

# April 2012

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Apr 10 7:00pm Called Communication for EA  
Catechism  
Apr 10 7:30pm Stated Meeting (Dinner @ 6:30)  
Apr 17 7:00pm Lodge School & EA Catechism  
Apr 24 7:00pm Lodge School & EA Catechism  
Apr 26 7:00pm Dist. Sch. @ Hamilton-Thompson  
Note New Day (Thur)  
May 5 8:00am Lovettesville Blood Drive - Contact  
BrooksPJBE@aol.com for info.

Saturdays - 8:30am Catechism & Ritual Work as needed

## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

March was a busy month. The Ken Shelton School of Instruction was held at Hamilton-Thompson and the district was well represented. The Division Leadership Conference was held at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple where the Grand Line met with their counterparts and discussed plans for the upcoming years. Particular focus was placed on the declining membership in our Fraternity. At the District School - Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT) was presented by our own District Education Officer, Wor. Charles Maranto.

The shirt order is in - Wor. Gregg Schwarz has them, please contact him to pay for and pick up your order. There were a few extra shirts ordered to so if you have interest please ask him about those and let him know if you want to be in on the next order. These are nice shirts and because they do not have any particular lodge designation on them are suitable for all.

We will continue to be busy in April and our stated communication on April 10th will be a busy one too. If you look closely at the schedule of events for April 10th, you will see that we have a called communication at 7pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30, Pizza, we will then open the EA Lodge @ 7pm for EA Catechism. We will then open the Master Mason's Lodge at 7:30pm to conduct business and then we will conduct a Fellowcraft Degree.

Appointments are being taken for the Blood Drive to be held on May 5 from 8 until 2 at the Game Club in Lovettesville. Bring your friends, family and neighbors to this important community event. Contact BrooksPJBE@aol.com with your contact information and desired time slot for your donation. Other activities for that day include the Lions Club Vision / Hearing van, Child ID (CHIP), and live music by Appalachian Ambiance providing music to give blood by. Come out to help or just enjoy the fellowship of the day.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do.

Fraternally,

Kevin Harp

Be sure to keep up to date with Lodge news at our web site, <http://www.ashburnsterling288.org>. If you have anything to post, please pass it on to me.

## APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Baker, Paul L.	1982
Baker, Scott M	2001
Baneck, Wor. Russell L.	1982
Bennett, William B., Jr.	2007
Cogdill, Terrence R.	2002
Feely, Wor Thomas D.	1976
Fleming, Darrell R.	1957
Hansen, Wendell D.	1963
Harris, Philip M.	2007
Lang, David Thomas	2003
McWilliams, John G. III	2008
Schwarz, Jeffrey J.	2007
Smith, George L.	1948
Spindle, Robert L.	1953
Wailles, RW John W.	1981

## On the Level

All Freemasons are Brothers who meet on the same level, regardless of their social or economic status outside the lodge. Princes, presidents, and captains of business are no better or more important than bus drivers, plumbers, and paper boys when they sit in the lodge together. Masonry does not detract from a man's accomplishments, nor does it exalt him above his Brothers because of his position outside the lodge.

## The Masonic Trowel

... is used to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention or rather emulation of who can best work or best agree ...

## IF

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too:  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same:  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss:  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much:  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

-- Brother Rudyard Kipling, 1895

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Stated Communications  
 2nd Tuesday - 7:30pm

## COMMITTEES

Ritualist (LIW) S. Kevin Harp  
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 WEB SITE AT:  
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Ashburn #288	Chartered	1906
Sterling #268	Chartered	1971
Ashburn-Sterling #288	Chartered	1997

## TRUSTEES

Thomas Duane Feeley  
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## MASONIC DISTRICT # 2

### MASONIC LODGES

<u>LODGE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MASTER</u>
Ashburn Sterling 288	Ashburn	S. Kevin Harp
Freedom 118	Lovettsville	Phillip B. Brooks
Hamilton-Thompson 37	Purcellville	Joseph L. Ray
Olive Branch 114	Leesburg	Kevin Homan

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Walter Olden Harrison PDDGM  
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 Thomas Earl Krouse PDDGM  
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