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Masonic Birthdays for January

Gregg Schwarz, PM	1984
Paul Turner	1988
John Meehan, WM	1999

Happy Masonic Birthday!!!



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A New Year

Brethren,

Many of you have asked me, what can we expect, what are you planning, for the new year? The answer is "more of the same, and more." The theme is "Spreading the Cement".

In 2010, we began and continued a number of new activities for the lodge, and achieved a number of milestones. This year, I plan to build on those achievements. We will once again be striving for the Hillman Award, which means a lot of fraternal visits, including a number of interesting ones, just like last year. We'll also be continuing our involvement with the Good Shepherd Alliance, and renewing our involvement with Christmas in April.

The "and more" is reflected in the theme; we have a number of appendant bodies that are starting up here at Ashburn-Sterling (including Royal Arch and Demolay Chapters), and I'd like to see us involved with even more. I'd also like to see us more involved with our community – we took the first steps last year with the Community Builder's Award, but there's still a lot more we can do. Finally, there are a number of physical improvements we've discussed as a lodge, some purely necessary and others purely

cosmetic. It's time to get some of those done as well. All of those activities are going to take your involvement, both in planning and carrying it out. But we did it last year under pressure; this year we can do better, knowing what's involved.

We have a few degrees coming up this month, both times to be announced. There is also a fraternal visit planned to St John's Lodge in Carlisle, PA on the 3rd Thursday (the 20th) of this month.

Also, next month (February), our stated meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday, the 15th, instead of the 2nd Tuesday (the 8th), to accommodate the needs of our new Royal Arch Chapter.

Fraternally,

John F. Meehan

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District Masonic Home

Ambassador:

John G. McWilliams

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Richard Earl Belles, PDDGM

District Membership

Coordinator: Russ Baneck,
PM

District Services

Coordinator: Luis Pages,
PM, PDDGM



Benjamin Franklin

"Be always at war
with your vices, at
peace with your
neighbors, and let
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you a better man."

~Benjamin
Franklin

Calendar of Events

January

First Tuesday – 1/4

Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

Fellowcraft Practice 7:30 pm

Second Tuesday – 1/11

Dinner & Fellowship 6:45 pm

Stated Meeting 7:30 pm

Third Tuesday – 1/18

Fellowcraft Degree (to be confirmed) 7:30 pm

Fourth Saturday – 1/22

Game Day Fundraiser 10:00 am until ?

Fourth Tuesday – 1/25

Lodge Practice (EA Degree) 7:30 pm

Fourth Wednesday – 1/26

District School 7:30 pm



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