

FEBRUARY 2012

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Feb 02 7:30pm EA Catechism
Feb 04 8:30am EA Catechism and Other
Feb 07 7:30am EA Degree
Feb 11 8:30am EA Catechism and Other
Feb 14 7:30pm Stated (Rec. DDGM) (Dinner @ 6:30)
Feb 18 8:30am EA Catechism and Other
Feb 21 7:30pm Lodge Practice and Catechism
Feb 23 7:30pm District School @ TBD, Ck New Day
Feb 25 8:30am Lodge School (EA, Open & Closing)
Feb 28 7:30pm Lodge Practice and Catechism

FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

We continue to be busy continuing the traditions of Masonry in Virginia.

On January 7th we earned credit for an official visit to Winchester Hiram Lodge for the Grand Master's official visit to Districts 2,3 and 4.

On January 28th, our Senior Warden, Gregg Schwarz, and I attended the Masters and Wardens Breakfast at KENA Shrine and represented the 2nd Masonic District. This was a great morning of fellowship to meet and consult with the fine men who represent Masonry in our area. We had a nice breakfast, a presentation on Shriners Hospitals by the illustrious Sir, Danny Levin, Past Potentate of KENA, the Virginia Child ID program by Worshipful Harold Chadsey, PM, who is the representative for District 2 (and others), and the guest speaker was Most Worshipful Sir John Quinley, Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia (2005). This was a great presentation and I highly recommend that all future Masters and Wardens make it a point to attend.

January 31 we will conduct practice (7:30) for the Entered Apprentice degree planned for February 7th at 7:30. All are invited. Master Masons please bring all EA's and FC's who are working or from other lodges who would like to visit and observe.

At our February 14th Stated meeting, we will receive Right Worshipful Gary L. Williams - District Deputy Grand Master for the 2nd Masonic District - as he makes his official visit to Ashburn - Sterling Lodge.

I also received a communication from Chrissy

Gier, the Activities Coordinator of the Ashburn Farm Association, requesting our participation again this year in the Child ID Program at their event. I have sent information to several of you and I invite anyone who is interested in participating this year to contact me. We need all the help we can get to put this on correctly.

Also, note that the monthly district school has changed to 4th Thursday. Check the Lodge calendar for location. We will also send an email out a few days prior as a reminder.

Please check the calendar and list of events for activities this month. Keep informed.

Brethren, continuing with my theme this year of "Participation", I strongly invite, encourage, and exhort you to participate in learning the Catechisms and other Masonic ritual. You should consider it a duty. Please contact me individually and I will be happy to guide you along your journey.

Fraternally,
Kevin Harp

FROM THE WEST

As the new Senior Warden, I have a few ideas which may be of interest to you. Most of the organizations I belong to gain most of their strength from a variety of means. One is by recognition or sight. They all wear the same shirts or uniforms. In Lodge, we might each have a polo shirt with the square and compass and Lodge name embroidered on the front. I found the shirt became a bond and one to build brotherhood and attendance upon. I hope you agree. So please think of a color in which you would like to see these shirts produced.

Also I have approached the WM and discussed some events which I have been involved in during my affiliation with my Lodge in Michigan. Meeting for St. Patrick's Day, picnics, helping out some of our brothers in need, going to Annapolis and the racetracks in the area for fun and excitement. Also inviting spouses and friends to Lodge dinners. We cook and they enjoy and get to know each other. Please think of events you would like to attend and contact me at scoutergs@aol.com

I, along with Jason Matchett, are setting up degree teams which will consist of brothers who will know one particular part of the degree work. Just in case one brother can't make the degree then we have several who can fill in. Be thinking of the part you would like to have. Don't everyone contact me at once.

Fraternally,
Brother Gregg

THE GRAND MASTER'S VISIT

Nine of our brethren traveled in the luxury of Wor. Bro. Buckler's van to Hiram Lodge #21 in Winchester on 7 January to support the Grand Master, Most Worshipful **William Talbott Ellison Jr.** and our Worshipful Master in the Grand Master's official visit to Masonic Districts 2, 3 and 4. It was a most interesting and entertaining afternoon affair, which permitted the brethren to return back to the Lodge parking lot before dark. The Ashburn-Sterling #288 attendees were, in alphabetical order:

Wor. Bro. **Bill Buckler**
Bro. **Martin Gruszka**
Wor. Master **Kevin Harp**
Rt. Wor. Bro. **Thomas Krouse**
Wor. Bro. **Charles Maranto**
Bro. **Roger Payne**
Wor. Bro. **Gregory Schwarz**
Bro. **Colin Schwarz**
EA Bro. **Vince Williams**

IN GOOD STANDING

Brethren, remember your Lodge and *Good Standing*. Your dues are \$99.00 and were due on 1 January 2012 A.D. (6012 A.L.) and when paid you are in Good Standing.

This is not a stutter-step, though it appeared in the January Trestleboard; but an attempt to remind those brethren who might have forgotten one of their obligations. SNPD stands for "Suspended for non-payment of dues"; an ugly situation in which you should not prefer to be.

FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to our February babies:

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|------------------------|------|
| Bowers, Bernard Lee | 1963 |
| Stuart, Richard H. | 1977 |
| Mason, Douglas Randall | 2009 |
| Matchett, Jason Daniel | 2010 |

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Stated Communications
 2nd Tuesday - 7:30pm

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| Sterling #268 | Chartered | 1971 |
| Ashburn-Sterling #288 | Chartered | 1997 |

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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

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| Kenneth Overbay Shelton Sr. | PDDGM |
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