



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



View From The East WM Bob Feigenblatt

October 2009

It really has been a busy summer for Mt. Vernon 219 and I hope that everyone has had a great time during the warmer months. As we get ready for Fall I would ask that everyone come out for the October and November Stated meetings as you know we will have Wardens Night in October and Past Masters Night in November. I think that both of the meetings will be of interest to everyone Please Mark Your Calendar's and plan ahead for the meetings.

We all need to thank WB Phil Downs on his painting of the Fellowship Hall. I know he did not tell anyone; but it looks great. Thank you!!

On 10 October, there will be a Masonic Home of Virginia Family Day, 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA. All Masons and their families are invited to attend for a fun filled day of activities and lunch on the grounds of the Masonic Home. There will also be a dedication in honor of our WWII Veterans. This all starts at 9:00 am and the ceremony will begin at 1:30 pm.

Brothers and Sisters, mark your calendars. October 4th will be our Masonic Family Movie Matinee. Bring the family and enjoy the fellowship, and the kids can enjoy the film.

Brethren, WB Covert Williamson III heads the committee for Mt. Vernon's 50 Year Anniversary. I have not heard of any brothers stepping forward yet. I am tugging on your cable tows. Some of the work entails dinning hall coordination (which has to be done now for 2011), coin minting, invitations, ticket coordination, money collection prior to event, etc. A tremendous amount of work for just one person!! Next time you see WB Covert, please ask how you can help.

Please come out and support your lodge and the brethren.

Watch for upcoming events in the calendar on the following pages. Finally Brethren, Halloween is approaching. Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, their guests, and their children. Using safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season and make it as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you! Safety tips can be found at <http://www.halloween-safety.com/>.

Come and join us at Mt. Vernon's Family Halloween Party – Dinner/Cake Walk on 31 Oct starting at 6 pm. We are encouraging costumes, and having one of Karen's chicken dishes. The cost of the dinner will be \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 10 years of age and below, while children 4 years and below are free. See your Lodge Officers for Tickets. We will also hold a Cake Walk; tickets available at the dinner for \$1 per round. It is a great way for Masonic families to spend the evening and give their kids a chance to meet others their own age.

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

The Gift Shop

Have you ever visited the George Washington Memorial gift shop? It is located just inside the main entrance. The Gift shop has many items such as books, jewelry, and prints as well as many other interesting things. A book I highly recommend is "Solomon's Builders"; it is one of our top sellers. There are some holiday ornaments and Order of the Eastern Star jewelry pieces too. If you are interested in Masonic lapel pins and ties, the shop has a great selection. There are some good prints on Masonry especially the "Ladder of Masonic Levels". You can visit the Memorial's website at www.gwmemorial.org or come and visit me.

Please come up on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I would love to give you a special tour!!!

Fraternally,

Bro. John T. Tillery
Junior Warden



Masonic Home of Virginia Family Day

October 10, 2009

4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA

All Masons and their families invited to attend for a fun filled day of activities and lunch on the grounds of the Masonic Home.

9:00 AM - entertainment, coffee and doughnuts near the Grand Lodge

10:30 AM – Parade with lunch to follow

WWII Memorial Ceremony

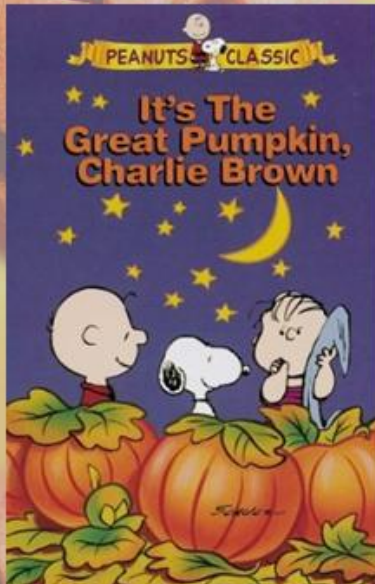
Dedication of Stone in honor of WWII Veterans

All Masons to line up at 12:30 PM to process to the

Dedication Ceremony

Ceremony to begin at 1:30 PM

Masonic Family Movie Matinee



Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge
04 October 2009
Starting 1:00pm

**Bags of Popcorn,
Candy, & Chips**

Dinner: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, & Halloween Punch

Dessert: Cup Cake Monsters

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

RSVP by 30 Sep 2009

Call Bob & Karen Feigenblatt
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PM's Desk:
WB Bob Feigenblatt

October 10th, the GM of Virginia is recognizing and making a dedication to our WWII veterans at the Masonic Home of Virginia. I recall stories of WWII from my father who was in the Army Air Corp. Well last month was the founding of the United States Air Force, while the Continental Congress created the United States Navy in October. Now more of their history.

