

## *Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219*

*A.F. & A.M.*

*P.O. Box 74*

*Mount Vernon, VA 22121*

*January 2018 Trestleboard*

### Masters Message

Fraternal Greetings and Happy New Year!

Brethren, I am truly honored and pleased to be your servant in stewardship of our Lodge this year as Worship Master. Thank you all for your support!!

We all know that thorough planning and excellent programming are essential to Lodge health. Your Lodge officers spent countless hours last year planning and preparing for this year. On that note, I am pleased to announce we have already accomplished our first goal for the year – to install an officer in every seat of the Lodge! There is new energy in the Lodge, and we want you to enjoy that spirit with your brethren. Please participate in Lodge activities as your schedule allows.

During our planning meetings last year one theme kept coming up – we need a long range strategic plan. We must strengthen our programming, improve our Masonic education and ritual, and find a way to address the increasingly critical needs of our facility. Shortly we will be launching a long range strategic planning process that will eventually include a full-scale capital campaign to raise the funds required to make the necessary improvements to our facilities. This will not be easy. The only sure thing is the Lodge building and grounds will not improve unless we get to work on a plan to do what is necessary. Please stay tuned for more information on this process, and participate in this effort as liberally as you can. It will take time, but with focused effort we can get there.

We have a great line up of programs and activities for this year brethren. I invite all to come out and enjoy fellowship with your brethren as your cable tows allow!

Sincerely & Fraternally  
Al Glaeser, Worshipful Master

### January Calendar

- **Mon, 8 Jan: 6:30 PM** Officer's meeting followed by ritual practice and fellowship.
- **Wed, 10 Jan: 6:30 PM** Ritual practice & Wardens Work.
- **Sat, 13 Jan: 8:30 AM** Lodge breakfast followed by Sharpshooters for those who wish to participate.
- **Mon, 15 Jan: 7:00 PM** Ritual practice followed by fellowship.
- **Wed, 17 Jan: 6:30 PM** Ritual practice if needed & Wardens Work.
- **Mon, 22 Jan: 6:30 PM** dinner followed by Stated Communication (open MM Lodge at 7:30 PM).  
*"Masonry – a Way of Life: The Long Masonic Line."*
- **Wed, 24 Jan: 6:30 PM** District school, Dale City Lodge. All brethren in the area please attend!
- **Sun, 28 Jan: 2:00 PM** Visit to Bethel 22, Jobs Daughters – all please support our youth!

*Generally, Monday nights are ritual practice, and Wednesday nights are Wardens Work. Both nights are perfect for catechism work at the Lodge as well.*

### Masonic Youth Groups

#### **Bethel #22, Jobs Daughters**

Meets at Mount Vernon Lodge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 2:00 PM. Open to young ladies between 11-20 with proper Masonic relationship.

#### **Woodlawn Chapter, DeMolay**

Meets at Springfield Lodge on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 4:00 PM. Open to young men 12-21.

#### **Springfield Assembly Rainbow Girls**

Meets at Springfield Lodge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 4:00 PM. Open to young ladies 11-20.

### January Masonic Birthdays

Mitchell T. Chisolm, Jr.	01/14/1970
Edward John Fisher	01/06/1972
Daniel William Hinkle	01/26/1998
Michael Jean King	01/30/1973
Adam Ray Price	01/29/2011
Patrick Eugene Stoner	01/31/2009
Dallas E. Valley, Jr.	01/17/1979

### **Sickness and Distress**

RWB Rob Mertz is continuing to recover from his surgery. In addition, he is now unemployed. Keep RWB Mertz in your prayers for both his job search and health recovery.

WB Covert Williamson is stable but not often able to visit Lodge.

### **Lodge Officers**

**Worshipful Master-** Al Glaeser  
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**Senior Warden-** John Dahik

**Junior Warden-** Michael Zarlenga

**Treasurer-** Ronald Elliott, Sr., PM

**Secretary-** Matt Szramoski, PDDGM  
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**Senior Deacon-** Christian Glad

**Junior Deacon-** Charlie Cleveland

**Senor Steward** – Jose Diaz

**Junior Steward-**Curtis Rothrock

**Chaplain-** Robert G. Mertz, Jr. PDDGM

**Marshal-** John D. Killian, PM

**Tiler-** John Tillery, PM

### **Dues Payments**

Brethren, if you have not yet paid the Lodge Secretary for your 2018 dues, please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$107 made payable to Mount Vernon Lodge.

Have you considered Life Membership in Perpetuity? For twenty times the Lodge dues, or  $\$107 \times 20 = \$2,140$  you never have to pay dues again and the Lodge is provided with a perpetual income stream. You never have to worry about future increases or assessments. It is a great way to save money and make an investment in your Lodge. LMIP can be made in a single payment or through installments. For more information please contact the Lodge Secretary.

### **Building and Grounds**

We plan on renovating the upstairs bathrooms this Spring. We are looking for sponsors for the following:

- New Toilets (total of 3 plus 1 urinal): \$250 each
- Light fixtures (total of 5): \$45 each
- New sinks/vanity (2 needed): \$350 each
- Sheetrock/tape/mud: \$300
- Flooring: \$1,000 (multiple sponsors appreciated!)
- Mirrors (2 needed): \$65 each

If you would like to assist by making a financial contribution, please make your check payable to “Mount Vernon Lodge” and indicate that the check is for “Lodge Bathroom Renovation.”

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 the 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.

### **Lodge Breakfast**

We will hold our January Lodge breakfast on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. Following the breakfast, we will go shooting at Sharpshooters for all those interested.