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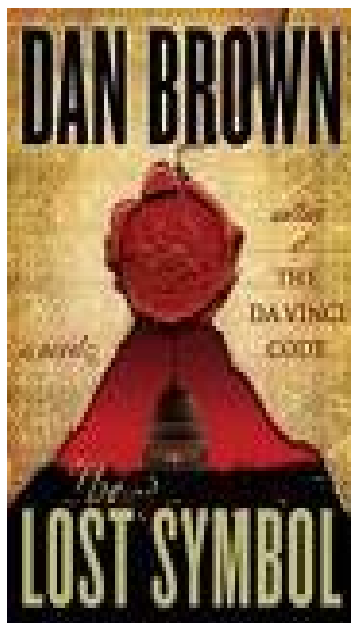
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October 12	Occoquan Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30pm	
October 17	Occoquan Open House Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast at 8:00am-12:00pm	
October 19	Occoquan Called Communication 7:00pm	Fellow Craft Degree
All Stated and Called Communications are open at 7:30pm		
William F. Haley, Jr. School of Ritual, every Thursday at 7pm		

Did You Know???

In 1954 Martin's Station Lodge No. 188 of VA was opened 952 feet below the surface of Cumberland Mountain in Cudjo's Cave, which lies between Cumberland Gap, Tenn. and Middleburo, KY. 345 Masons were present and a MM degree was conferred.



October Masonic Profile

Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned unexpectedly to deliver an evening lecture in the U.S. Capitol Building. Within minutes of his arrival, however, the night takes a bizarre turn. A disturbing object –artfully encoded with five symbols–is discovered in the Capitol Building. Langdon recognizes the object as an ancient invitation . . . one meant to usher its recipient into a long-lost world of esoteric wisdom. When Langdon's beloved mentor, Peter Solomon—a prominent Mason and philanthropist –is brutally kidnapped, Langdon realizes his only hope of saving Peter is to accept this mystical invitation and follow wherever it leads him. Langdon is instantly plunged into a clandestine world of Masonic secrets, hidden history, and never-before-seen locations—all of which seem to be dragging him toward a single, inconceivable truth.

While Occoquan Lodge does not endorse this novel or any novel for that matter, millions will read the Lost Symbol and a renewed curiosity In Freemasonry will ensue. As a follow-up to the popular Da Vinci Code, the Lost Symbol has an initial printing of five million.

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MASTERS MESSAGE: GARON YOUNG, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

During our September Stated Communication, was our Past Master's night and for our Program we conferred the Master Mason Degree. What made this Degree more impressive was that every Lodge Officer's position was occupied by a Past Master including the second section. It was an excellent and impressive Degree and created a very lasting memory for the candidate. I would like to thank all of the Past Masters for their support and assistance. The program for our October Stated Communication we will be presentations by the Jobes Daughters, the DeMolay and the Order of the Eastern Star.

October looks to be a busy month as well. The 10th of October, is the Masonic Home of Virginia Family Day, which will take place at 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA. All Masons and their families are invited to attend for a fun filled day of activities and lunch on the grounds of the Masonic Home. The itinerary is: 9:00 AM – entertainment with coffee and doughnuts near the Grand Lodge; at 10:30 AM – Parade with lunch to follow; at 12:30 all Masons will line up at 12:30 PM to process to the Dedication Ceremony; and at 1:30 PM the Ceremony for the Dedication of Commemorative Stone in honor of WWII Veterans.

On 17 October, the Order of the Eastern Star will hold a fund raising Pancake Breakfast at Occoquan Lodge #310, which will take place from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. In addition to the pancake breakfast, and in compliance with the Grand Master's Proclamation, Occoquan Lodge #310 will host its Open House.

Very Respectfully & Fraternaly,

Garon



October Masonic Birthdays

Juette E. Ryals	1961
Buford T. Walters	1969
Richard E. Dudley	1969
Avrom D. Lewis	1970
David G. Brickley	1975
Ronald F. Grob	1976
Bruce C. Pilch	1977
Charles H. McNabb	2000
Jeffrey W. Smith Sr.	2007



POLITICO: IN SEARCH OF THE HILL'S FREEMASONS

The reporter walked into his office expecting a normal day at work: cup of coffee, call some sources, the usual routine.

But this wasn't going to be an ordinary day at all.

His editor had other ideas. Darker ideas.

The editor wanted an article on the new [Dan Brown](#) novel called "The Lost Symbol", about a conspiracy by Freemasons in Washington.

The long-awaited book features Robert Langdon, the hero of Brown's previous smash hits "The Da Vinci Code" and "Angels and Demons," on a dramatic quest in and around Washington's most famous landmarks to find a secret hidden long ago by the Masons.

