



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



View From The East WM Bob Feigenblatt

April 2009

Last month we had something uncommon and wonderful happen. John A. LeJeune Masonic Lodge #350 and Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge #219 got together to raise two candidates, one from each of our Lodges. Look at the picture below or on our website and you will see several other Lodges prominently represented. I thank all of you who attended both on the side lines and in the cast for making this memorable and possibly one of the richest experiences for our newly raised MM Masons.



We have a lot of degree work and practice this month. We have a candidate returning proficiency on the EA and I have scheduled an FC Degree on 22 April at 7:30pm. We also have an opportunity to hone our skills for a MM Degree for two of our candidates on 11 April at 1:00pm, a family dinner to follow. I ask for particular polish for our cast to shine, for I expect PGM's and possibly current GL officers from more than one jurisdiction to attend. I have spoken and enthusiastically accepted WB John Pearson's offer to perform the second section in costume. I have seen this once before at Springfield Masonic Lodge #217, and I urge the brethren not to miss it. If you feel you're a little "Ruff around the edges," I have a costume and part for you.

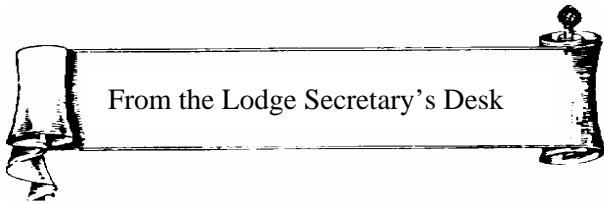
Mark your calendars for our 01 Apr stated meeting. We are having a FAMILY DINNER at 6:00 pm; so BRING YOUR WIVES AND CHILDREN!!! After the dinner, the Brethren will quickly open the business meeting and then invite all up into our Lodge room for a presentation of Cleopatra's Needle. Following which, the brethren will quickly close the business meeting and we will join the families for dessert and refreshments.

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/>



**Life Membership in Perpetuity.** Brethren, we keep reminding you of the advantages of purchasing a Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP) for yourself or a Memorial Life Membership in Perpetuity (MLMIP) to honor a deceased Master Mason. Besides never having to pay annual dues for the rest of your life, we have also been telling you that a LMIP or MLMIP is a gift to your Lodge that keeps on giving long after you have passed to the Celestial Lodge. Many of you have asked how a LMIP or MLMIP “keeps on giving” so I thought I should tell you how it makes a difference to your Lodge. When you purchase a LMIP/MLMIP, that money goes into a fund administered by the Grand Lodge and we get a return on that investment of all the LMIPs/MLMIPs that we have bought as Mount Vernon Lodge. Every year about this time, we have to pay dues and assessments to the Grand Lodge based on our total membership. This year we owed \$4,620 to the Grand Lodge of Virginia for those annual dues and assessments, but we did not have to pay anything because of our LMIP/MLMIP membership. This year, our return on our LMIP/MLMIP membership paid the entire \$4,581.20 in dues and assessments and also resulted in an additional “refund” check in the amount of \$863.75 payable to Mount Vernon Lodge! If that is not an example of a gift that keeps on giving, then I don’t know what else to tell you! Now, all of you know the current state of our economy . . . so it is important that we continue to increase our LMIP/MLMIP membership to keep ahead of inflation or “down times” in funds. . . or a possible increase on our Grand Lodge dues and assessments in the future. So please think seriously about purchasing a LMIP or MLMIP or starting payments toward a LMIP. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving to your Lodge. If you have any questions, please contact Worshipful Charles Hinkle, PM or your Lodge Secretary . . . and we will be more than glad to help you.

Fraternally,

Grayson Koogler, PM  
Lodge Secretary



### **From the Desk of the Junior Warden - Brother John Tillery**

#### **The 7<sup>th</sup> floor in the Cryptic Masons floor**

This floor displays the story of Prince Zerubbabel and Nebuchadnezzar. After King Solomon’s Kingdom was conquered by Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon’s people were led away to captivity in Babylon. The Temple was ravaged by the barbarous forces and torn down; items were melted down to serve the needs of the conquerors. After many years in captivity, Prince Zerubbabel begged King Cyrus to free his people and return to Jerusalem to rebuild their temple. They did, but as they built, they were ordered to hold a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other. When Prince Zerubbabel returned to his temple, he captured Nebuchadnezzar, and had him thrown out of his kingdom. The Prince then ordered two of his workmen to go down into the catacombs to search for anything remaining after 70

years of captivity. There the workmen found a horizontal cave with nine arches that led back to the vault of Enoch. In the vault they found an alabaster table, and on it, a golden triangle with the ineffable name of God – Yud Heh Vau Heh. The biggest feature in this room is the scene showing this discovery. It is on an ultra violet screen peering through the nine arches. There is also a painting of Hiram Abiff showing workman how an arch is to be constructed.

If you have not visited the George Washington Masonic Memorial, please come up on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I would love to give you a special tour!!!

Fraternally,  
 Bro. John T. Tillery  
 Junior Warden

### Masonic Birthdays

Ted Emory Amick – 4/23/80	29	Richard Herman Lester – 4/30/69	40
George Harry Chapin – 4/21/69	40	Ralph Ishmael Merrill – 4/10/54	55
Charles Thomas Cleveland – 4/19/95	14	Lloyd Lester Nicely – 4/8/67	42
Walter Otis Cole – 4/17/58	51	Talmadge Nichols Jr. – 4/10/68	41
Franklin Theodore Doepel Jr. – 4/13/66	43	Elmer Russell Shiflett – 4/8/70	39
Maurice Wayne Downs – 4/12/00	9	Ralph Eugene Simmons – 4/25/79	30
Douglas Mason Dwyer – 4/5/82	27	Sidney Ivan Stark – 4/7/61	48
Phillip Gary Fuller – 4/25/84	25	Morris Bruce Taylor 4/29/52	57
Dennis Dean Keeton – 4/21/93	16	Paul Edward Wampler Jr. – 4/10/68	41



### Activity Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/Notes</u>
<b>Apr 01</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Stated Meeting, Family Dinner starts at 6pm &amp; Open Presentation of Cleopatra's Needle</b>	<b>Mount Vernon Lodge</b>
<b>Apr 06</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Ritual Practice – MM Degree</b>	<b>Mount Vernon Lodge</b>
<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>MM Degree – Followed by a Family Dinner</b>	<b>Mount Vernon Lodge</b>
Apr 13	7:00 pm	Ritual Practice	Mount Vernon Lodge
<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Ritual Practice – FC Degree</b>	<b>Mount Vernon Lodge</b>
<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>FC Degree</b>	
Apr 27	7:00 pm	Ritual Practice	Mount Vernon Lodge
<b>Jun 13</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Grand Master Official Visit to Dist 1A, 1B, &amp; 54</b>	<b>Scottish Rite Temple on Braddock Road, Alexandria</b>

## 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

### 2000 (cont'd)

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  
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

### 2009

(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  
 .  
 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**