



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



View From The East – Worshipful Ronald G. Elliott, Sr.

January 2010

Dear Brethren,

Again, I would like to thank you for electing me to be your Worshipful Master for another year. As Master, we are taught never to commence any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity. This first act allows us to reflect and hopefully stay within due bounds of all mankind but more especially Brother Masons. This act also opens up communication between us and the Great Architect of the Universe, that we may hear and heed his council. My brothers, I would ask that we pray and ask for his guidance and blessings in all our future endeavors and undertakings in 2010. I ask this for the good of Masonry and Mount Vernon Lodge in particular.

We have a very busy year ahead of us. Along with our normal business, we have as many as 10 candidates to raise to higher degrees. I plan on starting degrees work this month with the passing of 3 brothers to Fellowcraft on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. This degree work will be followed by at least one called meeting each month over the next six months. I will need your help so please keep track of our Activity Calendar. Also on 24 February, we will have our first “District School of Ritual” for our Masonic District 1B, which will be hosted by Mount Vernon Lodge. While all brethren are invited to attend this school, I would like all our line officers specifically to be at this and all schools this year, if within the length of your cable tow.

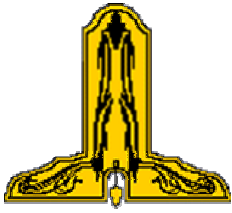
We are going to take a real shot at getting the “2010 Hillman Award” this year. I am making my “RV” available for trips to other lodges through the year for official visits. If any brother needs a ride, we will be departing from our lodge. I am also working on the “EA” Lecture and hope to give my first lecture by July of this year.

Our first Social Event will be on 27 February with a “Chili Dinner and Cake Walk” at Mount Vernon Lodge beginning at 6:30 P.M. and ending when we’ve eaten all the Chili and given away all the Cakes. Tickets for this event can be picked up from Charles Hinkle at his shop or myself at our Stated Meeting (I will be pushing tickets at January Meeting).

Finally Brethren . . . here’s hoping all of you have a safe and happy holiday season, till next time.

Last but by no means least, remember the Lodge is Opened, Tiled and Tested . . . and the sound of the gavel in the East calls the Craft from Refreshment to Labor. See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Ronald (Ron) G. Elliott Sr. Worshipful Master



## **Notes from the West – Brother John T. Tillery, Senior Warden**

Brethren, I would like to continue with this year some more information about various parts of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. This month, I would like to share some information about the North Lodge Room.

The North Lodge Room is a classically styled lodge room. The interior is inspired by Gothic architecture. The medieval times had great meaning to Freemasons. This was a time when stone masons built most, if not all, of the great cathedrals of Europe. It was the time when the Knights Templar set off for the Crusades in Jerusalem. When you walk into the room, you are immediately awed by the arched beamed ceilings constructed in oak and eight hanging copper lanterns measuring 6 feet in length. Surrounding the room are balconies and a Gothic arch stage for the Worshipful Master. The local Lodge that uses this room is Andrew Jackson Lodge No.120. At this very moment, this room is undergoing construction. The floor covering is being replaced as well as some other minor changes for 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Memorial. There are two anti-rooms with pictures and busts of the men who were members of this Lodge. I encourage you to come and visit me while I am duty conducting tours at the Memorial in February 2010.

Also, mark your 2010 calendars for George Washington's birthday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 there.

**Note for Brethren with Internet WEB access:** The Mount Vernon Lodge electronic version of the Trestle Board may be found at the following website:  
<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeoy21x/mtvernon219/>

### **Countdown to Mount Vernon Lodge 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

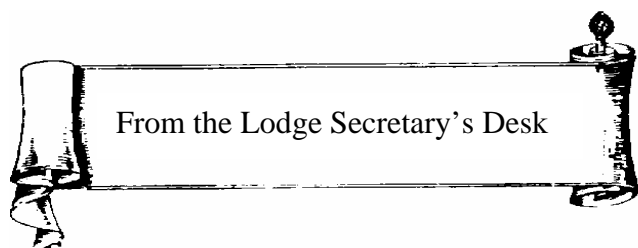
In February 1960, a small group of 8 Master Masons met one evening in a local office at Bell Electric Company to discuss their dream of starting a new Masonic Lodge. Part of their dream was to have that Lodge located on or near the original land tract of Mount Vernon, George Washington's home. They rolled up their sleeves, got to work and six months later, Mount Vernon Lodge met for the first time under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Virginia followed by the official charter for Mount Vernon Lodge in 1961. In 1972, the rest of the dream became a reality when the brethren purchased the Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire House (found to be located on the original land tract of Mount Vernon) and the brethren starting converting that building to what is now our Mount Vernon Masonic Temple. Brethren, the countdown to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has started as well as the planning for a fantastic anniversary year in 2011 ! Plans are being discussed for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo items and memorabilia, for special dinners

and celebrations of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you have any ideas or recommendations, please contact the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Covert Williamson or the Lodge Secretary.

**Trestleboard Changes**....the Trestleboard layout will change from time to time this year. There may be times when a section such as the listing of the LMIP/MLMIP members will not be printed or as in the case of this edition, the listing of Mount Vernon Past Masters. We will do this only when we need some additional space for other information that month or things such as pictures. We have a max number of pages that we can send via our bulk mailing permit.

