

TRESTLE BOARD

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ASHBURN-STERLING #288 MASONIC LODGE

Jan-Feb 2013

Special points of interest:

- **March Stated is the Official Visit of the DDGM. Dinner at 6:30pm catered by Bonefish Grill!**
- **Check our Calendar of Events**
- **We have a Facebook Page!**
- **Check your mailbox for 2013 dues notices**
- **May 18th—District Picnic**

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

As we enter the spring time of our year I want to extend my appreciation for your hard work and participation in meetings and social events. Through these I have come to know many of your families and friends. Our bowling night in January and the visit from Ben Franklin in February have resulted in many new friendships and a rise in participation. As you know in March we will be enjoying a St. Patrick's Day celebration designed to include the wives and friends. In April, we will have fun at a game night to

be held at my home. This event is for just the brothers you can refer to the important date's column for the exact dates and details.

Our Lodge has made great strides in many areas of improvement for the overall benefit of the members. We have secured new tables for the dining room, and included some new cabinetry for members of DeMolay and Rainbow girls. Royal Arch and the Commandry have also joined our ranks. We do so enjoy seeing the Lodge being used to its full potential. Should you have additional suggestions please contact me. As

always I encourage you to note the upcoming events, attend your lodge, enjoy the degrees, and meet new Masons as they embark on their journey through the Masonic experience. Once again, I encourage you to refer to the important date's section of this Trestleboard for your review. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Gregg Schwarz

Worshipful Master

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **Special Fraternal Visit to Brunswick Lodge —Mar 13, 2013 6:30PM**

The brothers of Brunswick Lodge in New Brunswick, MD are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Worshipful Master (yes, he's been WM for 20 straight years). Caravans are leaving Ashburn lodge at 5:15 and Lovettsville at 6:10. PS—It's a surprise party!

- **St. Patrick's Day Social —Mar 16, 2013 6:00PM**

For this month we will be enjoying an evening of social discourse and libations at O'Faolain's **Irish Bar and Restaurant**, located at 20921 Davenport Dr Sterling, VA 20165. Bring your significant other, order up some food and drinks and help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day! **Please RSVP by 3/15 to EVENTS@AshburnSterling288.org**

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FROM THE WEST

A Master's Wages.

As I travel this journey of freemasonry, I find very few things that are happenstance, very few accidents. It seems that every step, turn, connection, reference, symbolism is deliberate.

From the West I have spoken the words "receive master's wages" but don't know to what they elude.

An oversight, perhaps, that I have not yet been instructed? Not like-

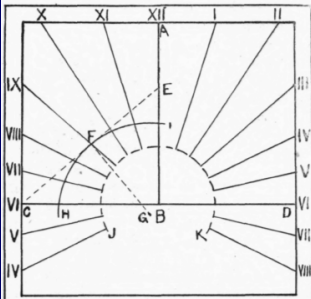
ly.

Clearly the wages are not gold or silver. They are not awards or recognitions for good deeds or special parking spots, but they are the benefits of the relationships built on the tenants of freemasonry. They are the friendly social intercourse, the laughs laughed, and the grips shared between known and unknown brothers. They are the friendships that extend beyond the walls of the physi-

cal lodge, the good council whispered in our ears, and the steadfast knowledge that our brothers will hasten to our rescue or offer relief to our widows and orphans. A Master's wages are getting to be a part of something bigger; being called "Brother."

Here's to not travelling on this broad level of time alone...

Jason Matchett, SW



MASONIC MILESTONES

March:

John H. Mailander, Jr, PM—37yrs

S. Kevin Harp, PM—22yrs

Edward R. Oates—21yrs

W. Chris Fletcher—4yrs

Daniel W. Sisco—4yrs

Martin Z. Gruszka—2yrs

April:

George L. Smith—65yrs

Robert L. Spindle, PM—60yrs

Darrell R. Fleming, PM—56yrs

Wendell D. Hansen—50yrs

Thomas D. Feely, PM—37yrs

John W. Wailes, PDDGM—32yrs

Russell L. Baneck, PDDGM—31yrs

Paul L. Baker, PM—31yrs

Scott M. Baker—12yrs

Terrence R. Cogdill—11yrs

David T. Lang—10yrs

William B. Bennett, Jr—6yrs

Philip M. Harris—6yrs

Jeffrey J. Schwarz—6yrs

John G. McWilliams III—5yrs

ACTIVITIES continued

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- **A. Douglas Smith Research Lodge and Tour of GW National Masonic Memorial —Mar 30, 2013 10:00AM**

While only Master Masons may attend the research lodge, the tour will be open to Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, candidates, and families. The tour will be followed by a lunch at Union Street Pub. A. Douglas Smith opens at 10:00 a.m., the tour begins at 12:30 p.m., and lunch will be at 2:30 p.m.

- **Game Night —Apr 16, 2013 7:00PM**

Wor. Gregg Schwarz has invited all Masons to his house for a night of "friendly competition." Representatives from the finest lodges in the district will compete in games such as Parcheesi, Billiards, Darts, Putting, Poker, and whatever else we can come up with. Please RSVP by 4/10 to EVENTS@AshburnSterling288.org

"In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute."

Thurgood Marshall

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Freedom #118 Fellowship@7pm Stated@8pm	2
3 Ashburn-Sterling Rainbow Assembly Fellowship@6pm Meeting@7pm	4 Olive Branch #114 Fellowship@7pm Stated@8pm	5	6	7	8	9 Ken Shelton School @830am Freedom Lodge
10	11	12 Ashburn-Sterling #288 Fellowship@630pm Stated@730pm	13 Fraternal Visit to Brunswick Ashburn-Sterling Demolay @8pm	14 Piedmont #26 Ritual Practice @7pm	15	16 O'Faolains Social @6PM
17 Ashburn-Sterling Rainbow Assembly Fellowship@6pm Meeting@7pm	18	19 Ashburn #288 EA Degree @ 7pm	20	21 Hamilton-Thompson#37 Fellowship@630pm Stated@730pm	22	23
24	25 Potomac RAC #88 Fellowship@630pm Stated@730pm	26 Ashburn #288 FC Practice @ 7pm	27 District School @7pm Hamilton- Thompson Ashburn-Sterling Demolay @8pm	28 Piedmont #26 Fellowship@630pm Stated@730pm	29	30 A. Douglas Smith & GW National Memorial Trip
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28	29	30				

*"Don't part with
your illusions.
When they are
gone, you may still
exist, but you have
ceased to live."
Mark Twain*



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