

# January 2018 News

#### January Birthdays: Alexander Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton was born January 11, 1755, on the Caribbean island of Nevis. Hamilton was involved in business from an early age. At age 12, Hamilton served as an apprentice at the Counting House of Nicholas Cruger and David Beekman. At age 15, Hamilton was put in charge of the business.

Despite a lack of formal schooling during his adolescent years, Hamilton was an intelligent boy and knew both English and French. He was an excellent writer and was published for his descriptive account of a hurricane that ravaged the Caribbean islands. Friends of his family were impressed by his writing and paid for his formal schooling. Hamilton soon entered King's College in New York City and earned a bachelor's degree in 1774—in one year!

Hamilton gained political prominence later that year when he traveled to Boston to show his support for the colonies. While in Boston, he delivered a powerful speech denouncing British policies and wrote two pamphlets attacking a clergyman's opposition to the Continental Congress.

During the American Revolution, Hamilton was commissioned as the captain of a company of artillery that defended Patriot interests at Long Island and White Plains. Hamilton's military tactics won widespread praise and earned him a reputation for decisiveness and bravery. He was soon introduced to General George Washington who appointed him to his personal staff with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He became Washington's personal secretary and gathered pivotal intelligence at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. At Monmouth, Hamilton's leadership and spirit helped rally retreating troops who promptly routed the British. The ambitious Hamilton later served at the Battle of Yorktown where he led a Patriot assault against the British.

Alexander Hamilton married Elizabeth Schuyler in 1780 and eventually had eight children. In 1783, Hamilton was admitted to the New York State Bar after studying for three years. He soon opened his own law practice on Wall Street in New York City. He also served in Congress from 1782 to 1783, was elected to the Continental Congress, and founded the Bank of New York in February of 1784.

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#### Resident Advisory Council

Richard Carden
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Secretary - Village
Priscilla Sensabaugh and
James Palmer-B Wing
Paula Swansey and
Ann Spain—C and D Wings
Art Gregory—Magnolia Court

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Although Hamilton supported a Parliamentary-type government, he is most famous for his works regarding the US Constitution and the Federalist Papers. He was a staunch supporter of the Constitution and helped in its creation and execution. He was also the primary author of the Federalist Papers, a classic commentary on principles of government and American constitutional law. When George Washington was elected president, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the United States' first Secretary of the Treasury. Hamilton is credited with the establishment of America's financial system and took great care in establishing America's credit at home and abroad. His opinions concerning the structure and function of the national bank were groundbreaking and are still the inspiration behind the English and German economic systems. Hamilton also established an American philosophy on foreign policy and influenced George Washington to assert a position of neutrality regarding the French Revolution.

Hamilton resigned from the treasury in 1795 but remained one of Washington's most trusted advisors. After returning to his New York law practice and serving in the military for two more years, Hamilton's Federalist Party became divided. Hamilton disagreed with many of the policies implemented by president John Adams and sought to control his policy as well as members of his cabinet. He wrote a seething letter denouncing Adams that was intended for private circulation. Vice President Aaron Burr, however, published the letter which was distributed to the public. Burr's actions stirred great anger in Hamilton, who promptly short-circuited Burr's political aspirations for president and governor. In the presidential election of 1800, in which Burr was campaigning, Hamilton persuaded the House of Representatives that Burr was untrustworthy and urged them to vote for Thomas Jefferson. He did the same when Burr lost the election for governor of New York.

Aaron Burr had finally had enough with Hamilton after this failure in New York. Burr challenged him to a duel on July 11, 1804. Burr won the duel and Hamilton died the next day from his wounds. Alexander Hamilton will always be remembered as one of America's greatest economic minds. He is immortalized on the United States ten-dollar bill. In recent years, his star has ascended again with the popular musical play "Hamilton" on Broadway.