But the editor was intrigued by a real-world question: How many present-day members of Congress are [Freemasons](#)? And is any member of Congress also a Knight Templar — a famous subgroup of Masons that traces its lineage to the medieval crusaders?

In a flash, the reporter realized he had spent years acquiring the skills needed to complete the quest to find the Freemasons on [Capitol Hill](#) — and finish it before the looming deadline.

I am the only man in this cubicle who can write this story.

My God!

CHAPTER 2

The reporter turns to the same exotic and arcane research tool Langdon uses in the book: Google. There, he finds a clue.

A YouTube video shows a member of Congress accepting an award from his fellow Masons in 2008. It's [Joe Wilson](#) — the South Carolina Republican who shouted "[You lie!](#)" at President Barack Obama this month. He says he is a member of the Sinclair Lodge of West Columbia, S.C.

"For over 250 years, Masons have been a part of the fabric and leadership of the United States," Wilson says on the video. "The grand tradition of brotherhood is a reflection of the very framework this nation was founded upon."

No answers there, and Wilson's office declined to elaborate.

Next, the reporter dialed the number of Dick Fletcher, executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association, a sort of national clearinghouse for Masonic information.

But Fletcher said Masons don't keep records of government officials who are members — and wouldn't release them if they did, for privacy reasons.

Deadline approaches. There were forces at work that no one could comprehend.

The reporter turned to an even more eminent figure, Senate Historian Don Ritchie. But Ritchie said there's no list of Masons in Congress. Politicians have long been drawn to the group, he says, because of its grass-roots political organizing power.

The reporter heard a chime and looked up at his computer screen in astonishment. An electronic message has appeared there, as if by magic.

These are words. And they're written in English, an ancient language I happen to speak.

It was an e-mail, from a hidden and well-placed source. And it contained a list of names of members of Congress.

Hidden among them was the Knight Templar.

But which one was it?

CHAPTER 3

The reporter raced to the one place he knew he could find answers: the U.S. Capitol. Dashing into the building, he found the first of the names on his list — House Minority Whip Eric Cantor. The Virginia Republican offered a few cryptic words as he ascended the grand House stairway just beneath an enormous painting of George Washington.

Cantor's fellow Virginian was perhaps the most famous American Mason, but nine signers of the Declaration of Independence, including Ben Franklin, and 13 signers of the Constitution were Masons. As many as 14 presidents have been Masons.

Legend has it that the fraternal organization descended from medieval stone masonry guilds. Its membership is open to men of any religion, so long as they profess faith in a supreme being. It has long attracted conspiracy theories that Masons seek to control the world. Its members, though, say it is simply a social and charitable organization, albeit one with secret handshakes and codes.

"I joined the Masons about 20 years ago, because my dad and uncle were members of a lodge down in Richmond," Cantor said as he climbed the stairs. "But I haven't participated in a long time. I'm just too busy." He says he doesn't know anything about the new Dan Brown book and continues down a hallway.

The reporter quickly moved to a subterranean portal: the Senate subway. Soon enough, a figure emerges from the long tunnel. It's Montana Democratic Sen. Jon Tester. He, too, is a Mason.

"I really like the ceremony," he says. "That's what drew me to it." He says his father-in-law invited him to join the Masons in the mid-1980s. "A lot of our Founding Fathers were Masons. Maybe because they liked to be so rebellious and nonconformist."

But Tester hasn't read the Dan Brown book, either. And when the reporter prods him about the conspiracy theories, he says simply: "I don't put a lot of stock in all that." Tester disappears onto the Senate floor.

Maybe Tester's fellow Mason, Sen. Chuck Grassley, can offer enlightenment. The Iowa Republican says part of the appeal is the fraternity's egalitarian worldview. "There are Masons in every country and in countries like Iran, where they are probably underground. Hitler didn't like Masons," Grassley said. And although the elaborate rituals may seem silly to outsiders — including the red fez worn by Shriner Masons — he said, "Don't judge us by the funny hats we wear."

The reporter was beginning to panic. He still hadn't found the Knight Templar.

He vowed to press on.

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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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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
William R. Johnson	1973	Joel R. Johnston	1992
Roland Bailey	1974	Walter J. Schwenger	1996
Robert L. Hausafus	1976	William E. Schwenger	1997
Robert L. Riffe	1977	James R. Scott Jr.	1998
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Russell E. Thompson	1979	Charles G. Bosworth	2000
Herbert A. McClain	1980	Larry E. Buckner	2001
Robert L. Phillips	1983	Charles L. Cooper	2003
Thomas A. Reese	1984/95	Joel D. Klimoski	2004
Joseph O. McCourt	1985	Henry Garvey Jr.	2006
		Donald G. Phillips	2007
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