

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219

A.F. & A.M.

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December Trestleboard

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A View from the East

My Brethren of Mount Vernon Lodge,

Thank you to Most Worshipful George O. Braatz for the excellent presentation he gave on the Masonic Service Association of North America at our November stated communication. Brother Braatz is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and was the Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America.

A highlight from this year's Grand Annual Communication was when our lodge was recognized as one of 24 lodges in Virginia that had all of its line officers attend the district leadership conference. Only 24 of the 300 lodges in Virginia accomplished this task. I appreciate all the officers who made this distinct recognition possible.

Temple maintenance update: Improvements are still being made to our lodge. Thanks to the Brethren who have been quietly and selflessly cleaning the lodge to make it a better place. It's nice to see the building looking and smelling so clean. Thank you brethren. Work projects continue, such as painting the fire door, replacing the windows in the kitchen and secretary's office, replacing the kitchen countertop, remodeling the women's bathroom upstairs, replacing the stove, installing a mosaic floor in the lodge, updating the electrical wiring, and maintaining the parking lot.

Brethren, we all enjoy eating together and sharing in comradery and fellowship at the lodge. As we do so, please remember to "contribute as liberally as you can, without material injury to yourself or your family" to the steward's box, located at the head of the serving line. Your contribution makes these meals possible and also expresses your gratitude. A gift of \$10 at a meal would make a big difference in covering the cost. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Finally, we will elect and install our 2017 officer's during our December 19 stated communication. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
John Wilson
Worshipful Master 2016

Notes from the Secretary

My Brethren and Friends,

It's that time of the year again, please remit your dues. Thank you to all our Life Members in Perpetuity. I wish every a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. All the best for 2017.

Fraternaly and Respectfully,
Robert Mertz, PDDGM

A Special Thank You

Brethren,

I want to express my appreciation for allowing me the privilege of serving as the Worshipful Master for Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219. I am grateful for the tremendous support you gave me this year. I will always cherish this time we've had together.

There are so many brothers who helped me along the way, I'd like to mention a few. First, I want to thank the brothers who "whispered good counsel in my ear" throughout the year: RW Matt Szramoski, WB Dave Smith, RW Grayson Koogle, WB Gary Liebo, WB John Tillery, and RW Rob Mertz.

Next, I want to thank the brothers who gave me so much encouragement: WB Charles Hinkle, RW Barry Mensh, Bro. John Dahik, Bro. Charles Cleveland, WB Manny Cumes, and Bro. Al Glaeser.

I also want to thank those brothers whose service to our lodge has made such a big difference: RW Mike King, WB Art Ferreira, WB John Killian, WB Ron Elliott, WB Covert Williamson, Bro. Wayne West, and Bro. Jon Gehrig. Frankly, there are so many brothers who influenced me along the way I cannot recount them all.

Serving as Master of the lodge has its challenges, but it also had its rewards. As to the challenges, I had no worries, because I had many brothers around me who gave me wise counsel. As to the rewards, it was so gratifying to present the first Robert C. Hutton Memorial Scholarships to three deserving students. It's wonderful to help people in such a meaningful way.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my wife. Without her support, I would not have been able to serve. She helped me in many ways, from stuffing envelopes to cleaning up after lodge suppers. Her influence from behind the scenes made a huge impact.

In sum, the lodge is headed the right direction. The line of future officers is strong and the lodge has many good days ahead. I wish you all the best and will see you on the high ground.

R/
John

December Calendar of Events

December 19 Stated communication

Future Scheduled Events

January 21 Lodge breakfast (8:30 a.m.)
January 23 Stated communication (Installation)
February 18 Lodge breakfast (8:30 a.m.)
February 27 Stated communication
March 18 Lodge breakfast (8:30 a.m.)
March 27 Stated communication

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Robert C. Hutton Memorial Scholarship

Our lodge is honored to present the Robert C. Hutton Memorial Scholarship which provides three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students who are enrolling in institutions of higher learning. Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be given to students who are related to a current or former member, who is in good standing, of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219, or who are members of a Masonic youth group: DeMolay, Rainbow, or Job’s Daughters. And one (1) \$1,000 scholarship will be given to a deserving student who is enrolling in an apprenticeship, vocational or trade school, or junior college program designed to graduate a tradesman. Completed applications must be received no later than March 31, 2017.

Masonic Words of the Month

Intercourse – mutual exchange; innermost
Putrefaction – decay; or decaying with fetid odor; rotten
Vale – valley; low place

December’s 50/50 Raffle will go to support the Woodlawn Chapter of DeMolay

We will have a 50/50 raffle at our December stated communication. The proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will be used to support Masonic charitable organizations. Tickets are \$5.00 each and you can buy as many tickets as you want.

