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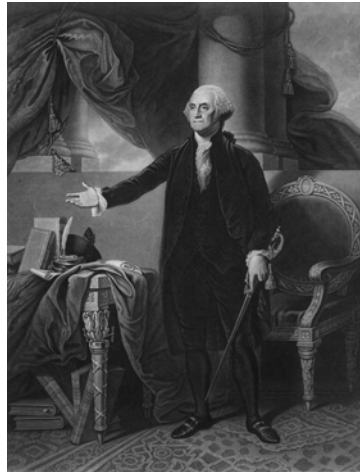
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Date	Event	Speaker
November 4	Election Day	
November 10	Occoquan Stated Communication—Open Program for the Entire Masonic Family and spouses - Veteran's Day-Sojourners Program—Building the American Flag. Pot-Luck Dinner at 6:30; Open Master Mason Lodge 7:30; Program at 8:00	
December 8	Occoquan Stated Communication Election of Officers	
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???

Every United States President from Tennessee (Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, and James K. Polk) was a mason. All were born in North Carolina.



November Masonic Profile

Initiated: November 4, 1752, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Brother Washington became Worshipful Master on December 20, 1788, and was inaugurated President of the United States on April 30, 1789, thus becoming the first, and so far the only, Brother to be simultaneously President and Master of his Lodge.

"But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract." –Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address November 19 1863

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MASTERS MESSAGE: MICHAEL J. KING, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

At the October Stated Communication we discussed a proposal to increase the fees charged candidates for degrees. I presented the current costs to the Lodge for conferring the Degrees of Freemasonry on a candidate, which are more than the amount our bylaws authorize the Lodge to charge. The Lodge agreed to entertain a proposed Bylaws change to adjust the amount charged for the degrees. The proposed revision will be presented at the November Stated Communication.

A committee, chaired by Worshipful Roland Bailey, was formed at the September Stated Communication to study our income and expenses over the past five years; also to evaluate the needs of the Lodge for the near future and recommend a plan of action relating to dues. The committee has not completed its work and was granted additional time.

Masonic year 2008 is coming to an end and it's time to reflect on our accomplishments and our shortcomings in order to plan for the future. The following is an excerpt from my remarks at the Installation of 2008 Officers:

If I could summarize my goal as Master of this Lodge it would be to grow this Lodge with lots of young men and women who are taught by the wise and willing masters and keepers of Masonic Ritual and Knowledge in the traditions of this organization who have kept this particular Lodge going for almost a century.

My strategies to attain this lofty goal will be to:

Support the continuing efforts of our Lodge Instructor of Work (WB Bailey)

Establishing a formal mentor program for our new brethren

Implement a program for Masonic education that brings our collective Masonic knowledge to a place of prestige similar to what we now enjoy with our Ritual proficiency

Improve our communications, both within and without the Lodge

And to have programs at Stated Communications that are of interest to all generations.

As in all things, there have been some disappointments, successes, distractions, and targets of opportunity. I have had some wonderful help along the way. Under the direction of Worshipful Roland Bailey, the Lodge continues to be strong in its ritual work. I hoped to raise 10 Master Masons this year, and we achieved that level in August with seven included in the one-day conferral. There are eight more candidates working and I have high hopes that we will raise three of these to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason before the end of this year. We had some interesting programs along with re-runs of some of the obligatory ones. We have some Brothers who have stepped up as mentors, but we need many more. Our "Word-of-the-Month Program" has, in a small way, begun or resumed our Masonic education programs. I have more plans to implement in my first year as Past Master. The proudest accomplishments were made by two of our youngest Brothers. One was the complete makeover of our Trestle Board, designed, edited, and published by Brother Robert Boland; the other was the development and launch of our own website by Brother Vernon Roessler. These two achievements along with the use of electronic mail have vastly improved communications within and without the Lodge. The biggest disappointment was that we did not have events that included the

whole Masonic Family, such as picnics, special dinners, and special events. We also needed to introduce more fund-raising events to supplement our income and keep our membership dues low.

