

TRESTLE BOARD

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ASHBURN-STERLING #288 MASONIC LODGE

December 2013

Special points of interest:

- Dec 14th—Open Installation of Officers
- We have a Facebook Page!



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

Well, the time has come for me to produce the last Trestle board and turn this great and important position over to a much younger man. Serving as your Master has been a true honor. To watch the Lodge transform and ignite into an organization of unending possibilities was an extraordinary experience.

After the year began the acquisition of lodge shirts became the priority. They provided a signal to the rest of the world that we are proud to be Masons. My thought was to attempt to establish a new bond signaling a new path for a more progressive brotherhood. It worked, as was evi-

denced by the turnout at bowling night in January. Inviting the other District 2 brothers provided the opportunity to meet and establish new friendships for us all. I do hope this display of unity is continued.

We continued by having one social activity per month for several months. Bowling night, the visit from Ben Franklin, game night at my home, the St. Patrick's Day gathering, District picnic, visitation to the Lodge of Research, and the trip to Delmar, DE, and this past weekend the recognition of Eagle Scouts by our Lodge were but a few. We have changed the manner in which we perform our banking moving into the electronic age.

We have actually fixed the siding issue, obtained a new oil tank, placed new lights throughout the temple, painted the dining room, purchased new chairs and tables, and installed a new floor. In the basement we have built new storage bins for the brothers creating a new stream of income for the lodge. We have acquired Ashburn Sterling 288 lodge lapel pins. By the end of the year we will have a system of outside lighting which should help us during the evening hours. For most Lodges accomplishing any one of the above items is considered progressive. This has all been due to your devotion and dedication. I could start to recognize all who were responsible for the above but would fail when trying to describe the

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

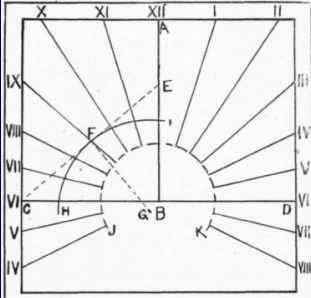
- **Installation of Officers—December 14th, 2013, 2:00PM**

The installation of the 2014 officers will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 2:00pm in Ashburn-Sterling Lodge. It will be an open installation, so please bring your family and friends and join us in welcoming our new team. A dessert reception will follow the ceremony.



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2nd Tuesday - 7:30PM



FROM THE EAST cont.

time, effort, personal expense, and dedication that so many of you displayed. Your lodge brothers owe you a huge thank you.

I have been fortunate to have known some outstanding Masons who have dropped the working tools of life this past year. I have watched as some of you have transformed the infection of the Masonic experience into a way of life. To see so many of you laughing and enjoying the company of one another which gives your life balance was a real treat. I thank you for providing me that brotherhood.

There were many of you this year who for whatever reason chose not to attend functions or meetings.

I ask that you re-examine your dedication to your Lodge. It is your Lodge. I realize that for so many years the fraternity, more especially in Virginia, has been anchored by the tradition of silence and conservatism but I feel that is changing at Ashburn Sterling. I hope you do not allow these non productive thoughts to continue their destructive paths. Just examine the results they have had over the last ten years on membership. Also, I have noticed

that the brothers who are most admired are the ones who give their opinions when asked and not jump up to interject based on some past title. I know as your Master I valued those Masons the most.

In closing, thanks for everything above. For those of you whom are the lodge, you mean the world to me and I will never forget this great experience.

Gregg Schwarz

Worshipful Master

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- Thomas D. Feeley, PM
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