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MAY 2008 TRESTLE BOARD

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Date	Event	Speaker
May 12	Occoquan Stated Communication Masonic Education	WB Grayson Leroy Koogle Dinner at 6:30pm
May 13	Called Communication Conferring Master Mason Degree	
All Stated and Called Communications are open at 7:30pm		
William F. Haley, Jr. School of Ritual, every Thursday at 7pm (except 4th Thursday)		

May Masonic Profile



President Taft was initiated February 18, 1909. Brother Taft was made a "Mason at Sight" within the Body of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, Cincinnati, Ohio, by Grand Master Charles S. Hoskinson. His father and two brothers were also Members of this Lodge. Brother and President Taft addressed the Brethren, saying, "I am glad to be here, and to be a Mason. It does me good to feel the thrill that comes from recognizing on all hands the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." Brother and President Taft visited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the occasion of a Special Communication held in the Masonic Temple (One North Broad Street), on March 12,

Did You Know???

President Warren G. Harding was initiated on June 28, 1901 and it took him 19 years to complete the other two.

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan -- to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations." -Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address March 4, 1865

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MASTERS MESSAGE: MICHAEL J. KING, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren

By the time you read this message we will have initiated two more candidates into the mysteries of Freemasonry, one on April 28th and one on May 1st. This will bring us to a total of six working Entered Apprentices. We will soon need to sharpen our skills in the Fellow Craft Degree to keep these Brothers progressing. May 12th is our next Stated Communication and the day following we will have a Called Communication for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason's degree. We truly are fulfilling our goal of "growing the craft."

Summer is upon us and it's time to plan our annual picnic and prepare for our major fund raiser, the fireworks sale. Our Junior Warden, Brother Thomas Mulvey, has begun the planning and preparations for the fireworks stand. Please let Brother Mulvey know if you are available to lend a helping hand.

Our blood drive is on schedule for July and the child identification program for August. Watch next month's Trestle Board for details.

The June Stated Communication will be Warden's Night. Our Senior Warden, Brother Garon Young will be planning this communication. Please plan to give Brother Young your full support.

At our April Stated Communication, Occoquan Lodge nominated Worshipful Brother William Larry Alexander, twice a Past Master of Occoquan Lodge, as our recommendation to the Grand Lodge for District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 1B in the Masonic Year of 2010. This recommendation was sent to the other lodges in District 1B for their concurrence.

In April we were planning to elect a new Trustee for Occoquan Lodge to replace retiring Worshipful Robert Louis Riffe, PM. That business was deferred to a future meeting.

I hope this message finds you all well and ready to enjoy the summer.

Fraternally,

Special Thank You

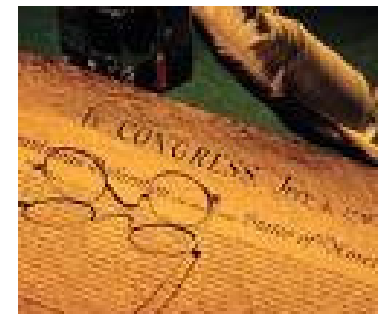
We in Occoquan Lodge #310 want to thank all of those men and women in uniform who have sacrificed themselves for the freedoms we enjoy today. As you sit down with family and friends to commemorate those who have fought in wars both past and present, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

For more information on Memorial Day including safety tips and activities, please visit:

http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Memorial_Day.shtml



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THE MEMORIAL DAY STORY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead". While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order Number 11 and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge

the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Bethel 55 Needs Your Help!

Bethel 55, International Order of Jobs Daughters is looking for a few good Masons who would like to get involved as adult leaders. Some of our current Masons are moving up to other Masonic challenges or positions in the Virginia state leadership of Jobs Daughters and we have some open spots on our adult team. Brethren, you have a great group of young ladies meeting in your lodge and working with them is a real treat and a lot of fun. If you are interested, please give me a call or send me an email. . . I will be more than glad to talk with you.