The future of the Lodge is bright, which is refreshing in this troubled world. I have lots of confidence in the line of officers that will assume stewardship of the Lodge over the next several years and we have many new, young, energetic Brothers to carry the Lodge forward into your next 100 years. Next year the Centennial Committee will kick into high gear to begin fund raising and event planning for our 100th birthday. And, we will begin the year with a written budget for the first time in my brief history of the Lodge.

At our November Stated Communication, we will have a special event that includes the whole Masonic family and our spouses and friends. This will be a "Building the American Flag" program presented by Quantico Chapter No. 44 of the National Sojourners. We will have a "pot-luck" dinner beginning at 6:30 pm and will open the Master Mason's Lodge for the dispatch of business at 7:30 pm. I will have a short business agenda and will dispatch it as quickly as possible. My hopes are to call the Craft from labor to refreshment at 8:00 to allow or family members to join us in the Lodge room for the presentation. Following that presentation we will adjourn to the fellowship hall for desserts. I will keep a minimum crew in the Lodge to close the Master Mason's Lodge and then join the fellowship.

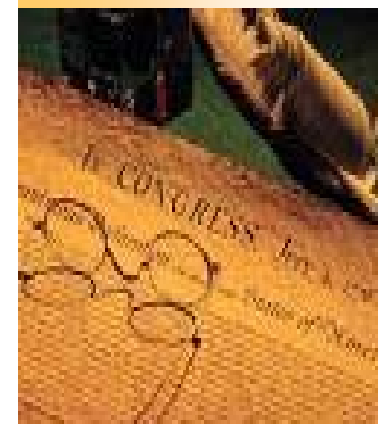
December will be busy. We will elect the 2009 officers at our Stated Communication on 8 December, practice the Installation of Officers on Thursday, 11 December, and install the new officers on Saturday, 13 December at 10 am.

This year has gone by very quickly. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I have. I have gained far more from this year's experience than I can possibly tell you.



Portrait by Michael J. King

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ELECTION DAY/VETERAN'S DAY INFORMATION

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Election Day is almost upon us. While many of us have mailed in our absentee ballots, or plan on stopping at the polls on November 4th, we must remember that there are many brothers who are not physically able or have no transportation to participate in this great process. If that is the case, and if it falls within the length of your cable tow, please identify those that aren't able and see if they need a ride. Just the offer could go a long way.

Here are some links we hope will be helpful to you and the brethren:

Locate Your Polling Place:

<https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicPollingPlace.aspx>

Who Are the Candidates:

http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Cidate_Information/Cidate_Lists/CidatesList.asp

What Is My Voter Registration Status:

<https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup.aspx?Link=Registration>

National Poll Averages:

<http://www.realclearpolitics.com/>

IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY

Throughout our nation's history, it is important to remember the sacrifice that so many made for the rights that we enjoy today. As November 4th approaches, please be sure to thank a veteran, without them, we wouldn't even be able to enjoy this democratic process that our republic was founded upon.

Upon this reflection, we must also remember that there are many veterans who have not been able to get the help they need from the VA. If that is the case, please have them call their Member of Congress and ask for the staffer that handles veterans casework. If they do not know who their Member is, advise them to visit <http://www.house.gov/>. The job of the staff is make sure the dots are connected so that benefits are not being lost. If they do not have access to the internet, have them call (202) 224-3121 and the operator will transfer them to the correct Member of Congress.

Additionally, the VA has recently established a hotline for veterans who are having emotional difficulties and need help. If you know anyone like this, please direct them to <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans/> or have them call 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Veteran's Day History

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>

November Masonic Birthdays

Emery B. Trott	1950
Charles W. Dean	1960
John Martocci	1968
James H. Hodgson	1971
Leon S. Troyer	1975
James T. Griffin	1977
Martin C. Juul	1980
Edward P. Wilson	1981
Michael J. Hoffman	1987
David B. Meade	2000



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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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Senior Deacon	Daniel Todd Andrews (703) 922-8624	Tiler	Raymond Lee Lambert (703) 491-4471
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	James A. Buckner
Federick D. Jenkins	Arthur H. Goding

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	
Jeremy M. King	