

*Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219*

**A.F. & A.M.**

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**August 2018 Trestleboard**

*If you wish to continue to receive a hard copy of the Trestleboard, you must contact the Lodge Secretary before September 2018. The Trestleboard will continue to be emailed, and posted to the Lodge website; however, starting in October hard copies will only be mailed to those brethren who request to receive hard copies.*

*From the East*

Brethren, I need every member to take a few minutes to jot down your thoughts regarding future building exterior and grounds improvements for our Lodge. We need to compile a list of high level requirements for one of our members who is an architect to use in developing some options for us to consider. Please send your thoughts to RW Mike King ([mjking6@verizon.net](mailto:mjking6@verizon.net)). If you prefer you can mail your thoughts to the attention of RW Mike King at our Lodge PO box address. I would like you to send your thoughts **before the end of August**. RW Mike will compile the inputs. Things to consider: building exterior, siding/brick/other, windows, stairs, color, style, restore look of fire station, change look to Mount Vernon style, etc.. Also thoughts on our lot: asphalt, concrete aprons, ingress/egress, landscaping, etc.. As you consider these things, keep in mind we must raise the funds to do this work within our own member ranks. That said we want to balance those thoughts with a dose of reality, keeping in mind that our image from the street is important to our community and future interest in our fraternity. It will likely take years to raise the funds, but we need to get started as our Lodge building and grounds will only continue to deteriorate. Please take the time to give this request serious consideration and provide your thoughts and inputs to RW Mike King before the end of August.

Sincerely & Fraternally  
Al Glaeser, Worshipful Master

*From the Lodge Instructor of Work (LIW)*

I am proud to report that both Senior and Junior Wardens have their Warden's Certificate. Great accomplishment. We will now turn our attention to qualifying the Senior and Junior Deacons as soon as possible.

Catechism coaches are needed. Your LIW is ready to teach Q&A to everyone interested in becoming a coach. Please let me know if you are willing to commit. Contact me at [mjking6@verizon.net](mailto:mjking6@verizon.net).

Degree work has all but stopped this year. In preparing for the One-Day Conferral ordered by the Grand Master for this year, our currently progressing candidates are slated to receive their degrees on 4 August at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple. After that event there will be a period of learning for these candidates to receive their certification as prescribed in the Executive Order. The candidates' mentors will play a significant role in that certification.

It is that time of year that we will begin to move everyone up to their next station to learn the ritual from their anticipated new chair. And, although we are not anticipating any degrees in the near future, we should continue to practice and perfect our ritual. Our Worshipful Master set a goal for the lodge to become self-sufficient in conferring degrees. This means we need regular attendance by all officers and local brethren at our lodge ritual schools. I am also hoping to teach lectures to brethren who are willing to commit to learning. Currently we have lodge ritual schools every Monday, except on Stated Communication night. I am also holding Warden Certificate Workshops on Wednesday evenings, except on the 4th Wednesday when District Schools are scheduled. Schools begin at 7 pm and are over by 8:30 pm. Please attend these schools as often as you can.

Sincerely & Fraternally  
Mike King, PDDGM, LIW

***Building and Grounds***

Our Jobs Daughter Bethel No. 22, has donated \$250 towards the upstairs bathroom renovations. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to the lodge secretary's attention. We will begin renovations in September.

### *From the Secretary*

Brethren, Please keep the following members in your prayers who are suffering through an illness:

- WB John Killian – Back Surgery
- WB Ron Elliott – Kidney Issues
- Bro Mark Neil – Cancer
- RW Rob Mertz – recent hernia surgery

WB John Killian is continuing to recover from his spinal surgery. He will temporarily be relocating to West Virginia to live with his son. We look forward to his return to Mount Vernon in the near future we hope!

RW Grayson Koogle and his wife have moved to the Pennsylvania Masonic Home. We wish them best of luck in their new home.

Sincerely & Fraternally  
Matt Szramoski, PDDGM, Lodge Secretary

### *Did You Know?*

Bro David “Davy” Crockett was born August 17, 1786 in Tennessee and is one of the best-known American folk heroes. Bro Crockett gained his reputation as an outdoorsman and adventurer growing up in eastern Tennessee. His larger-than-life exploits were chronicled during his own lifetime and continue to this day to be celebrated in American culture. After serving as a colonel in the Tennessee militia and in a stint in the state legislature, he was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1826. During his tenure in Washington, Crockett was initiated into Freemasonry and became a Master Mason. Although initially elected to Congress as a staunch supporter of President Andrew Jackson (also a Freemason), Crockett came to oppose several of Jackson’s initiatives, which eventually caused him to lose his seat in Congress due to the popularity of the president. Not one to retire quietly, Crockett immediately took up the cause of Texas independence, and set out with a company of men from his Tennessee home in November of 1835. Before leaving, he entrusted his Masonic apron to his local lodge, where it remains to this day. Bro Crockett arrived in Texas after a two-month journey and immediately enlisted as a volunteer. Just a few short weeks later, he arrived at the Alamo in San Antonio just before the epic battle against

the Mexican army of Santa Anna laid siege (Santa Anna was a Scottish Rite Mason in Mexico). Bro Davy Crockett lost his life in that battle along with scores of other brave men – many of them Freemasons – on March 6, 1836.

### *August Calendar*

4 Aug 7:30 AM 1-Day Conferral, ASR  
11 Aug 8:30 AM Lodge Breakfast, Shooters  
22 Aug 6:30 PM District School, John A. Lejeune  
25 Aug 7:00 AM Flea Market  
27 Aug 6:30 PM Stated, *Mt. Vernon Program*

***Brethren – the August stated communication program is being presented by Mount Vernon VP of Operations, Joe Sliger, and the Director of Archaeology, Dr. Luke Pecoraro. They will be sharing the history of our property with us. PLEASE ATTEND! They are giving us their time and expertise – lets show our respect and have a good turnout. This will be a BRING A FRIEND night – we will call off from labor to refreshment for the program.***

### *August Masonic Birthdays*

Carl Ray Beard	8/26/1964
Keith Andrew Carper	8/28/2004
Robert Bruce Chaddock	8/14/1991
Eric Robert Guthrie	8/20/1997
Lukas Ernest Hoska, III	8/27/2005
Norman Frederick Pedigo	8/18/1960
David Henry Smith	8/16/1978
Wayne Edward West	8/31/2015
David Clinton White	8/25/1965

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