#### **Program Highlights**

#### **Resident Council Meeting**

Tuesday, January 2 9:30 AM Dining Room

#### **Advisory Council Meeting**

Tuesday, January 16 10:00 AM Private Dining Room

#### **Activities Committee Meeting**

Thursday, January 18 3:45 PM Library

#### **Food Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 16 1:00 PM Private Dining Room

## **Program Highlights**

Thursday, January 4	2:30 PM	TV Room	Travelogue with Tom Kaufman
Tuesday, January 9	3:00 PM	REB	Communion
Thursday, January 11	11:00 AM	Gallery	Coffee and Donuts from Country Style
Thursday, January 11	7:00 PM	Dining Room	New Year's Dance with Phil Johnson and a Touch of Class
Friday, January 12	2:30 PM	TV Room	Exercise with Susan from Ageless Grace
Monday, January 15	2:00 PM	Dining Room	Employee of the Year and Service Awards Ceremony
Friday, January 19	2:00 PM	Multipurpose Room	Classic Movie Matinee
Tuesday, January 23	1:30 PM	Dining Room	Cooking Class
Thursday, January 25	2:30 PM	TV Room	Hot Apple Cider Social
Friday, January 26	2:30 PM	Dining Room	Meet and Greet Newcomers Social
Monday, January 29	2:30 PM	TV Room	Card Social
Tuesday, January 30	2:00 PM	TV Room	Denise is speaking on Advanced Directives

#### Entertainment

Friday, January 5 2:30 PM TV Room	Piano performance by Alekzander Courtney
Saturday, January 6 2:30 PM TV Room	Performance by 4 the Lord
Thursday, January 11 7:00 PM Dining Room	Phil Johnson and a Touch of Class perform for the New Year's Dance
Saturday, January 13 2:00 PM TV Room	Saxophone performance by David Hall
Monday, January 15 6:30 PM TV Room	Performance by Jane and Friends
Tuesday, January 16 2:30 PM TV Room	Vocal performance by Kevin Salyer
Friday, January 19 6:30 PM TV Room	Karaoke with Leon and Nancy Lee
Saturday, January 20 2:30 PM TV Room	Performance by the Caravan Family Traveling Band
Monday, January 22 2:30 PM TV Room	Performance by Lauren Tompkins and Guest
Saturday, January 27 2:30 PM TV Room	Vocal performance by Gina Romano

#### **Movies**



## Channel 2 and TV Room 6:00 PM





## Friday, January 5 "The Zookeepers Wife"

Historical movie about a zoo and its impact in working with the Resistance to save families



## Monday, January 8 "Working Girl"

A young secretary takes over her supervisor's job, unbeknownst to her, while she is recovering from an injury.



## Friday, January 12 "Made of Honour"

Tom loves his life until he has to be the Maid of Honor for his best friend Hannah. He hilariously puts up with the duties of his role while having his own agenda.



## Monday, January 22 "The Words"

A young writer has achieved all of his goals but has a secret that could jeopardize everything.



## Friday, January 26 "National Lampoon's Vacation"

The Griswold's are going on vacation and everything is about to go hysterically wrong.

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## **Trips and Outings**

Shopping Schedule	January 3	Walmart	
	January 10	Dollar General	
	January 17	White Oak Village	
	January 24	Walmart	
	January 31	Dollar General	9

Tuesday, January 2 11:15 AM	Lunch at Seafarer's Restaurant			
Friday, January 5 11:00 AM	Lunch at Olive Garden			
Monday, January 8 11:30 AM	Lunch at McDonald's			
Tuesday, January 9 10:30 AM	Trip to your neighborhood bank			
Tuesday, January 9 1:30 PM	Holocaust Museum			
Friday, January 12 10:30 AM	Virginia Museum and lunch			
Tuesday, January 16 11:00 AM	Trip to the War Memorial			
Thursday, January 18 11:00 AM	Lunch at Cheesecake Factory			
Monday, January 29 4:45 PM	Dinner at Calabash Seafood Restaurant			

#### Book Ends By Richard Neiswander

#### **Book of the Dead**

by Patricia Cornwell

I am back with Ms. Cornwell. I noticed this novel in the large print offerings and decided to see if she was as good as I remembered. I originally liked her novels because Kay Scarpetta was a coroner operating in Richmond, VA. I not only enjoyed the story but enjoyed following Kay around Richmond. I followed through at least 8 -10 stories which moved Kay to Florida. I found that several have since happened as Kay is now in Charleston, SC, where she has opened a private pathology lab.

