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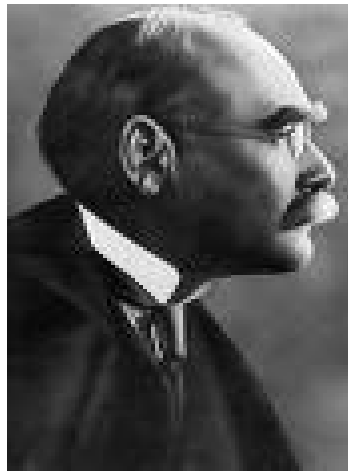
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Date	Event	Speaker
January 8	Funeral/memorial service for RW Leon Troyer Mount Castle Funeral Home, 4143 Dale Blvd, Dale City, Virginia	
January 12	Occoquan Stated Communication Election of Officers	
All Stated and Called Communications are open at 7:30pm		
William F. Haley, Jr. School of Ritual, every Thursday at 7pm (except 4th Thursday)		

Did You Know???

In Robinson v. Yates City Lodge, 86 Illinois, 598 (1877), a court ruled that an expelled Mason was not entitled to the return of his degree fees. The court held that the plaintiff voluntarily paid the fees and the expulsion under the provisions of the rules of the organization does not constitute the rescission of a contract under which the fees were paid.



January Masonic Profile

Brother Rudyard Kipling was a British writer who won the Nobel Prize for literature. Many of his works have strong Masonic themes and some are specifically about Freemasonry. There seems to have been some quality deep within his nature to which Freemasonry appealed. The idea of a secret bond, of a sense of community, and of high principles among men sworn to a common purpose, fitted his concept of a social order. To quote his biographer Carrington: Freemasonry, with its organization of common action, its masculine self-sufficiency, its language of symbols, and its hierarchy of secret grades, provided him with a natural setting for his social ideals. On his first trip to America in 1889, he made use of Masonic introductions whereby his visit was enriched.

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MASTERS MESSAGE: GARON E. YOUNG, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

Thank you for reposing your trust and confidence in me as Worshipful Master of Occoquan Lodge #310. I look forward to serving the Craft in that capacity as we labor together to further friendship, brotherly love and charity. I would like to thank the Officers who have agreed to serve with me this year. They are hard working and they are well-informed. Together, we will continue to strive to attain excellence and beauty in all our workings.

To borrow a line from the Presentation Volume - Modern speculative Freemasonry as we know it today owes its structure to the Grand Lodge. The first Grand Lodge under our system of speculative Masonry was organized in London, England. Keeping this in mind, January's program will be a short (17 minute) video of the United Grand Lodge of England, depicting the inside of the Grand Temple in all of its splendor. At our April Stated Communication, we will receive Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia.

I hope as many Brethren as possible can remember their obligations and join us for these presentations if within the length of their cable-tows. If any member is having difficulty with transportation to Lodge, please contact me and I will arrange for fraternal assistance in this matter.

Please note that dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. before our Stated Communications, with dessert to follow afterwards. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve our Lodge. I look forward to an exciting year working with you and enjoying your company.

Very Respectfully and

Fraternally,

Garon

P.S. I came across the following several years ago, and it was published in the Scottish Rite journal sometime last year; but I think it would be a good opportunity to repeat it again, especially for those who have not yet had a chance to read it. I don't know who the author was, but I wanted to pass his/her worthy work along - and I hope to see you back in our Lodge:

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

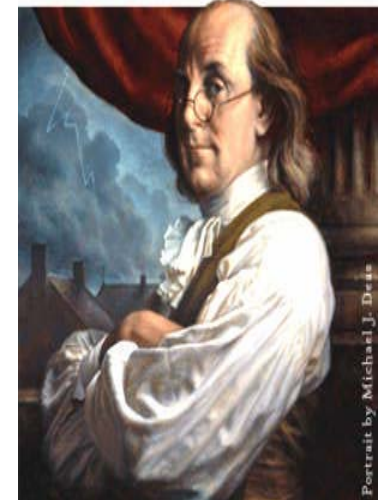
Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

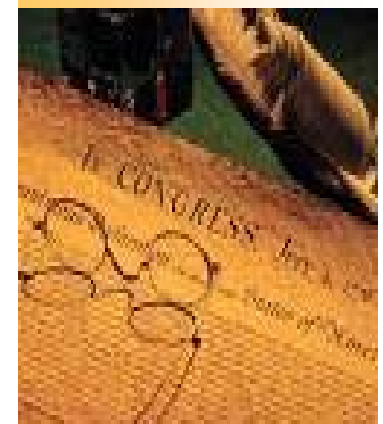
Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."



Portrait by Michael J. Deas

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MASONRY IN THE WORLD

SINGAPORE: Freemasons in the region are celebrating 150 years of existence.

In Singapore, a brand new building, behind the current one along Coleman Street, is in the works to house the group's growing activities.

Although they have been in existence in the region for more than a century, few people seem to know much about the Freemasons.

"I heard many conspiracy theories linking them with the illuminati, that they were bent on world domination, new world order. I never really believed all those notions," said a member of the public.

"I thought that they were some kind of cult," said another.

Such impressions come from the Freemasons' rites and rituals.

Instruments used by them 100 years ago were for secret initiation ceremonies.

The group also has its own code of conduct.

Sir Stamford Raffles was a mason, so were Mozart and TS Elliot.

But most members want to remain anonymous.

"Some of our members may not want to be known to be members, particularly in certain counties where it's sensitive. It can affect their business, it can affect their position, particularly, political positions and things like that," said Dr Yao Poh Hong, an orthopaedic surgeon who is a Freemason Grandmaster, eastern region.

Members must have a religion, but even then they can join only if they have been introduced by current members.

"They were really good people and they were doing good work in the community. So they were people I wanted to be associated with," said Nigel Brown, Grand Secretary of Freemason's United Grand Lodge of England.

"The masons do a lot of charity work, although that is not our principle reason for existing," said David Fok, a lawyer and senior consultant and Freemason District Grandmaster.

In essence, the Freemasons want to be known as a group of men in the fellowship of "brotherly love, charity and truth".

January Masonic Birthdays

Warren H. Robinson	1962
Richard Kephart	1965
Michael J. King	1973
William M. Price IV	1983
Richard A. Brown	1985
Walter R. Peterman	1986
Fred J. Allen, Jr.	1988
Clarence W. Lehew III	1988
John M. St. Denis	2001
Leslie S. Jarrett	2006



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WB Larry Alexander:
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WB Larry Alexander

Temple and Grounds:

Bro Raymond Lambert
Bro James Scott, Sr:
Bro Daniel Johnstone

Trustees:

WB Robert Rife
WB Charles Bosworth

Lodge Scheduling:

Bro James Spurlock

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	James Dale Spurlock (703) 491-3700		

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
Robert L. Hausafus	1976	James R. Scott, Jr.	1998
Robert L. Riffe	1977	William L. Alexander	1999/05
John H. Oravec, Jr.	1978	Charles G. Bosworth	2000
Russell E. Thompson	1979	Larry E. Buckner, Jr.	2001
Herbert A. McClain	1980	Charles L. Cooper	2003
Edward L. Hensel, Jr.	1981	Joel D. Klimoski	2004
		Henry Garvey, Jr.	2006
		Donald Phillips	2007
Robert L. Phillips	1983	Michael J. King	2008

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	Norman W. King

Russell E. Thompson

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
Russell E. Thompson	

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	