Mar 16	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit to John A. Lejeune	John A. Lejeune Lodge

Life Membership In Perpetuity (LMIP)

1992

Allen B. Shaw (D)
Lorance D. Lisle
Samuel T. Atkinson

1994

John D. Denton

1995

Charles C. Hinkle
Thomas N. Johnson

1996

Lee J. Sloppy
Charles J. Allen
Marcus A. Harrison
Hal B. Beachum (D)

1997

Robert L. Burnett III
M.M. Gus Beach
John D. Killian
Guy B. Glean
William T. Spencer
Kenneth M. Dague
Eric R. Guthrie
Covert W. Williamson III

1998

David H. Smith
Daniel W. Hinkle
George Washington*
Manuel M. Cumes
Carl R. Beard
Richard B. Colyer

1999

Harold M. Sloppy*
George G. Koogle Jr.*
Grayson L. Koogle
Charles E. Wallace*
Robert C. Coe*
Murray Scheine
Karl L. Park Jr.
Werner H. Morlock*
Charles J. Hinkle

2000

Philip S. Downs Jr.
Ted E. Amick
James L. Pryor
James E. Rowland
George H. Chapin
Stanley R. Stewart

2001

Earl D. Magill
Clinton C. Morningstar
Maurice W. Downs
Arthur C. Harrold
Thomas R. Storer (D)
Lawrence E. Hyer*
Ronald P. Miklovic
Philip S. Downs Sr.*
William K. Morrow (D)
John H. King*
Douglas M. Dwyer
Ronald G. Elliott
Glenn R. Teale*
Robert C. Hutton*
Howard F. Schneider*
Cecil G. Elder
Jack E. Snyder
Ernest A. Snyder

2002

Wayne T. Frakes
Paul E. Wampler
James E. Coffey
Ernest G. Haynes
William A. Sacra (D)
William C. Broyles *
Gordon R. Craig
Finis L. Smith
Martin L. Gogolski (D)
Donald J. Marshall
Robert J. Bauman (D)
Edward Palmer*
J. David Scarce
David E. Boothe
Richard J. McDonagh
Carl P. Hudson
Richard C. Allen

2002 (cont'd)

Maynard E. Hildebrandt
Benjamin Franklin*
Glen Guffey
Sidney I. Stark
Dennis D. Keeton
Leslie J. Healea*

2003

Henry H. Ward Jr.
Julius B. Taylor
Robert D. Wallace
Armand A. Scott Cerrone
Ronald L. Stokes

2004

Lewis A. Armistead*
David E. Stout Jr.
Glen S. Faxon*

2005

Bob I. Feigenblatt
William Ashby Downs*
H.H. Jerry Thompson*
Harvey Lee Hyatt*
Edward Buckmaster*
John David Hunt*
John William Judy

2006

Roy L. Learnard
Gary L. Short
Robert C. Berger
Lloyd L. Nicely
David H. Smith, Jr.
Anthony K. Feigenblatt

2007

President Gerald R. Ford*

2008

President Harry S. Truman*
Elbert R. Turner, PDDGM
(104 LMIP/MLMIP)

* Indicates Memorial Life Membership in Perpetuity
(D) Indicates Deceased Brother

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO GET YOUR LMIP THE PRICES KEEP GOING UP

Lodge Officers
 Worshipful Bob I. Feigenblatt, PM
 Master
 Senior Warden Ronald G. Elliott, Sr., PM
 Junior Warden John T. Tillery
 Treasurer Murray Scheine
 Secretary Grayson L. Koogle, PM
 Senior Deacon Anthony K. Feigenblatt
 Junior Deacon Lukas E. Hoska III
 Senior Steward John D. Killian, PM
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 Junior Steward
 Chaplain Clinton "Clint Morningstar, PM
 .
 Marshal Philip S. Downs Jr., PM
 Tiler Lloyd L. Nicely, PM

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 William A. Shortt, ABG #275
 Ernest A. Snyder, ABG #275
 George Harry Chapin, PGM

TRUSTEES
 Covert W. Williamson, III, PM
 Ronald G. Elliott Sr., PM
 David H. Smith, PM

PAST MASTERS
 Charles E. Wallace, PGM (D) 1961-62
 Ralph I. Merrill, PDDGM 1963
 John H. King, PDDGM(D) 1964
 James E. Coffey 1965
 Leonard S. Lorentzen ** (D) 1966
 Harvey L Hyatt (D) 1967
 Robert C. Coe, PDDGM (D) 1968
 Sidney I. Stark 1969
 Harold M, Sloppy (D) 1970
 Samuel T. Atkinson, PDDGM 1971
 Clarence A. Johnson** 1972
 Lloyd L Nicely 1973
 Paul E. Wampler Jr. 1974
 Howard F. Schneider, PDDGM (D) 1975
 Glenn E. Teale (D) 1976
 Elbert R. Turner, PDDGM 1977
 Robert D. Wallace 1978
 John D. Denton, PDDGM 1979
 William C. Broyles (D) 1980
 Roy C. Bragg Jr. ** 1981
 Clinton C. Morningstar 1982
 Stanley R. Stewart 1983
 Ralph E. Simmons, PDDGM 1984
 George E. Toomey (D) 1985
 Douglas M. Dwyer 1986
 Lawrence E. Hyer (D) 1987
 William C. Broyles (D) 1988
 Lorance D. Lisle 1989
 David H. Smith 1990-91
 Hal B. Beachum (D) 1992
 Alan B. Shaw (D) 1993
 Jay K. Smolins ** 1994-95
 John D. Killian 1996-97
 Lee J. Sloppy, PDDGM 1998
 Charles C. Hinkle 1999
 Daniel W. Hinkle 2000
 Covert W. Williamson III 2001
 Manuel M. Cumes 2002
 Grayson L Koogle 2003
 Philip S. Downs Jr. 2004
 Bob I. Feigenblatt 2005
 Covert W. Williamson III 2006
 Ronald (Ron) G. Elliott Sr. 2007-08

** Demitted
 (D) Deceased

LODGE COMMITTEES AND LEADS

Lodge Instructor of Work:
Covert W. Williamson III, PM
Lodge Education Officer:
John T. Tillery
Blood Program:
John D. Killian, PM

Masonic Youth:
John D. Killian, PM
Building and Grounds:
Ronald G. Elliot, WM
Sick and Widows:
Clinton C. Morningstar, PM