

JANUARY 2012

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

03 Jan 7:30pm Lodge School (Officers & Candidates)
07 Jan 2:30pm GM Visits Winchester (Dist 2,3 &4)
10 Jan 7:30pm Stated Meeting (Dinner @ 6:30)
17 Jan 7:30pm Lodge School (EA, Open & Closing)
24 Jan 7:30pm Lodge School (EA, Open & Closing)
25 Jan 7:30pm Dist. School @ Olive Branch
31 Jan 7:30pm Lodge School (EA, Open & Closing)

Contact W.M. for special instruction at 8:30, Saturdays!

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to, once again, serve as Worshipful Master of Ashburn-Sterling #288. I consider it a great honor and will do my best to uphold the highest traditions of the craft. I enter the EAST with great anticipation and expectations for a very rewarding year for us all.

My heartfelt thanks go to Worshipful Brother Meehan for his past two years of service as Worshipful Master. Be sure to thank him - he is a credit to Masonry in general and our Lodge in particular.

I would also like to thank Right Worshipful W. O. Harrison for his outstanding performance for Installation of Officers.

My goal for this year is simple to state and can be summed up in one word: Participation. A healthy Lodge requires help from ALL members. Everything I have to say on this subject would take up more space than I have on this page; but, in short, everyone is needed, look for your way to contribute. I would also challenge the Brethren who are not local to our area anymore. You are still a member of this Lodge and we value your input. You can participate by email, perhaps provide some Lodge history, some suggestions and content for the web-site, or some Masonic history. Please contact me with your ideas.

In order to keep expenses low, I would like as many Brethren as possible to view the Trestleboard via the web-site, www.AshburnSterling288.org, or email. If you do not have electronic access, please send the secretary a short note and we will continue to mail it to you. Also, if you are

not receiving email and want to, please send your email address to: info@ashburnsterling288.org and we will get you on the distribution list.

Finally, Brethren, I intend for us to be busy this year learning ritual, teaching catechism, and continuing fellowship among ourselves and with other Lodges in our district and surrounding area., as well as contributions to the community as we have in the past.

Fraternally,
Kevin Harp

GRAND MASTER VISITS THE DISTRICTS

The Most Worshipful William Talbott Ellison, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, will make his official visit to Masonic Districts, 2, 3, and 4 at Hiram Lodge #21 in Winchester, VA on 7 January, 2012. Come, enjoy the Grand Masters message and the company of some very good masons for the dinner fee of only \$10.00 and you will see one of the most beautiful Lodges in existence. It's the oldest US Lodge west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The tiled Lodge opens at 2:00pm. See you there!

JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our January babies:

Meehan, John Franklin	PM	1999
Schwarz, Gregory Homer	PM	1984
Turner, Paul Edward		1988

THE WAGES OF A MASON

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another. Sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness ----- and these are the wages of a Mason

(Taken from The Maryland Master Mason Handbook)

IN GOOD STANDING

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

THOUGHTS

There's been so much in the media recently about the strike and lockout of the poor NBA players and owners that an old poem came to mind!

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

*How good it is that GOD above
Has never gone on strike.
Because he was not treated fair
In things he didn't like.
If only once he'd given up
and said, "That's it, I'm through!
I've had enough of those on earth,
So this is what I'll do.
I'll give my orders to the sun -
Cut off the heat supply!
And to the moon, give no more light
And run the oceans dry!
Then just to make things really tough,
And put the pressure on,
Turn off the vital oxygen
Til every breath is gone."
You know He would be justified
If fairness was the game.
For no one has been more abused
or met with more disdain
Than GOD, and yet He carries on
Supplying you and me
With all the favors of His grace,
And every thing for free.
Men say they want a better deal
And so, on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given GOD,
to whom all things we owe.
We don't seem to care whom we hurt
to gain the things we like;
But what a mess we'd all be in,
If GOD should go on strike.*

Anonymous.

Remember my brothers, **YOU ARE SOMEONE'S PERCEPTION OF MASONRY!**

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COMMITTEES

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Kenneth Overbay Shelton Sr.	PDDGM
Richard Henry Stuart	PM
John William Wailes	PDDGM



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Stated Communications
 2nd Tuesday - 7:30pm

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 WEB SITE AT:
www.AshburnSterling288.org

Ashburn #288	Chartered	1906
Sterling #268	Chartered	1971
Ashburn-Sterling #288	Chartered	1997

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

DISTRICT OFFICERS

DDGM	Rt. Wor. GARY LEE WILLIAMS	
DIW	Christopher C. Thompson	PDDGM
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