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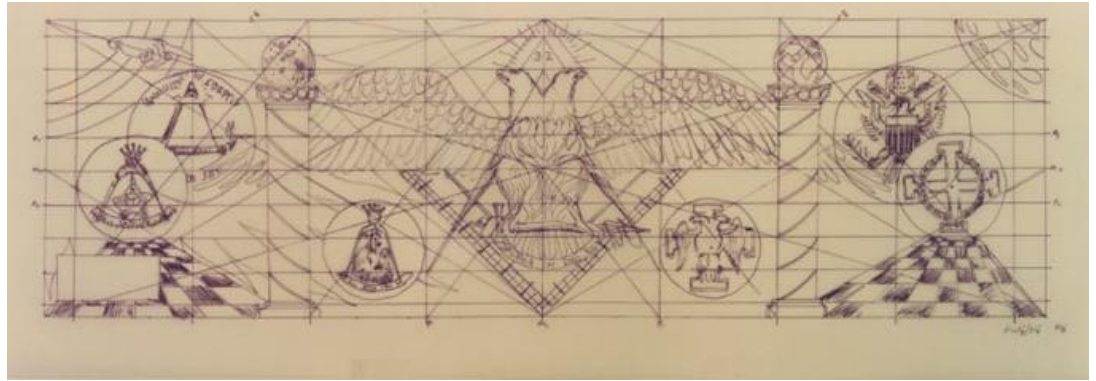
Jan-Feb 2013

Special points of interest:

- Check our Calendar of Events
- Dinner at 6:30pm before the Stated Meetings
- We have a Facebook Page!
- Check your mailbox for 2013 dues notices

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FROM THE EAST

Happy New Year!

As your new Master I want you to know what an honor it is to sit in the East. It was 25 years ago when I last served as Master in another state but will always remember the lessons and total enjoyment I was able to experience. Due to that year I have maintained lifelong brothers and friends who still stay in touch.

Ashburn Sterling 288 has a wonderful reputation thanks to the many dedicated brothers who have served it well in the past. I want to thank them for their dedication and tireless effort they have displayed.

As we proceed into 2013 I have requested that several committees be formed in order that the business of a well governed lodge may occur. I believe that members enjoy the lodge most when they are involved and participate and abandon some of the attitudes that exist in many voluntary organizations. I have served as Chairman for several organizations most of which have been voluntary groups. In all cases I have observed negative attitudes and behaviors, some of which are as follows:

- I will attend the meetings based on my personal desire and only if I have nothing else to do.

- I will take from the organization and actually give nothing in return. While I'm there I will enjoy myself but will never volunteer to serve in any way.
- Serving the group is for the officers and wardens who do not need my help. They volunteered, so let them do it.
- I will continue to pay my dues in case one day I desire more from the organization. While I do believe in the mission, I'm not going to step forward.

So, have I described someone you know?

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **Bowling Night—Jan 21, 2013 6:00PM**

For this month we will be enjoying a night of fellowship with our other District 2 Lodges on January 21, 2013 at Village Lanes Bowling Center, 49 Catocin Circle SE, Leesburg, Va. 20175. I have sent a letter to our brother Lodges to present themselves between 5:30 and 5:45pm to register, with bowling to begin promptly at 6:00pm. There will be four to a team and a lodge may enter as many teams as possible. Prizes will be distributed for the best team score and for personal best. All lodges have responded that they will be there. To ensure arrival I will purchase the first round of refreshment from 5:45 to 6:00. Beginning at 6:00 you are all on your own. They have a grill so food is available upon your request. Monday night was the only night available so come and enjoy. Please RSVP by 1/17 to EVENTS@AshburnSterling288.org

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FROM THE WEST

New Years traditions often include making resolutions to improve some aspect of our life; New Year = New Habits.

Since "Being More Active" is a common resolution, I'd like you to consider adopting it as one of your own (Masonically, of course).

Wor. Gregg has plans for several social engagements and has identified committees in need of participation, but you don't have to play

well with others to be a more active mason. Masonry is as much an individual experience as it is a social one.

There is a plethora of masonic papers available online yearning to be digested and there are far more disparate resources available waiting to be compiled. **Activate your intellect!** Read a paper or research your own. Don't know how to begin? Pick a symbol in Masonry and write down what it means to

you. Then begin to research the symbolism and see where it leads you. A journey awaits!

If you find something worthy of sharing or publish your own, contact me! We are planning programs to present in lodge at each stated. Better yet, come and listen!

One of the mysteries of Freemasonry is the number of mysteries left to uncover. There are so many opportunities for enlightenment.