Distressed or Sick

Please remember those who are distressed or sick...
WB Covert Williamson, WB Charles Hinkle, Bro. Mark Neil, RW Ron Heal, RW Sam Atkinson, RW Grayson Koogle and his wife Val, and Bill Shortt’s wife, Sonja. If there are other Brethren we need to remember, please let the Secretary or the Master know.

Honorary Members

Most Worshipful George Harry Chapin	2000
Right Worshipful Samuel Thomas Atkinson	2005
Worshipful Charles Cecil Hinkle	2005
Right Worshipful Lee Jackson Sloppy	2005
Worshipful Covert Wesley Williamson III	2015
Worshipful Arturo de Hoyos	2016
Worshipful Michael John King	2016
Worshipful Arthur Cardoso Ferreira	2016

Living Past Masters

WB James E. Coffee	1965
WB Sidney Stark	1969
RW Samuel T. Atkinson, PDDGM	1971
WB Roy C. Bragg Jr.	1981
WB Stanley R. Stewart	1983
RW Ralph E. Simmons, PDDGM	1984
WB Douglas M. Dwyer	1986
WB Lorraine D. Lisle	1989
WB David H. Smith	1990 1991
WB John D. Killian	1996 1997
RW Lee J. Sloppy, PDDGM	1998
WB Charles C. Hinkle	1999
WB Daniel W. Hinkle	2000
WB Covert W. Williamson III	2001 2006
WB Manuel M. Cumes	2002
RW Grayson L. Koogle, PDDGM	2003 2014
WB Phillip S. Downs Jr.	2004
WB Bob L. Feigenblatt	2005 2009
WB Ronald G. Elliott	2007 2008 2010 2013
WB John T. Tillery	2011 2012
RW Matthew T. Szramoski, PDDGM	2015

Life Membership in Perpetuity

Why become a Life Member in Perpetuity (LMIP):
1. You no longer pay annual dues, so future dues increases will not affect you.
2. Your Lodge will receive an assessment credit from Grand Lodge every year —forever—even after you pass to the Celestial Lodge.
3. You receive a permanent membership card, certificate, and pin.
The cost of a LMIP is determined by multiplying annual dues (\$107.00) by 16, so a LMIP in 2017 costs \$1,712.00. You must also be CURRENT (paid your dues) for the year in which you apply for LMIP. Please contact the Secretary if you have not received your dues card or for more information.

**Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219 A.F. & A.M.
LMIP/MLMIP Listing**

(* indicates MLMIP "D" indicates Deceased)

1992

Allen B. Shaw (D)
Samuel T. Atkinson

1994

John D. Denton (D)

1995

Charles C. Hinkle
Thomas N. Johnson

1996

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

1997

Robert L. Burnett III
M.M. (Gus) Beach (D)
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 * (D)
Manuel M. Cumes
Carl R. Beard
Richard B. Colyer (D)

1999

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

2000

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

2001

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

2002

Wayne T. Frakes
Paul W. Wampler (D)
James E. Coffey
Ernest G. Haynes (D)
William A. Sacra (D)
William C. Broyles *(D)
Gordon R. Craig
Finis L. Smith (D)
Martin L. Gogolski (D)
Donald J. Marshall (D)
Robert J. Bauman (D)
Edward Palmer *(D)
J. David Scarce
David E. Boothe
Richard J. McDonagh (D)
Carl P. Hudson
Richard C. Allen
Maynard E. Hildebrandt
Benjamin Franklin *(D)
Glen Guffey
Sidney I. Stark
Dennis D. Keeton
Leslie J. Healea *(D)

2003

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

2004

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

2005

W. Ashby Downs *(D)
Bob I. Feigenblatt
H.H. Jerry Thompson * (D)
Harvey Lee Hyatt * (D)
Edward Buckmaster * (D)
John D. Hunt * (D)
John William Judy (D)

2006

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

2007

Gerald R. Ford *

2008

Harry S. Truman *
Elbert R. (Bud) Turner

2009

Bushrod C. Washington
Jay E. Garbus

2010

Mark J. Eggerstorfer
William Dale Judy

2011

John T. Tillery
Gerald D. Badinger
Richard A. Gipson
Charles E. Shepard
Christopher J. Macey

2012

Alfred L. Glaeser

2013

Mark A. Keagle

2014

Robert G. Mertz, Jr.

2015

Matthew T. Szramoski

**That's a TOTAL of 114 LMIPs
This equates to a \$4,053.50 offset
in our annual bill to Grand
Lodge.**