United States Air Force

The official date of the founding of the US Air Force is 18 September 1947. It was a momentous event that 59 years later has demonstrated the achievement of an Air Force second-to-none. Its history and heritage goes back a lot further. From the time that the US military purchased its first aircraft in 1909 up to 1947, the US Air Force did not exist as a separate and independent military service organization. It went through a series of designations: Aeronautical Section, Signal Corps (1909); Aviation Section, Signal Corps (1914); United States Army Air Service (1918); United States Army Air Corps (1926), United States Army Air Forces (1941).

WWII illustrated the value of airpower, and the need to change the basic organization of the US Military Forces. The result was the creation of a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. In 1947 President Truman signed the National Security Act which established this new defense organization, and along with it the creation of the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy. The official birthday of the US Air Force is 18 September 1947.

Through the years, history has shown the wisdom and foresight of the creation of a separate Air Force. The US Air Force emerged quickly from its cradle and began to create its own history and heritage.

1949: The flight of the "Lucky Lady II" demonstrated the Air Force's capability to fly, non-stop round the world, showing it could take off from the U.S. and drop bombs anywhere in the world.

1950-1953: USAF engaged in the first completely jet aerial combat During the Korean War. The F-86 Saberjet scored impressive aerial victories against the enemy MiG-15.

1954: The first B-52 Stratofortress came into the USAF Inventory and has served in every conflict since its appearance.

1960s: The development and deployment of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) as a major component of the aerial defense capability of the United States.

1964-1973: War in Vietnam

1970s: The development of laser-guided bombs and TV-guided air to ground missiles. Air mobility took a major step forward with the introduction of the C-5 Galaxy in the Air Force Inventory. Other aircraft systems introduced in this decade were the F-15, A-10, AWACS, and F-16.

1980s: Stealth Technology was revealed advent of the F-117; strategic bomber capability was increased with the deployment of the B-1.

1990s: USAF played a major role in the swift defeat of the Iraqi military forces in the first Persian Gulf War: The Air Force underwent a major reorganization with the formation of Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command, and Air Force Materiel Command. The USAF

supported the war in the Balkans, and the US intervention Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

2000: The Expeditionary Air Force concept was a major transition in how the Air Force employed forces. The Global War on Terrorism brought the USAF into Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Ref: <http://www.pacaf.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-060825-022.doc>

United States Navy

On Friday, October 13, 1775, meeting in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress voted to fit out two sailing vessels, armed with ten carriage guns, as well as swivel guns, and manned by crews of eighty, and to send them out on a cruise of three months to intercept transports carrying munitions and stores to the British army in America. This was the original legislation out of which the Continental Navy grew and as such constitutes the birth certificate of the navy.

To understand the momentous significance of the decision to send two armed vessels to sea under the authority of the Continental Congress, we need to review the strategic situation in which it was made and to consider the political struggle that lay behind it.

Americans first took up arms in the spring of 1775 not to sever their relationship with the king, but to defend their rights within the British Empire. By the autumn of 1775, the British North American colonies from Maine to Georgia were in open rebellion. Royal governments had been thrust out of many colonial capitals and revolutionary governments put in their places. The Continental Congress had assumed some of the responsibilities of a central government for the colonies, created a Continental Army, issued paper money for the support of the troops, and formed a committee to negotiate with foreign countries. Continental forces captured Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain and launched an invasion of Canada.

In October 1775 the British held superiority at sea, from which they threatened to stop up the colonies' trade and to wreak destruction on seaside settlements. In response a few of the states had commissioned small fleets of their own for defense of local waters. Congress had not yet authorized privateering. Some in Congress worried about pushing the armed struggle too far, hoping that reconciliation with the mother country was still possible.

Yet, a small coterie of men in Congress had been advocating a Continental Navy from the outset of armed hostilities. Foremost among these men was John Adams, of Massachusetts. For months, he and a few others had been agitating in Congress for the establishment of an American fleet. They argued that a fleet would defend the seacoast towns, protect vital trade, retaliate against British raiders, and make it possible to seek out among neutral nations of the world the arms and stores that would make resistance possible.

Still, the establishment of a navy seemed too bold a move for some of the timid men in Congress. Some southerners agreed that a fleet would protect and secure the trade of New England but denied that it would that of the southern colonies. Most of the delegates did not consider the break with England as final and feared that a navy implied sovereignty and independence. Others thought a navy a hasty and foolish challenge to the mightiest fleet the world had seen. The most the pro-navy men could do was to get Congress to urge each colony to fit out armed vessels for the protection of their coasts and harbors.

Then, on 3 October, Rhode Island's delegates laid before Congress a bold resolution for the building and equipping of an American fleet, as soon as possible. When the motion came to the floor for debate, Samuel Chase, of Maryland, attacked it, saying it was "the maddest Idea in

the World to think of building an American Fleet.” Even pro-navy members found the proposal too vague. It lacked specifics and no one could tell how much it would cost.