Grayson Koogle, PM
 Associate Bethel Guardian, Bethel 55
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May Masonic Birthdays

Lawrence E. Nail	1949
Alexander Krasich	1950
Wilbert L. Fronk	1951
James A. Buckner	1957
Marvin L. Perry	1961
Walter G. Hilsabeck	1964
William S. Wood	1967
James E. Wilson	1967
Carl R. Gagliardi	1972
Thomas L. Wilson	1974
Edward L. Hensel, Jr	1974
Thomas Fass	1975
Harry E. Bolce	1975
Richard K. Gloss	1976
Gary E. Brosch	1977
James H. Christie	1981
Charles J. Beighlea	1981
Robert J. Bartruff, Sr.	1985
Charles G. Bosworth	1993
Joseph W. Marvin	1994
Charles L. Cooper	1998
Garon E. Young	2002

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WB Larry Alexander:
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WB Larry Alexander

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Bro James Scott, Sr:
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Trustees:

RW Leon Troyer:
WB Robert Rife
WB Charles Bosworth

Lodge Scheduling:

Bro Timothy Eggers

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Occoquan Chapter	4th Fri, 8 pm
Order of Eastern Star	
Bethel #55	1st & 3rd Tue 7:15 pm
International Order of Jobs Daughters	
Occoquan Chapter	1st & 3rd Wed, 7:30 pm
International Order of DeMolay	

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Junior Deacon	Timothy Richard Eggers		

Living Past Masters

Mark M. Shepherd	1953	Jack N. Roach	1986
Lawrence E. Nail	1954	Kenneth Touloumes	1987
James G. Alls	1960	Jay R. Waldman	1988
Lovic McElroy	1962	Ralph L. Bennett	1989
Charles W. Dean	1966	Wayne K. Simpson	1990
Marvin L. Perry	1968	Walter R. Peterman	1991
Charles W. Fisher, Sr.	1969	Joel R. Johnston	1992
William R. Johnson	1973	Walter J. Schwenger	1996
Roland Bailey	1974	William E. Schwenger	1997
Buford T. Walters	1975	James R. Scott, Jr.	1998
Robert L. Hausafus	1976	William L. Alexander	1999/05
Robert L. Riffe	1977	Charles G. Bosworth	2000
John H. Oravec, Jr.	1978	Larry E. Buckner, Jr.	2001
Russell E. Thompson	1979	Charles L. Cooper	2003
Herbert A. McClain	1980	Joel D. Klimoski	2004
Edward L. Hensel, Jr.	1981	Henry Garvey, Jr.	2006
Leon S. Troyer	1982	Donald Phillips	2007
Robert L. Phillips	1983		
Thomas A. Reese	1984/95		
Joseph O. McCourt	1985		

Honorary, Fifty Year and Life

Honorary Members

Roland Bailey	Charles Bosworth
Leonard J. Fischer	Edward L. Hensel, Jr.
Joel R. Johnston	Harold H. Mattice
Lawrence E. Nail	Frellsen Reese
Marvin L. Perry	Robert L. Riffe
Thomas A. Reese	Milton L. Sholley
Mark M. Shepherd	Leon S. Troyer
Russell E. Thompson	Norman W. King
Buford T. Walters	

Fifty Year Members

Wilbert L. Fronk	Leonard J. Fischer
Charles Holbrook	Alexander Krasich
Lawrence E. Nail	Harold H. Mattice
Frellsen Reese	Paul S. Jacobson
Mark M. Shepherd	James Robert Scott
Emery B. Trott	Milton L. Sholley
Louis Lang	Zachary Ruiz
Norman W. King	Federick D. Jenkins

Life Members

William L. Alexander	Roland Bailey
Nathan D. Bozarth	Larry E. Buckner
Larry E. Buckner, Jr.	John M. Carria, Jr.
Phillip C. Clarke, Jr.	Phillip C. Clarke, Sr.
Dale R. Cyr	Loyd E. Davis
Richard E. Dudley	Joseph M. Dunivan
Donald L. Dyer, Jr.	John S. Giltner
Charles A. Harrover	Joel R. Johnston
Kyle Keen	Herbert A. McClain
Walter J. Schwenger	William E. Schwenger
James R. Scott	Thomas M. Sessions
Thomas P. Winn	Donald L. Epperson
Lawrence E. Nail	Robert V. Reese
Russell E. Thompson	Daniel T. Andrews
Leonard D. Jackson	Robert Bartruff
Michael J. King	