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Date	Event	Speaker
June 8	Occoquan Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30pm	
June 13	Grand Master Official Visit to District 1A, 1B and 54 5:30pm at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple	
All Stated and Called Communications are open at 7:30pm		
William F. Haley, Jr. School of Ritual, every Thursday at 7pm		

Did You Know???

In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.



June Masonic Profile

Mozart was admitted as an apprentice to the Viennese Masonic lodge called "Zur Wohltätigkeit" ("Beneficence") on 14 December 1784. He was promoted to journeyman Mason on 7 January 1785, and became a master Mason "shortly thereafter". Mozart also attended the meetings of another lodge, called "Zur wahren Eintracht" ("True Concord"). According to Otto Erich Deutsch, this lodge was "the largest and most aristocratic in Vienna. ... Mozart, as the best of the musical 'Brothers,' was welcome in all the lodges." It was headed by the naturalist Ignaz Von Born. Mozart's own lodge "Zur Wohltätigkeit" was consolidated with two others in December of 1785, under the Imperial reform of Masonry (the *Freimaurerpatent*, "Masonic Decree") of 11 December 1785, and thus Mozart came to belong to the lodge called "Zur Neugekrönten Hoffnung" (New Crowned Hope). At least as far as surviving Masonic documents can tell us, Mozart was well regarded by his fellow Masons. Many of his friends were Masons.

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MASTERS MESSAGE: GARON YOUNG, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

At our May Stated Communication, Worshipful Brother William Alexander, Worshipful Brother Donald Phillips and Brother Raymond Lambert were nominated to be Trustees for our Lodge, and at our July Stated Communication, we will vote on their nominations.

I would like to extend a personal request to each and every one of you, to help our Lodge with its annual fund raiser. We need volunteers to help set up and take down the fireworks stand, and help sell fireworks the week leading up to the 4th. We will be meeting at the Lodge on 20 June at 9:00 a.m. to load the fireworks stand and set it up at the Dale City bowling center, which is located off of Dale Boulevard. We will begin selling fireworks from 28 June through 4 July.

On 5 July we will disassemble the fireworks stand and return it back to the Lodge. Brother Charles Wilkinson III is the point of contact that has the sign-up sheets and can be contacted at 571-408-1005 or by email at dign_h2o@yahoo.com

Please join me in congratulating Worshipful Brother Donald Phillips for being elected and installed as the Worthy Grand Patron for the Order of the Eastern Star of Virginia.

Worshipful Brother Norman King reported that the DeMolay ham dinner was a big success and raised \$516.00, and that he would like to extend a personal thank you to everyone who was able to support the DeMolay this year.

The Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 1A, 1B and 54 will be on 13 June, with dinner

being served at 5:30 p.m. It will take place at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple, which is located at 1430 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person and I still have tickets available.

Finally Brethren, our June Stated Communication will be Warden's Night and I would respectfully ask that we try our best to support them on their night, if within the length of your cable tow.

Very Respectfully & Fraternaly,

Garon



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-Garon Young



MASONIC EDITORIAL: THE GATHER

The Value of a Person

I am a Freemason. The greatest benefit of belonging to Freemasonry is its foundation in the value of a person. Within a lodge, each man is valued as a person. Each man is created by God with an equal soul and equal inalienable rights, yet each is also different, unique. Each has different strengths and weaknesses and together each can benefit by relying on another's strength to offset a weakness. It is a kind of equality that respects and celebrates the fact that we are all different.

We live in a society that generally devalues a person. We have been degenerating into a dehumanizing society. People have become cogs in the machinery of business, government and even religion. No longer is the average person a real part of the company they work for, but rather just a "human resource" that is weighed according to cost/benefit rather than as a person. No longer is a citizen afforded power and control over government, but rather a faceless tax payer id or social security number. As smaller parishes close, the growth of mega-churches offer salvation to the faceless sea of people in the room or watching on TV based on your donation.

We see the effects of this everywhere in our society. Children having children so that they create someone who will actually love and care about them. The millions escaping from the emptiness of their lives into drugs or alcohol. All those unfortunate souls who have been so lost and devalued in our society that they take their own lives. Each and every one of those cases is our fault.

They are our fault because we do nothing. We sit idly by and let our society degenerate. We settle for useless false self-esteem building exercises in schools that basically teach our children that they are as good as anyone else because no one is really any good. We accept government programs that destroy the worth of a person in exchange for money. We literally buy into the myth that success and happiness are measured by the things you own. We abdicate personal responsibility and blame the world for our problems while turning a blind eye to those in need because that is government's or charitable organizations' responsibility. We accept the role of cog and the insulating bubble that comes with it, cutting ourselves off from others.