Jason Matchett, SW

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."

Benjamin Franklin

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES continued

- **Benjamin Franklin Visits Ashburn-Sterling Lodge—Feb 19, 1788**

On Feb 19, 1788, Ashburn-Sterling Lodge will be holding a meeting to discuss current events, such as the recent drafting of independence documents. We have been advised that a traveling statesman from Philadelphia will be in the area and might possibly stop by the lodge. You are all invited to attend this function, which begins promptly at 7:00pm.

The above event should be utilized by members of the Ashburn-Sterling Lodge to invite friends, family, and potential masons. It will be our February event and should be extremely interesting.

Desserts to follow.

Please RSVP BY 2/18 to EVENTS@AshburnSterling288.org

MASONIC MILESTONES

January:

John F. Meehan, PM—14 years

Gregg H. Schwarz, PM—29 years

Paul E. Turner—25 years

February:

Bernard L. Powers—50 years

Doug R. Mason—4 years

Jason D. Matchett—3 years

Richard H. Stuart, PM—36 years

FROM THE EAST continued

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I hope not, but you know I have. Of course these do not apply to everyone, as many of our brethren truly want to attend, but for legitimate reasons cannot participate. This is understood by all. However, I ask all of you to carefully consider if any of the above mentioned attitudes could apply to you.

I'm urging all brothers who live in our area to re engage in this great adventure we call Masonry. Since joining this lodge, and participating, I have come to know more good men than I can count. While each brother is very different in their own way, they all add to our lodge.

Going to the meetings and having the opportunity to share stories, laugh, joke, jest, and share food and drink is what this is all about. As a member I challenge you to pick a committee and participate. Come to the meetings where we will focus on program and brotherhood. Paying the bills and reading the minutes is a necessity but

so is program and fun. You will find the business will move right along.

The Committees and Chairpersons are as follows:

Investigative: Perform investigations of potential members and report. Chair: Jason Matchett

Property/Grounds: Maintain and improve physical property. Chair: David Weese

Program: Programs in and out of Lodge. Chair: Wor. John Meehan

Candidate Education: Mentorship for advancement of candidates. Chair: Wor. Kevin Harp

Activities: Social events of the Lodge. Chair: Ray Bacchus

Communications: All forms email, phone tree, Facebook, websites, Trestleboard. Chair: Jason Matchett and Martin Gruszka

Historical: Restore and update the history of the Lodge sending the publication to Grand Lodge. Chairman to be announced.

Stewards: Providing the meals and cleaning of the Lodge. Chair: Right Wor. Russ Banneck

Welfare: Liaison to the sick or distressed. Chair: Terry Cogdill

These are but a few of the committees needed to promote the general welfare of the Lodge. They are very important and I know each of you will reach out to one of them and help. I also wish to engage in special projects over the year. These will be announced as the year progresses.

This electronic Trestleboard will come to you once per month. This first one will be improved along the way so be patient and enjoy. We will send a bi-monthly Trestleboard in snail mail covering two months at a time. Enjoy that also.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Gregg Schwarz, WM

*"Remember not only
to say the right thing
in the right place, but
far more difficult still,
to leave unsaid the
wrong thing at the
tempting moment." ~*

Benjamin Franklin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 4, 2013** Grand Master's Official Visit Districts 2 and 4 (Patriot Lodge)
Tickets can be purchased <http://www.thepatriotlodge.org/gmov>
- Jan 8, 2013** Ashburn-Sterling #288 Stated Communications
- Jan 9, 2013** Demolay Chapter
- Jan 21, 2013** Bowling Night, 5:30PM @ Villages Lanes
- Jan 23, 2013** Demolay Chapter
- Jan 23, 2013** District 2 Ritual School (Hamilton-Thompson #37)
- Jan 24, 2013** Piedmont Commandery #26 Stated Conclave
- Jan 28, 2013** Potomac Royal Arch #88 Stated Communications
- Feb 12, 2013** Ashburn-Sterling #288 Stated Communications
- Feb 13, 2013** Demolay Chapter
- Feb 19, 2013** Benjamin Franklin Presentation 7PM (OPEN EVENT)
- Feb 25, 2013** Potomac Royal Arch #88 Stated Communications
- Feb 27, 2013** Demolay Chapter
- Feb 27, 2013** District 2 Ritual School (Olive Branch #114)
- Feb 28, 2013** Piedmont Commandery #26 Stated Conclave



Bowling Night—1/21
Village Lanes
49 Catocin Circle SE,
Leesburg, Va. 20175



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Stated Communication
 2nd Tuesday - 7:30PM

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