But to the story. It gets as convoluted, as usual, perhaps even more than usual. It starts with Kay in Italy to consult on the murder of an American teen tennis star. Then moves back to Charleston where she receives the body of a young boy found in a swamp. The bodies start piling up [as usual] as a woman is ritually murdered in her home. They all seem to meet with a TV 'star' Dr Self, who gives advice to her guests. She is now in seclusion as she fears for her life. In the end, it all gets sorted out. A fantastic novel! Just as I expected from this author. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

#### Murder at the Opera A Capital Crimes Novel

by Margaret Truman

I have read other novels by the daughter of M Wor Bro Truman and enjoyed them. This was an added one to enjoy. The WNO [Washington National Opera] is in rehearsal for the spring presentation of 'Tosca.' Mackensie 'Mac' Smith is roped into being a supernumerarie in the opera by his wife Annabel who is on the committee arranging the Opera's annual fund-raising ball. On his first night of practice, the body of one of the promising soprano's is found.

Mac is currently teaching law but is retired from being a leading defense lawyer in the nation's capital. Knowing that many of the police are investigating and much about that type of crime, he becomes a central sounding board of the investigation. As the story unwinds, we find the soprano was also mixed up with a Muslim plot to assassinate several high officials. As usual, it ends well.

#### **Bad Company**

by Jack Higgins

I chose this book to try out an author I have not read before. It turned out to be an excellent choice. It was short in case it was not enjoyable [which it was] and the action was almost constant.

The story begins during the last days of WW II in Hitler's bunker in Berlin. Strumbahnfurer Baron Max von Berger is given Hitler's diary to protect and take out of the city. After the war, he uses information in it to tap the Nazi gold on deposit in Switzerland and thus become the head of a vast industrial empire. During this, his illegitimate son gets into the picture and the empire becomes more vicious, especially when supplying weapons to militant groups around the world.

Along comes a group of U S and British operatives who are trying to stop the arms deliveries. I seemed to look at the Baron as the good guy until the son starts taking over. But read the book. It tells of other secrets in the Hitler diary. Did they happen?

#### **In Memoriam**

### **Forever in Our Hearts**



Carolyn Allen
Betty Gillie
Jack Golightly, Sr.
Curtis Harver
Gloria Martin

#### **Notifications**

SAVE THE DATE 2018

Solstice Dinner—June 12 Tree Lighting Ceremony– November 26 Candlelight Dinner– December 11

#### **Notifications**

#### Weight and Blood Pressure Checks

Please bring your pendants with you.

B– Wing Tuesday, January 2 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM D Wing Recreation Room

C and D – Wing Wednesday, January 3 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM D Wing Recreation Room

#### Village Model Key

Should you wish to enter the Village Model home after hours or on the weekend, the key is located at the Care Center Nurses' Station.

#### Wanted

Front Desk Reception Volunteers Please contact Robyn in Activities at extension 77268.

#### Monthly Meeting with Meridian Lodge No. 284

Meridian Lodge No. 284 Monthly Meeting will be held on the 4th Monday each month in the Multipurpose Room at 12:00 PM. Meeting is open to ALL Master Masons.

Please come and join us!

#### **Notifications**



#### **New Year's Dance**

With entertainment by Phil Johnson and a Touch of Class

Thursday, January 11 7:00 PM Dining Room

Light Refreshments Served



## Employee of the Year and Service Awards

Monday, January 15 2:00 PM Dining Room



#### **Denise speaking on Advanced Directives**

Tuesday, January 30 2:00 PM TV Room

#### **Brain Fitness**

#### Sudoku Puzzle

Fill each row, column, and each of the nine 3 X 3 grids with the numbers 1-9.

The numbers 1-9 cannot be repeated in each row, column, and 3 x 3 grids.

Answer key is on page 12

5			6			2		
	8				7		1	3
	9	6				7		
6		4			1		2	5
				4				
1						4		
1 2 7		9		3		1		
7		9	9					
	6		1					

#### Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to the following residents who celebrate their birthdays:

**Employee Birthdays** 



Scan this QR image to go to the Masonic Home Website.

#### **Welcome New Residents**

#### Bernard and Ruth Blunt

Sudoku Answer Key

5	7	1	6	8	3	2	9	4
4	8	2	5	9	7	6	1	3
3	9	6	4	1	2	7	5	8
6	3	4	8	7	1	9	2	5
9	5	7	2	4	6	8	3	1
1	2	8	3	5	9	4	6	7
2	4	9	7	3	5	1	8	6
7	1	5	9	6	8	3	4	2
8	6	3	1	2	4	5	7	9

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