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| Walter O. Harrison, PM | 1950 |
| Jackie G. Glover | 1974 |
| Ivan R. Sumpter, PM | 1974 |
| Otto H. Keesling, Jr. | 1975 |
| Jimmy L. Clifton | 1977 |
| Joseph J. Milazzo | 1978 |
| George H. Baker | 1994 |
| Kevin L. Kelly, PM | 1995 |
| Charles A. Fritter, Jr. | 1996 |
| Daniel L. Cadwell | 1999 |
| Harry E. Arter | 2001 |
| Robert J. Moran | 2004 |

Happy Masonic Birthday!!!

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October's Mastery

Brethren,

Fall has arrived, and the Masonic year is winding down. Dress for this month's stated meeting is again formal for officers, and dark suits for members.

Thanks to your efforts, we have made tremendous progress towards the Hillman Award. Due to lead times, our submission to the Hillman Award has already been turned in, and I am extremely hopeful. However, the submission doesn't end our obligations. Our final fraternal visits are this month, with a visit to Herndon Lodge #264 being our last for the year.

The Grand Lodge is scheduled to meet on the first weekend in November, the 5th and 6th. If you haven't been and are interested in going, please let me know. I do recommend it, and it is the last thing we need to participate in for the Hillman Award.

We are also having our lodge picnic this month; Russ Banneck has graciously agreed to host it, if we provide the food and drinks. The picnic starts at 3:00; more details to come.

The Long Form Catechism School continues, but has mostly moved to Tuesday nights at 6:00, before Lodge activities. Saturday mornings remain available, but please let Kevin or Luis know if you wish to attend.

And our stated meeting this month will also see the final examination of Luis Pages for his Master Mason's Catechism, as well as a brief presentation on the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Finally, on Oct. 19th, we will be conferring 2 Master Mason degrees, starting at 7:00 pm. Please come support the lodge and our candidates on their most auspicious night.

Fraternally,

John F. Meehan

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2nd Masonic District Team

District Deputy Grand Master: Rt. Wor. James Cromer

District Instructor of Work: Chris C. Thompson, PM, PDDGM

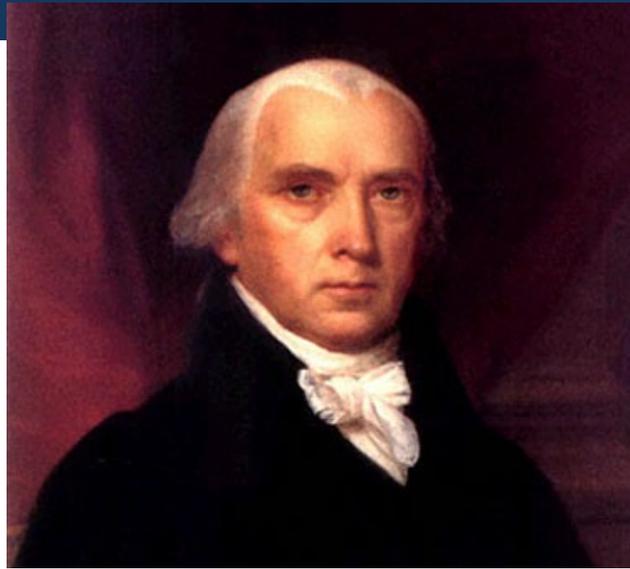
District Education Officer: Charles Maranto, PM

District Masonic Home Ambassador: John G. McWilliams

District Blood Coordinator: Richard Earl Belles, PDDGM

District Membership Coordinator: Russ Baneck, PM

District Services Coordinator: Luis Pages, PM, PDDGM



James Madison

"A pure democracy is a society consisting of a small number of citizens, who assemble and administer the government in person."
- James Madison

Calendar of Events

October

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| First Friday – 10/1 | Fraternal Visit to Freedom Lodge #118 | 8:00 pm |
| First Monday – 10/4 | Fraternal Visit to Oliver Branch #114 | 8:00 pm |
| First Tuesday – 10/5 | Lodge Practice | 7:30 pm |
| Second Tuesday – 10/12 | 7:30 pm Stated Meeting | Master Mason's Catechism |
| | 6:45 pm Dinner & Fellowship | |
| Third Monday – 10/18 | Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge #264 | 7:30 pm |
| Third Tuesday – 10/19 | 2 Master Mason Degrees | 7:00 pm |
| Third Saturday – 10/23 | Lodge Picnic | 3:00 pm |
| Fourth Tuesday – 10/26 | Lodge Practice | 7:30 pm |
| Fourth Wednesday – 10/27 | District School @ Ashburn | 7:30 pm |



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