### **Annual Dues Notice**

For those brethren who pay annual dues, the annual dues notices for 2010 dues have been sent out and are now payable. The Lodge can accept checks made out to Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219 or cash. If you did not receive a dues notice, please contact the Lodge Secretary. 2010 Annual Dues are \$68.



### **Administrative Notes from the Lodge Secretary**

Brethren, there are still some Brethren that treat the Lodge and their Masonic membership as their own personal secret even to their own family members. All their family knows is that their father or family member goes to something called a "lodge meeting" during a weekday and sometimes on a weekend. Occasionally, I am going to give you some hints or recommendations about Masonic "stuff" that I recommend you share with your wife, family and friends. Although I hate to start off the new year with something about funeral services, it is something that I think is important....because we have had a few sad times this past year when we did not find out about the passing of a Brother until a few hours before the religious funeral services or several weeks after the passing of a Brother. It was sad in that fellow Brethren did not get a chance to pay their last respects to a Masonic Brother and to the family....and to celebrate and honor the life of the departed Brother. It was sad because in some of the Masonic deaths this past year, the family did not know that they could contact the Lodge for a Masonic Service or for any help they might need. In a couple of cases, the family only knew that their father was a Mason but did not even know what Lodge their father belonged to or who to contact. Brethren, please consider a Masonic service in your funeral plans as you get older. Share the monthly Trestleboard with them ....which by the way, has contact phone numbers for the current Worshipful Master and Lodge Secretary. If you have already made some advance plans with a local funeral home, tell the funeral home that you are a Master Mason at Mount Vernon Lodge. Most if not all of the funeral homes in our area know how to contact any and all Masonic Lodges in our Northern Virginia area when required. If you are not living near Mount Vernon Lodge anymore and/or are living in another state, you still have the right and benefit of having a Masonic Funeral Service, and arrangements can be made most of the time for a courtesy service to be conducted by a Masonic Lodge in your area. Please understand that the Worshipful Master needs a little advance notice if at all possible. Most of the Lodge Officers and Brethren

still work regular jobs so notifying the Lodge just a few hours before the family wants a Masonic Service is extremely difficult if not impossible....as sadly was the case a couple times this past year. If you have any questions particularly about Masonic funeral services, please contact your Lodge Secretary.

**Masonic Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to the following Brethren who have Masonic Birthdays in January.

- Brother Mitchell Chisholm raised 14 January 1970 (40 years)
- Brother Edward J. Fisher raised 6 January 1972 (38 years)
- Worshipful Bill Hinkle raised 26 January 1998 (12 years)
- Brother Patrick Stoner raised 31 January 2009 (1 year)

(And if we missed anyone, please let the Lodge Secretary know.....don't want to miss anyone !)

**Calendar Events for January 2010**

<b><u>Date (Day)</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
4 January (Mon)	Mount Vernon Lodge Ritual Practice	7:30 pm
6 January (Wed)	Mount Vernon Lodge Stated Meeting	7:30 pm – Election of 2012 DDGM Nominee/Alternate
7 January (Thurs)	Alexandria Washington DeMolay Installation of Officers	7:00 pm – Springfield Lodge
10 January (Sun)	Bethel #55 Job's Daughters Installation of Officers	2:00 pm – Dale City Lodge
11 January (Mon)	Mount Vernon Lodge Ritual Practice	7:30 pm
12 January (Tues)	Mount Vernon Chapter 178 OES Stated Meeting	7:30 pm
13 January (Wed)	District 1B LIW/Ritual School Planning Meeting (Worshipful Master and LIW)	7:30 pm at Mount Vernon
18 January (Mon)	Mount Vernon Lodge Ritual Practice	7:30 pm
25 January (Mon)	Mount Vernon Lodge Ritual Practice	7:30 pm
27 January (Wed)	Called Communication (Fellowcraft)	7:30 pm

**Mark your Calendars for these dates in February 2010**

3 February (Wed)	Mount Vernon Lodge Stated Meeting	7:30 pm – Official Visit of District Deputy Grand Master
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6 February (Sat)	Mount Vernon Chapter 178 OES Spaghetti Dinner and Dance	5:30 pm Dinner -\$8 @person
24 February (Wed)	District 1B Ritual School	7:30 pm at Mount Vernon Lodge
27 February (Sat)	Mount Vernon Lodge Chili Cook-off and Cake Walk	6:30 pm

## **Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP)**

Want to give a gift to the Lodge that keeps on giving to the Lodge forever? Want to get away from paying dues every year and having to face dues increases? Think about buying a LMIP or making payments toward a LMIP. Worshipful Charles Hinkle or the Lodge Secretary would be glad to talk with you and tell you how to make it happen !

## **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. Koogler Jr.\*

Grayson L. Koogler

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. Harold

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 Ronald G. Elliott, Sr., PM  
 Senior Warden John T. Tillery  
 Junior Warden Anthony K. Feigenblatt  
 Treasurer Murray Scheine  
 Secretary Grayson L. Koogle, PM  
 Senior Deacon David H. Smith, Jr., PM  
 Junior Deacon Lukas E. Hoska III  
 Senior Steward Brock Benson  
 Junior Steward Ronald L. Stokes  
 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  
 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 2005/09  
 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**