

**MOUNT VERNON LODGE NO. 219
A.F. & A.M.
JANUARY TRESTLEBOARD**

Master's Message

Brethren,

First, I once again would like to thank you all for electing me to the Office of Worshipful Master. This is a big honor, and I will do my absolute best to serve you all this year.

For our 1st Stated Communication, I will be setting up my committees for this year, and our program for this month will be a short talk about Clandestine Masonry, and Brother William J. Wyckoff of Norfolk Lodge #1 will be delivering the program.

Please plan to be present at our 1st Stated Communication 28 January 2019. Dinner at 6:30PM, and the gavel will drop at 7:30PM.

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John Dahik, Worshipful Master

Masonic Birthdays

Edward John Fisher	01/06/1972
Daniel William Hinkle	01/26/1998
Ronald Charles Kerstetter	01/30/1973
Adam Ray Price	01/29/2011
Patrick Eugene Stoner	01/31/2009
John Thomas Tillery	01/17/1979

January Calendar

14	Lodge Ritual School, 7:00 p.m.
21	Lodge Ritual School, 7:00 p.m.
23	Wardens School, 7:00 p.m.
28	Stated Communication Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Communication, 7:30 p.m.
30	District School, Springfield Lodge, 7:00 pm

Secretary's Notes

Have you considered Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP)? BY purchasing a life membership, you will be exempt from any future increases from the lodge or Grand Lodge. It is an investment in the financial security of the lodge, as we will receive your annual dues in perpetuity. Grand Lodge invests these funds and each year we receive the amount of dues at the time you became a life member. The cost to become a LMIP is 23 x annual dues, or 23 x \$135 = \$3,105.00. In 2020, this will be increasing to 25 x \$135.00=\$3,375.00. The amount can be paid al at one time, or in installments to the lodge secretary as low as \$25 a month until you reach the \$3,105. You do have to pay the current annual dues each year until you have paid off the LMIP in full.

LEO Note 01-19

**The Division Leadership
Conference....Why should I attend?**

Mark your calendars for our Division Leadership Conference which is currently scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple.

It is a half day event starting in the morning with some refreshment and social time, followed by a meeting in the auditorium to hear various short presentations and remarks from the Grand Master...and then break-out sessions for the elected officers and other areas such as education and ritual.

All line and elected officers are required to attend this conference....so the question often asked by the Brethren is . . . If I am not an elected officer in my Lodge, why

should I attend?

Please mark this event on your calendar
and plan to attend !!

Here are some thoughts as to why this is a worthwhile meeting for all Brethren to attend.

- You get to meet and socialize with Brethren from other Lodges in our area....as well as the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia (one of the few opportunities to shake his hand and get his personal pin). Many of the Grand Officers will also be there starting with the "meet and greet" time in the morning.
- The Grand Secretary's staff usually has great reference material and other items available for sale. (If available, I always buy the most current CD version of the Methodical Digest, current version of the Virginia Masonic Directory for all Virginia Lodges, and the current List of Lodges that lists all the Lodges in the world recognized by our Grand Lodge. They also usually have Presentation Manuals and Manuals of Work for sale.)
- The main presentation in the auditorium will include the Grand Master's comments on his priorities and projects for his term, introduction of his officers present at the conference and some short presentations on different areas of interest to Virginia Masons.
- If you are not attending the counterpart sessions with the applicable Grand Lodge officers, there is usually some other discussion groups and informal gatherings in the social hall....always a good opportunity to meet and talk with brethren from other area Lodges ...and learn more about Masonry outside our Lodge.