If Congress was yet unwilling to embrace the idea of establishing a navy as a permanent measure, it could be tempted by short-term opportunities. Fortuitously, on 5 October, Congress received intelligence of two English brigs, unarmed and without convoy, laden with munitions, leaving England bound for Quebec. Congress immediately appointed a committee to consider how to take advantage of this opportunity. Its members were all New Englanders and all ardent supporters of a navy. They recommended first that the governments of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut be asked to dispatch armed vessels to lay in wait to intercept the munitions ships; next, they outlined a plan for the equipping by Congress of two armed vessels to cruise to the eastward to intercept any ships bearing supplies to the British army. Congress let this plan lie on the table until 13 October, when another fortuitous event occurred in favor of the naval movement. A letter from General Washington was read in Congress in which he reported that he had taken under his command, at Continental expense, three schooners to cruise off Massachusetts to intercept enemy supply ships. The commander in chief had preempted members of Congress reluctant to take the first step of fitting out warships under Continental authority. Since they already had armed vessels cruising in their name, it was not such a big step to approve two more. The committee's proposal, now appearing eminently reasonable to the reluctant members, was adopted.

The Continental Navy grew into an important force. Within a few days, Congress established a Naval Committee charged with equipping a fleet. This committee directed the purchasing, outfitting, manning, and operations of the first ships of the new navy, drafted subsequent naval legislation, and prepared rules and regulations to govern the Continental Navy's conduct and internal administration.

Over the course of the War of Independence, the Continental Navy sent to sea more than fifty armed vessels of various types. The navy's squadrons and cruisers seized enemy supplies and carried correspondence and diplomats to Europe, returning with needed munitions. They took nearly 200 British vessels as prizes, some off the British Isles themselves, contributing to the demoralization of the enemy and forcing the British to divert warships to protect convoys and trade routes. In addition, the navy provoked diplomatic crises that helped bring France into the war against Great Britain. The Continental Navy began the proud tradition carried on today by our United States Navy, and whose birthday we celebrate each year in October.

Ref: <http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq31-1.htm>

Masonic Birthdays

Benjamin Basil Albert – 10/22/52	57
John David Denton Jr. – 10/01/47	62
Philip Sylvester Downs Jr. – 10/20/99	10
Ronald Gene Elliott – 10/30/62	47
James Leslie Flowers – 10/12/88	21
Kenneth Douglas Grimm - 10/4/07	2
Charles Edward Hall Jr. – 10/19/96	13
Ronald Paul Miklovic II – 10/21/98	11
Roman Ortega Jr. - 10/4/2007	2
Karl Luke Park Jr. – 10/16/74	35
Justice Harvey Scott – 10/20/61	48
David George Sneddon – 10/27/67	42
William Thomas Spencer – 10/15/73	36
Stanley Rae Stewart – 10/10/73	36
David Earl Thompson Sr. – 10/22/03	6
Anthony Keith Feigenblatt - 10/18/06	3



Activity Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location/Notes
Sep 23	7:00 pm	District School of Instruction	Springfield Lodge
Sep 26	1:00 pm	Masonic Family Bowling	Ft. Belvior Bowling Center
Sep 28	7:00 pm	Ritual Practice	Mount Vernon Lodge
Oct 04	1:00 pm	Masonic Family Movie Matinee & Dinner	Mount Vernon Lodge
Oct 07	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting, Wardens Night	Mount Vernon Lodge
Oct 10	9:00 am	Veterans' Memorial Ceremony	Masonic Home of Virginia
Oct 17	9-12 am	Open House Celebration	Mount Vernon Lodge
Oct 24	1:00 pm	Masonic Family Bowling	Ft. Belvior Bowling Center
Oct 28	7:00 pm	District School of Instruction	Springfield Lodge
Oct 31	6:00 pm	Mt. Vernon Halloween Dinner & Cake Walk. See your Lodge Officers for tickets	Mount Vernon Lodge
Nov 04	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting, Past Master Night	Mount Vernon Lodge
Nov 14	8 am – Noon	Pancake and Egg Breakfast Committee Chair: Bro John Tillery Adult \$5, Children 4-12 years \$2 Under 4-years free	Mt. Vernon Lodge
Nov 25	7:00 pm	District School of Instruction	Springfield Lodge
Dec 02	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting, Election of Officers	Mount Vernon Lodge
Dec 05	7:00 pm	Mt. Vernon Open Installation of Officers	Mount Vernon Lodge
Dec 05	6:00 pm	Springfield Open Installation of Officers	Springfield 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

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

Bushrod C. Washington
Jay E. Garbus

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* 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
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 Marshal Philip S. Downs Jr., PM
 Tiler Lloyd L. Nicely, PM

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 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

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

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