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Did You Know???

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan (not a Mason) was awarded honorary membership in the Scottish Rite Bodies and in the Shrine. Masonic Jurisprudence did not and does not condone these actions! Only Master Masons may hold membership in any Appendant body.

Date	Event	Notes
June 7	Occoquan Called Communication	EA Degree
June 14	Occoquan Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30pm	Honoring: Marshall E. Tyler PM #27/28 George T. Marshall, PM #31/32 Hartvick K. Hasle, PM #33/37/38 Frank L. Brown, PM #34/35 Joseph McCourt, PM #76
June 21	Occoquan Called Communication	MM Degree
June 28	Occoquan Called Communication	MM Degree
July 10	Occoquan Event	100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All Stated and Called Communications are open at 7:30pm

William F. Haley, Jr. School of Ritual, every Thursday at 7pm



June Masonic Profile

Though Brother Edmund G. Ross accomplished much in his life, he is mainly remembered for preserving the American system of constitutional government by casting his impartial vote of "Not Guilty" and thus saving President and Brother Andrew Johnson, 32, from being impeached. The presidential impeachment trial was presided over by the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court who administered an oath to all U. S. Senators, acting as jurors, to "do impartial justice" in the matter. Bro. Ross fulfilled this oath. Bro. Edmund G. Ross was born December 7, 1826, in Ashland, Ohio, and he first learned the printing trade. He worked at newspapers in Ohio and then at the Sentinel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Later, he published the Tribune in Topeka, Kansas, where he was a member of Topeka Masonic Lodge No. 17. Finally, he established the Kansas State Record. Attaining the rank of Major in the Union Army during the Civil War, he was appointed in 1866 to the U.S. Senate to fill a vacancy caused by the untimely death of Senator Jim Lane.

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MASTERS MESSAGE: JAMES R. SCOTT JR, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren all;

As we are approaching the halfway point of this year, I must say it has been interesting.

First, that there does not seem to be a let up of candidates! I believe there are about 12 Masons going through various degrees and it sure has been busy! At least 1 degree a week. Thank you to all who have supported the Lodge in making this happen.

Secondly, Out of about 300 members and probably close to 150 in the area, where are you? I know everyone has a job, kids, family, and maybe some free time, but why are you not attending the degrees or our stated meeting? Is there something or someone that has offended you? Do you find it boring? Do you not feel the same as when you first ask to be made a Mason? Brothers, I cannot help any of this unless you tell me! I would really like to see each and every one of you attend at least one meeting and degree this year. Don't do it for me, but for yourself and the Lodge. Maybe you might find that you enjoy it again.

Ok, I'm off the 'Soap Box' now. If this offends anyone, I didn't mean it to. Consider it "whispering good council in your ear".

On another note. At our May stated I had the honor of setting in the East with WB Walt Peterman, who did a fine job! Thank you Walt! In June I think you will be glad you came. I will have the further honor of a Past Master, who is no longer in the area, but is going to travel a bit so he can assist me and maybe give me some "good council" on how to run a meeting. This is the second time around and I would really like to do it right this time!

As July 10th is fast approaching and some of the members have not responded to the RSVP for attending our centennial celebration, please do so ASAP so we can place an order for the food and other necessary items.

Again, if you are attending and have some memorabilia you would like to share with everyone, bring it along. We will be setting up a table or two for displaying these items.

In addition, if someone would like to talk about any of their experiences or history of the Lodge, please feel free as I think that would really be a hit. Even some good ribbing would be fun.

Remember the fire works stand in July. Our main moneymaker! If you can come out to help or just come by to visit. We are going to try and start selling on the 28th of June. A big "Thanks" to WB Norman King for his perseverance with the powers to be in obtaining the necessary paperwork.

I haven't heard for sure but I think one of our newest Masons has safely returned form a tour in Afghanistan with the Marine Corps. Remember to "Thank" a Vet if you see one. If you don't, say a prayer for them and their families.

As one of our Brothers used to say, "Happy trails to you".

Fraternally, Jim



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MASONS IN THE NEWS: BULGARIA'S FREEMASONS

Several Bulgarian Freemasons have been interviewed for this story and their opinions are included below. Most, however, spoke only under condition of remaining anonymous. One of them, Dimitar Nedkov, agreed to give an interview to Novinite.com.

