



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



View From The East WM Bob Feigenblatt

December 2009

Now the year will come to a close. This has been a busy year for the Lodge. 2009 found your officers promoting Family Masonic Activities. 2010's Worshipful Master Elect is committed to continuing these activities in addition to his other planning.

Brethren, Sisters, and Family, we all enjoyed the Lodge's Family Activities. These have been recorded in pictures and memories with your Secretary. I recall our quarterly Masonic Family Movie Matinee and Potluck Dinner; Fraternal Visits; Guest Speakers; Mt. Vernon's first recorded Table Lodge; Family Breakfasts; Family Halloween Dinner and Cake Walk; Masonic Family Bowling; Night of Patriotism with the choir from Bethel #1; Night Honoring our Masonic Ladies; and many others. If you missed any of these events, then you missed opportunities for fraternal fellowship. Let us know what you would like to see and do in 2010, for our next Worshipful Master would like to increase member participation.

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. A tremendous amount of work for just one person!! Next time you see WB Covert, please ask how you can help.

I want to especially thank my officers this year; for without them, we would not have been able to put on all those special Masonic Events. Next time you see them, please shake their hand in thanks.

2009 also brought both sadness and joy. We have lost friends, brothers, and family members. We also have had friends with illnesses; please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.

2009 also brought great Joy for Brother Mark and Deirdre Taylor with the birth of their healthy baby boy.

Please come out and support your lodge and the brethren. Watch for upcoming events in the calendar on the following pages.

Brethren and Family while this year brought new members, it is with considerable trepidation that Karen and I venture into 2010. Next year will find me retiring after 30-years of active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard and starting a new life near Huntsville Alabama. It is without parallel that Karen and I shall miss this Lodge and its members. To us, you all are our extended family.

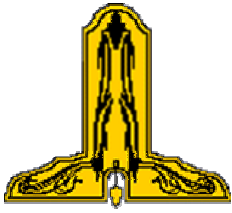
Finally Brethren, the holly holidays are approaching. Everyone wants to have a safe and happy holiday season for themselves, their guests, and their children. Using published safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of this season and make it as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you!

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 Senior Warden – Worshipful Brother Ron Elliott

Another years is about to end and I am again the Worshipful Master Elect. My goal for this coming year is to devote a great deal of time each month trying to increase our attendances at our Stated and Called meeting. I will personally be calling each of our members who have found it hard to find the time and/or the way to their Lodge; if your one, expect my call. If you need a ride, transportation is available; call me at (703) 989-9145.

We do have a number of Candidates for advancement this coming year and I will be having a called meeting each month beginning in January. We will need help and I will be calling. We also need help preparing these Brothers for advancement, please find the time to give a helping hand.

A little advance notice, February Stated meeting will be our Official Visit from our newly elected “District Deputy Grand Master” Rt. Wor. Larry Alexander, I’m looking for a full house. If you need a ride as stated above transportation is available, just call.

Our first Social event this coming year will be a “Chilly Cook Off and Cake Walk” in mid March. Tickets for this event will be available in mid January at Wor. Charlie Hinkle shop on US Rt. 1.

Fraternally,
Senior Warden Ron Elliott, PM



From the Desk of the Junior Warden - Brother John Tillery

The Theatre:

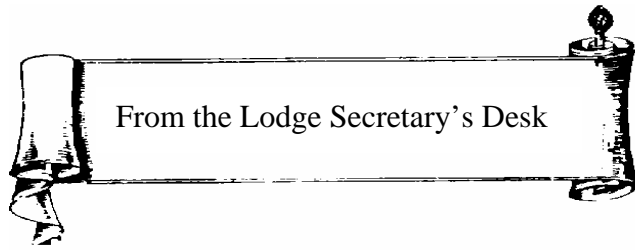
As we leave the Alexandria-Washington Lodge room and walk across the hall, we step into the Theatre or Auditorium. Walking in there, you are automatically struck with the enormous size of this room. There are 358 red seats. Looking around the auditorium, you see 16 massive St. Genevieve Gold Vein columns supporting the ceiling above. On the ceiling is a giant sunburst coming out from the center. At the front of it, is the family crest of George Washington’s family. Walking around the outer edge, and against the back wall are silhouettes of all the Presidents that were Master Masons starting with George Washington and ending with Gerald R. Ford. When you get to the other side, look down to the stage on the floor and notice an organ. That was donated to the Memorial by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1950. It still plays and sounds beautiful to hear 59 years later. It can be played by hand or by sheet music.

While on the topic of George Washington, mark your 2010 calendars for George Washington’s birthday, February 22nd. The memorial will be having a big gala on that day. Please try to attend. I will be working that day so I hope to see you.

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

Fraternally,

Bro. John T. Tillery
Junior Warden



DDGM Elections. As some of you know, nominees for District Deputy Grand Master are now submitted two years in advance, to allow for additional training and duties. Our District is on the rotation system and 2012 is the year for Mount Vernon Lodge to nominate a primary and alternate candidate. In accordance with the new Executive Order No. 2, Mount Vernon Lodge will hold elections for our Lodge nominee for 2012 District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) for Masonic District 1B at our January Stated Meeting on January 6, 2010. The election procedures, qualifications and updated responsibilities/duties of DDGM will be outlined at the December Stated Meeting.

Annual Dues. For brethren paying annual dues, 2010 Annual Dues will be due and payable starting January 1, 2010. Dues notices will be mailed out starting the first week in December. Dues for 2010 are \$68.00. Dues can be paid in cash or by check made payable to Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219. On receipt of annual dues, your 2010 Dues Card will be given to you at the next stated meeting or mailed to you.

50th Anniversary of Mount Vernon Lodge. Just a reminder, Mount Vernon Lodge will celebrate it's 50th anniversary in 2011. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this celebration, please contact the Worshipful Master, Lodge Secretary or Worshipful Covert Williamson. We are also looking for any brethren who would like to actively help in the planning, preparation and coordination of this milestone event in the life of our Lodge.

Grayson Koogle, PM
Lodge Sec.

Masonic Birthdays

Lemoyne Owen Barkhurst – 12/09/70	39
John Gibbony Brown – 12/4/63	46
Thomas John Faulds – 12/8/71	38
David Paul Feather – 12/10/75	34
Charles Robert Wallace – 12/18/68	41
Carl P. Hudson – 12/3/52	57



Activity Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/Notes</u>
Nov 23	7:00 pm	Ritual Practice	Mount Vernon Lodge
Nov 30	7:00 pm	Rehearsal for Open Installation	Mount Vernon Lodge
Dec 02	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting, Election of Officers	Mount Vernon Lodge
Dec 05	7:30 pm	Mt. Vernon Open Installation of Officers	Mount Vernon Lodge
Dec 05	6:00 pm	Springfield Open Installation of Officers	Springfield Lodge
Dec 18	7:00 pm	John A. Lejeune Open Installation of Officers	John A. Lejeune Lodge
Dec 19	11:00 am	Occoquan Open Installation of Officers	Occoquan Lodge
Jan 07	7:00 pm	Alexandria-Washington Chapter DeMolay International Installation of Officers	Springfield Lodge
Feb 22	TBA	George Washington's Birthday Celebration	George Washington Masonic Memorial

Life Membership In Perpetuity (LMIP)

1992

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

2000 (cont'd)

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

(106 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 Master Bob I. Feigenblatt, PM
 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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AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS
 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
 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