

TRESTLE BOARD

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ASHBURN-STERLING #288 MASONIC LODGE

April 2014

Special points of interest:

- April Stated 4/9
- Spring Cleaning 4/19
- Grand Master's Official Visit 5/9
- Freedom Lodge Blood Drive 5/10



FROM THE EAST

SEVEN

From Vegas to astronomy, the number seven has long been considered a “lucky” number. Seven planets, seven chakras, seven wonders of the ancient world, seven colors in the rainbow, seven notes in the heptatonic scale, but what significance does seven have in masonry?

“For in six days God created the Heavens and the earth, and on the seventh He rested.” Exo 20:11. How many liberal arts & sciences are there? How many basic metals

are there in Alchemy? How many compose a lodge on the first degree of masonry? How many Entered Apprentices have we initiated since January 2014?

That's right! We have initiated an entire lodge of Entered Apprentices in the first quarter of this year. It gives us great hope for the future of the lodge and of masonry, and is the result of a significant amount of work in the quarry. From our efforts with teaching the catechism to the physical appearance of the lodge, there

is a lot of life and a lot of traffic in our little lodge.

At the last stated communication, our own DDGM presented the lodge with the James Noah Hillman Award for 2013. We are honored to have that plaque for being a healthy lodge. But the real reward for our efforts isn't viewed on a wall, it is felt when you walk in the lodge. And I want to thank everyone who has contributed to this success. Each of you deserves a plaque on the wall.

Jason Matchett
Worshipful Master

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

• April/May Calendar

4/8 - April Stated @ 7:30pm (Dinner @ 6:30pm)

4/13 - Freedom Festive Board @ 1:00pm

4/19 - Spring Cleaning @ 8:30am

5/9 - Grand Master's Official Visit at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge @ 6:30pm

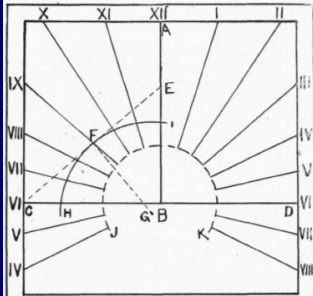
5/10 - District 2 Blood Drive at Freedom Lodge @ 8:00am

Check out the District 2 Calendar on our website for the latest information.



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Stated Communication
2nd Tuesday - 7:30PM



SPRING CLEANING

This annual ritual takes place in almost every household I know, in some capacity or another. Sometimes it's the exterior, but mostly it's the interior and starts by opening up the windows and allowing the fresh air to displace the winter buildup of funk.

On April 19th we are Spring Cleaning the lodge. There will be trips to the dump, scrubbing, vacuuming, dusting, probably some sneezing, weeding, painting, eating, decorating, organizing, and laughing. All the masonic bodies that meet at our lodge are participating. Please consider supporting this effort with a few hours of your time. Details will be emailed out this week.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

George Smith
4/20/1948
Robert Spindle, PM
4/15/1953
Darrell Fleming, PDDGM
4/5/1957
Wendell Hansen
4/14/1963
Thomas Feely, PM
4/14/1976
John Wailes, PDDGM
4/4/1981
Russ Banek, PDDGM
4/21/1982
Paul Baker, PM
4/22/1982
Scott Baker
4/17/2001
Terrence Cogdill
4/26/2002
David Lang
4/29/2003
William Bennett, Jr
4/14/2007
Phillip Harris
4/14/2007
Jeff Schwarz
4/14/2007
John McWilliams, III
4/14/2008

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Richard H. Stuart	PM
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