Dimitar Nedkov is considered by many the top expert on Freemasonry in Bulgaria. He was initiated into one of the first Bulgarian Blue Lodges shortly after the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe in the early 1990s. He is an active participant in the restoration of Freemasonry in Bulgaria and has served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Bulgaria. Nedkov is a Mason 33 Degree (the highest), co-founder of the Supreme Council, 33 of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, former Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in Bulgaria. An avid Masonic scholar, he is the author of "The Freemasons Returned to Bulgaria" (1998) and "The Third Millennium of Freemasonry" (2000) and "The Lessons of Freemasonry (2005). His last book, a fiction - "33 The Menace Dan Brown" appeared on the book stands in December. One of the founders of the Masonic magazine Svetlina (Light) and the web site freemasonry.bg. Nedkov is a member of the International Academy of the Illuminati in Rome

The article below is also based on Nedkov's book "The Freemasons Returned to Bulgaria" and the book "Masonic Lodges in Bulgaria" by Dr. Mitko Ivanov.

Secret Society

Nowadays, a Masonic Temple can be found in just about every city, but in the history of human kind, there is hardly another organization so much surrounded by mystery, intrigue, secrecy, opposition, and controversy than Freemasonry.

No one has been both revered and hated by the entire spectrum of society as the Freemason. Freemasons are honored by many for their humanitarian beliefs and as the true founders of contemporary democracy, and at the same time, despite the fact they are required to obey the law and banned from discussing religion or politics, Freemasons face the staunch opposition of groups, often as irreconcilable among themselves as they are critical to the Freemasonry - from Christianity to Islam, from Fascism to Communism, and almost everyone in between.

Freemasons have long declared that Freemasonry is not a religion or its substitute; however, the roots of the resistance towards them are most often attributed to the Roman Catholic Church. The controversy stems from the fact that many Freemason teachings (mainly deism) don't align with the official church's doctrine - Freemasonry is based on the belief that the Universe is the work of what they call The Grand Architect, who, as the expression of Deity, governs both society and nature.

According to Dimitar Nedkov, the membership of a Lodge is a representative sample of society because kinds of people are behind it - white and black, Christians and Muslims, monarchists and democrats, rich and poor, powerful and ordinary voters, bad and good people. The Masonic rites and rules make, however, all members strive for harmony in human relations, the harmony that is missing more and more in real life, he says. The rest can be found here: <http://paper.standartnews.com/en/article.php?d=2010-06-01&article=33230>

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
Collin J. Partlan	15/2009

COMMITTEES

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Bro. Colin James Partlan

L.I.W. and Asst:

WB Roland Bailey and

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Colin Partin

Blood Coordinator:

Anthony Pregent

Funeral Coordinator:

WB Larry Alexander

Temple and Grounds:

Bro Raymond Lambert

Bro James Scott, Sr

Bro Daniel Johnstone

Trustees:

WB William Alexander

WB Donald G. Phillips

Bro Raymond Lambert

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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Chartered February 10, 1910

James Robert Scott Jr., Worshipful Master

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Junior	Ryan Daniel Pittman	Senior	Colin James Partlan
Warden	(540) 687-1987	Steward	(703) 340-9477
Treasurer	Michael Jean King, PM	Junior	Anthony Armand Pregent
		Steward	(703) 474-4494
Secretary	Robert John Bartruff, PM	Marshal	Raymond Lee Lambert
	(703) 690-0784		(703) 491-4471
Senior	James Dale Spurlock	Tiler	Charles Glenn Bosworth, PM
Junior	Robert Anthony Krolikiewicz		
Deacon	(571) 426-5406		
Living Past Masters			
		Ralph L. Bennett	1989
		Wayne K. Simpson	1990
		Walter R. Peterman	1991
		Joel R. Johnston	1992
		Walter J. Schwenger	1996
		William E. Schwenger	1997
		James R. Scott Jr.	1998
		William L. Alexander	1999/05
		Charles G. Bosworth	2000
		Larry E. Buckner	2001
		Charles L. Cooper	2003
		Joel D. Klimoski	2004
		Henry Garvey Jr.	2006
		Donald G. Phillips	2007
		Michael J. King	2008
		Garon Young	2009
Mark M. Shepherd	1953		
Lawrence E. Nail	1954		
James G. Alls	1960		
Lovic McElroy	1962		
Charles W. Dean	1966		
Marvin L. Perry	1968		
William R. Johnson	1973		
Roland Bailey	1974		
Robert L. Hausafus	1976		
Robert L. Riffe	1977		
John H. Oravec Jr.	1978		
Russell E. Thompson	1979		
Herbert A. McClain	1980		
Robert L. Phillips	1983		
Thomas A. Reese	1984/95		
Jack N. Roach	1986		
Kenneth Touloumes	1987		

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
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Norman W. King	Federick D. Jenkins
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Kyle Keen	Herbert A. McClain
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