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Bob Lynn and *The Da Vinci Code*

Brother Bob Lynn, one of our newest members and a 50-year Mason, will speak on the book *The Da Vinci Code*, by Dan Brown, at our next communication on Tuesday, February 10.

This book has been on the New York Times best-seller lists for over eight months, has sold millions of copies and is considered one of the finest mysteries ever written. One reviewer says of the book, “Dan Brown has to be one of the best, smartest, and most accomplished writers in the country. *The Da Vinci Code* is many notches above the intelligent thriller; this is pure genius.”

From the fly-leaf: A mind-bending code hidden in the works of Leonardo da Vinci. A desperate race through the cathedrals and castles of Europe. An astonishing truth concealed for centuries...Unveiled at last.

Brother Lynn will tell us a bit about The Priory of Sion—a European secret society founded in 1099—a real organization. Some of its members were Sir Isaac Newton, Boticelli, Victor Hugo, and Leonardo da Vinci.

Learn about what the Holy Grail really represents, and also how the Knights Templar has been involved in keeping the secret documents of the Priory of Sion intact.

We will also learn about the Vatican prelature known as Opus Dei, a deeply devout Catholic sect that has been the topic of recent controversy due to reports of brain-washing, coercion, and a dangerous practice known as “corporal mortification.”

Opus Dei has just completed construction of a \$47 million National Headquarters at 243 Lexington Avenue in New York City.

WB Ben Johnson, shown above, lectures on Zell Miller’s new book *A National Party No More*, subtitled *The Conscience of a Conservative Democrat*. If you missed the last communication, you missed a fine presentation. Thanks, WB Johnson.

Update on the 5th District Lodge of Instruction—Sandy Springs Lodge won two awards at this gathering. We received recognition as the Lodge with the most officers attending, and also for the highest number of members attending. We learned how to do a better job of opening and closing the Lodge and conferring the degrees. Thanks to the dedication of our fine officers and members of the instruction staff.

The photo at right shows WB Floyd King speaking to WB Warren Danner, while WM John Keown is trying to hold the attention of the rest of the members. Floyd is trying to sell Kroger Gift Certificates to Warren, but Warren is telling him for the 20th time that he does not buy his groceries at Kroger.

But, many of you do trade at Kroger, so if you do, let Floyd sell you some of our Gift Certificates. You use them at face value and, while the present supply lasts, we get a big 10% commission.