Certainly there are many who always speak and agitate for the needs of the "less fortunate". Often they are the same people who live in million dollar homes and drive \$70,000 luxury vehicles. The "help" they advocate is not the helping hand of a neighbor given in mutual respect, but the faceless and dehumanizing "help" of big government hand-outs that serve to isolate segments of the population and hold them in perpetual need and hopelessness. Few are those who actual lead others to betterment by their own acts.

I started this essay by stating that I am a Freemason and extolling the great virtue of Freemasonry that it treats each person as having value. It is little wonder that Freemasonry is a part of the lives of only a very small percentage of American men. The lessons of human value and dignity are out of step with the current social worldview. Society pays lip service to such ideals but generally undermines them. In many ways a Masonic Lodge has become the support group for those men who are infected with the disease of having a strong soul; those few men who have failed to conform to modern society by surrendering their souls for creature comfort, lottery winning hopes or gated isolation in a prison of "success".

It is also little wonder that so many of the Founding Fathers were Freemasons. The ideals enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are based on the truth that God created all people with equal souls and rights, but diversity in appearance and ability. It is further little wonder that those who subscribe to the modern liberalism of intrinsic human helplessness and dependency on government are so hostile to Freemasonry and subscribe to it so many false attributes and conspiracy theories.

In the end, I have confidence in the triumph of the human soul. Those who promote the current culture of government dependence and dehumanization are championing a hopeless cause. They are building a house on a foundation of sand. The human soul is not designed to be crushed and it will rebound if given a chance. Each child born comes with a vibrant soul that is not easily beaten down. Meanwhile those people who the socialists do manage to beat down become self-destructive because life cannot be sustained without the soul. The value of a person is not subjective nor dependent on the will of society or government. We all need to let others know that truth.

June Masonic Birthdays

Norman W. King	16/1954
Arthur H. Goding	28/1958
John I. Haycox	24/1960
Joseph R. Palovich, Jr.	18/1962
Peter M. Mitsopoulos	12/1963
Walter M. Hanson, Jr.	24/1963
Vernon K. Wiley	15/1970
Edward B. Taylor	8/1971
Phillip C. Clarke, Sr.	14/1973
Loyd E. Davis	21/1973
Carlos R. Keaton	17/1974
Benjamin C. Clark	20/1977
Jay R. Waldman	5/1980
Joel R. Johnston	16/1986
Richard C. Stacey	7/1993
John M. Carria, Jr.	10/1993
Thomas M. Sessions	3/1996
Donald L. Dyer, Jr.	15/1996
Robert T. Boland	19/2006

COMMITTEES

Go to www.OL310.org for contact information

Masonic Home:

Bro Bradley Rees

L.I.W. and Asst:

WB Roland Bailey and

WB Russell Thompson

L.E.O.:

RW Carl Gagliardi

Blood Coordinator:

WB Larry Alexander

Funeral Coordinator:

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 D. Spurlock

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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Occoquan Chapter Order of Eastern Star	4th Fri, 8 pm
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Bethel #55 International Order of Jobs Daughters	1st & 3rd Tue 7:15 pm
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Occoquan Chapter International Order of DeMolay	1st & 3rd Wed, 7:30 pm
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Occoquan Lodge #310

Chartered February 10, 1910

Garon Eugene Young, Worshipful Master

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Warden	(703) 550-0099		(703) 494-2556
Junior	Daniel Todd Andrews	Senior	Robert Thomas Boland
Warden	(703) 922-8624	Steward	(703) 919-9269
Treasurer	Thomas A. Reese, PDDGM	Junior	Robert Anthony Krolkiewicz
		Steward	
Secretary	Robert John Bartruff, PM	Marshal	Raymond Lee Lambert
Senior	Ryan Daniel Pittman	Tiler	Charles Glenn Bosworth, PM
Deacon	(310) 601-7291		(703) 494-9806
Junior	James Dale Spurlock		
Deacon	(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	Ralph L. Bennett	1989
Lovic McElroy	1962	Wayne K. Simpson	1990
Charles W. Dean	1966	Walter R. Peterman	1991
Marvin L. Perry	1968	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	2001
Herbert A. McClain	1980	Charles L. Cooper	2003
Robert L. Phillips	1983	Joel D. Klimoski	2004
Thomas A. Reese	1984/95	Henry Garvey Jr.	2006
Joseph O. McCourt	1985	Donald G. Phillips	2007
		Michael J. King	2008

Honorary, Fifty Year and Life**Honorary Members**

Roland Bailey	Charles Bosworth
Leonard J. Fischer	Russell E. Thompson
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

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
Russell E. Thompson	James A. Buckner

Life Members

William L. Alexander	Roland Bailey
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