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Date	Event	Speaker
July 14	Occoquan Stated Communication 4th of July Presentation	Special Guest Dinner at 6:30pm
July 19	Occoquan Lodge Blood Drive	
August 11	Occoquan Stated Communication Past Master's Night	
August 23	Virginia Child Identification Program	
All Stated and Called Communications are open at 7:30pm		
William F. Haley, Jr. School of Ritual, every Thursday at 7pm (except 4th Thursday)		

Did You Know???

The only United States Presidents to sign the Declaration of Independence were Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.



July Masonic Profile

American printer (he published the first book to come off the press in the colonies - Anderson's Constitutions of 1723), author, diplomat, philosopher, and scientist, whose contributions to the American Revolution (1775-1783), and the newly formed federal government that followed, rank him among the country's greatest statesmen. He held the Masonic title of Grand Master of Pennsylvania and was one of the Masonic signers of the Constitution of the United States.

But where says some is the King of America? I'll tell you Friend, he reigns above, and doth not make havoc of mankind like the Royal Brute of Britain...let it be brought forth placed on the divine law, the word of God; let a crown be placed thereon, by which the world may know, that so far as we approve of monarchy, that in America THE LAW IS KING. -Thomas Paine, *Common Sense*, 1776

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MASTERS MESSAGE: MICHAEL J. KING, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

By the time you read this message we will have completed our annual fund raiser, the Fireworks Sale. See our website www.occoquanlodge310.org for pictures of your Brothers hard at work enjoying each other's company while toiling together for the welfare of the Lodge. For those who helped, you have the sincere appreciation of the Brethren; for those who were not able to participate, there's always next year. I must admit that I have had concerns over the past several years for the worthiness of such an event. Not of a fund raiser, because we need one or more major fund-raising events to support our important work; rather, I wondered if selling fireworks was something Freemasons should do in light of the dangers associated with the use of such products for celebrations. When I reflect on the nature of the products we so carefully purchase, my concerns diminish. When I think of what we celebrate, I see heroes. I reflect on the "Greatest Generation"—veterans of WWII where my father served; Korea, Vietnam, and most recently the Middle East. I also learned how much closer we get by participating in activities outside of the Lodge Room. I am reminded that "a Lodge is a certain number of Free and Accepted Masons, duly assembled . . . I am renewed with a drive to work the second half of this Masonic year to bring our Masonic family closer together through activities outside of the Lodge room.

In the hot, summer, months of July and

August we will dress casually for our Stated Communications. In the past it was business casual, for this July, I am directing the Officers to be comfortable by NOT wearing a jacket and tie. Comfortable trousers and a light shirt will be the uniform of the day. In August (Past Master's Night), the dress theme will be Hawaiian; wear your loudest flowery shirt and don't tuck in the tail.

During July and August, we will suspend the Thursday-night Ritual School. WB Roland Bailey, LIW, will resume our weekly schools on the first Thursday in September.

At our July stated communication, please come and enjoy a very special guest speaker. This Most Worthy brother is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. He will have a special message for the birth month of our country. I hope you will join me for this special event.

On July 19th, I will be first in line to donate blood at the Occoquan Lodge First Annual Blood Drive. Worshipful W. Larry Alexander and Brother Ronald Phillips have organized this event with the O-W-L Fire Department and INOVA Hospitals bloodmobile. Your officers and I will be calling you to solicit your support for this very important community-benefit program. Occoquan has traditionally been a generous blood donor; let's make this a banner year. See more about this at

www.occoquanlodge310.org and click on the big red heart.

On August 23rd, Occoquan Lodge will sponsor its first annual Virginia Child Identification Program. Brother Brett Holbrook has been busily organizing this event with the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Prince William County Police Department. This event will benefit the young families of our community by providing free child identification. See more about this worthwhile community-service program at www.occoquanlodge310.org and click on the link for VACHIP.

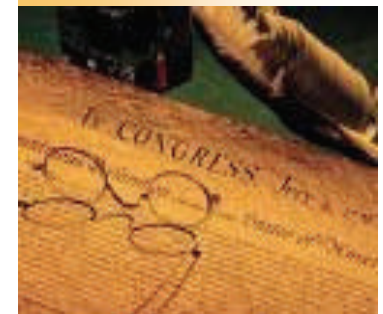
I hope this message finds you having a restful and safe summer.

Grand Lodge of Virginia—District of Columbia Grand Lodge Charitable Ball

- Saturday July 19, 2008
- Almas Temple in Washington D.C.
- Tickets will be \$100, with most of the proceeds being tax deductible.



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WARDENS NIGHT UPDATE

Occoquan Lodge Needs Your Help to Justify its Bloodmobile

50 potential donors are needed to sign up in advance to justify the Bloodmobile for our Woodbridge location. Please join Occoquan Masonic Lodge #310 as we sponsor this drive and urge those who fulfill the necessary health requirements to donate their time and potentially help save a life.

It may surprise you to know that most healthy adults are eligible to donate if they are in good general health, weight at least 110 pounds, have no history of hepatitis, are at least 17 years of age, do not have a cold or the flu, and have no high risk behavior for HIV transmission.

Donors will be asked to provide a Photo ID but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to email Larry Alexander (larryalex@comcast.net) or call 1-866-256-6372.

WHO: Occoquan Masonic Lodge #310 in coordination with the INOVA Bloodmobile

WHERE: The OWL Volunteer Fire Department parking lot at 1306 F Street in Woodbridge across the street from the Masonic Lodge Temple.

WHEN: 8:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, July 19, 2008

Masonic Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Confirmed Masonic Membership:

- 1) William Ellery from Rhode Island
- 2) Benjamin Franklin from Pennsylvania
- 3) John Hancock from Massachusetts
- 4) Joseph Hewes from North Carolina
- 5) William Hooper from North Carolina
- 6) Robert Treat Paine from Massachusetts
- 7) Richard Stockton from New Jersey
- 8) George Walton from Georgia
- 9) William Whipple from New Hampshire

Rumored Masonic Membership:

- 10) Elbridge Gerry from Massachusetts
- 11) Richard Henry Lee from Virginia
- 12) Thomas McKean from Delaware
- 13) Robert Morris from Pennsylvania
- 14) Thomas Nelson Jr. from Virginia
- 15) John Penn from North Carolina
- 16) Benjamin Rush from Pennsylvania
- 17) Roger Sherman from Connecticut
- 18) James Smith from Pennsylvania
- 19) John Witherspoon from New Jersey

July Masonic Birthdays

Louis Lang	1954
Zachary Ruiz	1955
Joseph W. Hurst Jr.	1965
Albert M. Cobb	1970
Ronald L. Shirley	1970
Dale R. Cyr	1973
Mark P. Young	1974
Dennis Ray Chastain	1976
Harry A. Powell	1977
Thomas H. McQuown	1980
Wayne K. Simpson	1985
Louis E. Hoffman	1995
Wayne L. Neavear	2004
Robert H. Hennessee Jr.	2005



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Blood Coordinator:

WB Larry Alexander:
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Funeral:

WB Larry Alexander

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Bro Raymond Lambert
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	

Occoquan Lodge #310

Chartered February 10, 1910

Michael J. King, Worshipful Master

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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	