

April 15 - OSCAR SCOTT WOODY DAY

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLIFTON, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the sinking of the Titanic is documented in history as one of the greatest peacetime maritime disasters of that time, a terrible tragedy that claimed the lives of 1,517 people; and

WHEREAS, five sea post clerks were on board the ship, two of whom were American and three British; and

WHEREAS, sea post clerks of the era were experienced and skilled workers who sorted thousands of letters a day, often under difficult conditions; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Scott Woody, a resident of the Town of Clifton, Virginia and a member of Acacia Lodge No. 16, A.F. & A.M., was among those five clerks who spent their last moments of life struggling to save three-thousand-four-hundred-twenty-three sacks of registered mail by dragging them to the upper decks for safety, although the Titanic crew urged them to leave their work; and

WHEREAS, just moments earlier, Oscar Scott Woody had been happily celebrating his forty-fourth birthday with colleagues at the stern of the ship; and

WHEREAS, we remember postal workers like Oscar Scott Woody who commit themselves each day to deliver the mail through adverse conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Clifton Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 15 as “**OSCAR SCOTT WOODY DAY**” in the Town of Clifton, Virginia, and urge all citizens to recognize the contributions made by postal workers throughout history toward the advancement of western civilization.

Adopted April 7, 2009

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Clifton, Virginia.

[SEAL]

Thomas Peterson, Mayor