

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219

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April 2018 Trestleboard

From the East

Brethren, We have been calling on members to update their email addresses on file with our Lodge Secretary, and to opt in to receiving the Trestleboard via email as opposed to hard copy in the mail. I am now asking all members who wish to continue to receive the Trestleboard via hard copy in the mail to contact the Lodge Secretary or myself. Starting in October we will only mail hard copies to those members who contact the Lodge to opt in to receiving the Trestleboard via hard copy. The Trestleboard will continue to be emailed to those who have valid email addresses on file with the Secretary, and it will continue to be posted to our Lodge web site.

I am pleased to announce we are well on our way to achieving the Hillman Award. We have completed four fraternal visits, one youth visit, had eleven members at the District Leadership Conference (for which we were singled out as the only Lodge with the entire line of officers present), have installed officers in all chairs, appointed an LEO and an LIW, etc.. I again call all members who reside in the area of the Lodge and have not attended a stated communication recently to return. Your Lodge is alive and well brethren, and we miss you. I certainly hope to see everyone at the April 23rd stated communication and join me in welcoming our Grand Master at Mount Vernon Lodge.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Al Glaeser, Worshipful Master

Masonic Education

In our ritual we hear these familiar words . . . "Master's wages". What are they?

Here is one of the most succinct explanations that I found in Wisconsin's Masonic Code. "Today, the Free and Accepted Mason is concerned only with moral work. His reward, therefore, is found within himself.

The spiritual wages go well beyond these and have countless worth. The very heart of being a Freemason and the joy received is a much more meaningful wage. The intangibles of love, friendship, respect, opportunity, productive labor, and associations are the wages of a Master who earns them. Not all earn them, hence, the phrase "to pay the Craft their wages if any be due. . ." A member may earn as much as he desires, and the more one puts into the Craft, the more one receives.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

RWB Grayson Koogle, PDDGM, LEO

Did You Know?

Brother Walter Percy Chrysler was born on April 2nd, 1875 in Wamego, Kansas. He grew up in Ellis, Kansas, where he apprenticed in the railroad shops as a machinist and railroad mechanic, and was a member of Apollo Lodge No. 297. He then spent a period of years roaming the west, working for various railroads as a roundhouse mechanic. Some of his moves were due to restlessness and a too-quick temper, but his roaming was also a way to become more well-rounded in his railroad knowledge. He worked his way up through positions such as foreman, superintendent, division master mechanic, and general master mechanic. He took correspondence courses from International Correspondence Schools in Scranton, Pennsylvania, earning a mechanical degree. Chrysler's automotive career began in 1911 when he received a summons to meet with James J. Storrow, a banker who was a director of Alco. Brother Chrysler believed "the real secret to success is enthusiasm."

April Calendar

3 Apr 6:30 PM Frat. Visit Springfield Lodge
7 Apr 6:00 PM Ladies Night, Mount Vernon Inn
9 Apr 6:30 PM Frat. Visit Occoquan Lodge
11 Apr 11:00 AM Frat. Visit Fort Hunt Skidmore DL
14 Apr 8:30 AM Lodge Breakfast & Sharpshooters
20 Apr 6:30 PM Frat. Visit Dale City Lodge
23 Apr 6:30 PM Dinner/Stated, 'Grand Master OV'
26 Apr 7:00 PM District School, Occoquan Lodge

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – 23 APRIL:
Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor, Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, will be
visiting Mount Vernon Lodge at our April stated
communication. Fellowship and dinner begin at 6
PM, followed by our stated communication.**

From Labor to Refreshment

The Lodge has its annual Ladies' Night coming up on Saturday, April 7th. This year we picked the wonderful venue of the Mount Vernon Inn. Everyone should have received information on it, but if not, contact WM Al or me and we can get the information to you.

While this may sound like a shameless plug to get people to attend, this short piece has a different purpose. Remember the motto on the sign in front of our Lodge: "Making Good Men Better." So how does that apply to Ladies' Night? I am glad you asked.

If you are like me, Masonry has become a part of your life. That often involves attending Lodge functions apart from your wife and family. When you consider stated communications, ritual practice, fraternal visits, the District Leadership Conference, the Grand Annual Communication, the District Schools, etc - the time away from our loved ones really adds up.

So, how often do you say "Thank You" to your wife or family for supporting your Lodge labor? We cannot ignore the wives' commitment to Masonry or take that commitment for granted. Thanking our wives is what Ladies' Night is all about; the Lodge reminding you to occasionally say Thank You to your wife and family. Every Brother, if within the length of their cable tow, should attend Ladies' Night. This is not date night. This is the manner in which we, as a Fraternity of friends and brothers, signify the gratefulness of our Lodge to our wives for their support.

Sincerely & Fraternally
Brother Michael W. Zarlenga, Junior Warden

From the Secretary

Brethren, Please let me know if you or your family are suffering from sickness or distress. The lodge wishes to help when we can, keep you in our prayers and be there in your time of need. Please keep Wor. Ron Elliott in your prayers this month with the recent loss of his son.

Sincerely & Fraternally
Matt Szramoski, PDDGM, Lodge Secretary

Building and Grounds

We anticipate all building and grounds renovations needed over the long term to exceed \$300,000. More information will follow as we complete our long-range strategic plan. However, donations can be made now. Simply indicate that your check is for the "Lodge Permanent Fund." All gifts, large and small, are very much appreciated.

Send all payments and donations to the Lodge Secretary at the PO Box address.

April Masonic Birthdays

Charles James Allen	3/14/1973
William John Wilson	3/21/2012
Ted Emory Amick	4/23/1980
Brock Thomas Benson	4/11/2009
George Harry Chapin	4/21/1969
Charles Thomas Cleveland	4/19/1995
Douglas Mason Dwyer	4/5/1982
Christopher Lee Fisher	4/20/2011
Philip Gary Fuller	4/25/1984
Jonathan Edward Gehrig	4/5/2014
Dennis Dean Keeton	4/21/1993
Ronald Charles Kerstetter	4/9/2008
Richard Herman Lester	4/30/1969
Gary Wayne Liebo	4/28/2011
Ralph Eugene Simmons	4/25/1979
Sidney Ivan Stark	4/7/1961
Matthew Todd Szramoski	4/23/1988
Morris Bruce Taylor	4/29/1952
Michael Andrew Wolfe	4/5/2014

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