

TRESTLE BOARD

ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

December 2014

Special points of interest:

- 2015 DUES Notices have been mailed
- PayPal Link on Website
- 2015 Installation 11am on 12/13/14



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Ashburn, VA 20176
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Stated Communication
2nd Tuesday—7:30pm



FROM THE EAST

State of the Lodge

I would first like to thank the lodge for the opportunity to serve. It has been my honor to work in service of the craft and alongside worthy brothers.

Secondly, I would like to thank my team for the support and strength that has been absolutely critical to our success this year.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the brothers who have rolled up their sleeves and contributed. We have done great things together, my brothers.

We have improved the financial health of the lodge by tracking expenses, creating a budget, developing a source of income, and eliminating outstanding debt (dues owed).

We have improved our membership by presenting ourselves and our lodge as a welcoming, strong, capable, fulfilling, and inclusive group that has attracted more members and garnered more participation from the existing membership.

We have improved our processes and procedures by documenting and compiling our duties.

We have improved our community outreach through our ongoing campaign to contribute to Loudoun Interfaith Relief and with the establishment of Masonic Educational Scholarships.

We have improved our support of our youth organizations by active participation in their endeavors, including the DeMolay Dad training that gave us a better understanding of how we can support them.

Those comfy pews.

We have improved the service we deliver to the members in the form of educational programs and communication.

We have improved in our efforts to remember a brother's welfare as our own by contributing to the effort to secure grant money for a neighboring lodge.

We have improved our Accounting processes to include the use of PayPal to accept credit cards.

While there is always room for improvement, our goal to leave the lodge and the craft in a better state than we found it has been achieved. YOU did all this, my brothers. We succeed as a team or fail as a team. YOU should be proud of what you accomplished.

I truly believe that through our actions we have strengthened the Craft, strengthened Ashburn-Sterling Lodge, and strengthened each other.

It has been my honor to be a part of something really great.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Jason Matchett

Worshipful Master

A special Thank You to all who have imparted wisdom and strength, patience and mentorship in this journey. Cheers to always having a trusty friend upon whose fidelity he might with confidence rely.

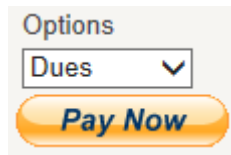
2015 Dues Payments

Dues Notifications have been mailed for 2015 and are broken down as follows:

\$130	Ashburn Lodge
+\$45	Grand Lodge Assessment
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\$175	Due the Lodge

Payment options available:

1. Credit/Debit Card: Go to www.ashburnsterling288.org and click on the Pay Now link.



2. Make Check payable to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge #288 and mail to:

43881 Waxpool Road
Ashburn VA 20146



Thank you to all who supported the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together we raised over \$4500 and have been recognized by the Alzheimer's Association for our effort and participation.

As a reminder, payment is **due Dec 31, 2014** at which time you will receive a valid dues card for 2015. A valid dues card is required to attend Stated and Called Communications.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

12/9/14—Dec Stated and Election of Officers

1/18/15—Rainbow Installation at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

12/13/14—Installation of Officers @11am

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

1/1/15—Fraternal Visit to Freedom Lodge #118

1/5/15—Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch Lodge #114

1/13/15—Jan Stated (DDGM Official Visit)

1/15/15—Fraternal Visit to Hamilton Thompson #37

Community Builder's Award

On 12/9 we will be presenting the Community Builder's Award to Maimah Kar-mo, the founder of Tigerlily Foundation. Maimah started the foundation after she was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 32 and realizing there was a lack of re-sources for supporting and educating young women with breast cancer. The founda-tion's mission is to empower women to be their own best advocates and impact the quality of care and lifestyle for young women affected by the disease.

Maimah is a dynamic woman with the drive and energy that both empowers and exhausts you at the same time. She is a force for good and we are proud to be able to recognize her for her efforts. Please join us on 12/9 at 7:15pm as we present her with our recognition and find out how we can help support her efforts.

Please check out her website: <http://TigerlilyFoundation.org>

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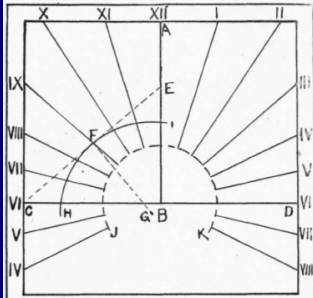
CORRESPONDENCE COURSES CLASSES JAN 2015

One of the education initiatives for 2015 is beginning in January on the 4th Tues-day of each month hence forth, we will be working together as a group to complete the GL correspondence courses. You are welcome to take the course(s) online on your private WiFi enabled mobile device in Lodge during the class or have paper copies mailed to you. You must go <http://courses.vamasons.org/home> to register for the courses, select which format you would like them in and make payment. They are \$10 each and are well worth it. Please carefully read the "Instructions" tab there is a list of the materials you will need to reference in order to complete the courses. If you do not have the materials please reach our Secretary with your list of needed publications by January 13th, 2015 and they will be ordered for you.

"A well-rounded Mason will use this program as but one method of improving him-self. When these Masonic Leadership & Correspondence Course are taken togeth-er with the, Training for the Subordinate Lodge Officer (SLOT), educational offer-ings at the Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership, "Area Mini-Conferences," the educational opportunities afforded by your District Educational Officer and your Lodge Educational Officer, and other programs and publications offered by the Committee, it is hoped that we may enlighten good Brethren, so they may excel as tomorrow's leaders of this gentle Craft."



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



You are cordially invited to attend the
Installation of the 2015 Officers
 of
ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE
NO. 288
 CHARTERED FEBRUARY 15, 1906

Master of Ceremonies: Wor. Jason D. Matchett
Installing Officer: RW Christopher C. Thompson
Installing Marshal: FW Russ et L. Boneck
Deputy Installing Marshal: Bro. Salomon Sanchez-Bernuy
Installing Secretary: Bro. Douglas R. Collins
Installing Chaplain: Bro. Bruce Lillegard

Saturday, December 13th, 2014
Installation to begin at 11am
 Lunch reception will follow

43881 Waxpool Road, Ashburn, VA 20146

Please RSVP with approximate headcount to events@ashburnsterling288.org by Dec. 10th, 2014

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

- Thomas E. Krouse, PDDGM
 12/29/1951
 Felix Pages
 12/28/1953
 Allen L. Gabriel
 12/4/1963
 David G. Arnold, PM
 12/2/1981
 Richard B. Wade, PM
 12/2/1981
 Michael A. Cornelius
 12/5/1984
 Maher M. Zarou
 12/27/1989
 Kiran P. Kini
 12/1/2009
 David L. Wang
 12/1/2009
 Oscar Bos
 12/3/2013

OFFICERS

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Chaplain William S. Buckler, PM
Senior Steward John L. Rutan
Junior Steward Jason E. Tayloe
Marshal Collin G. Schwarz
Tiler Douglas R. Mason

TRUSTEES

- William B. Bennett
 Thomas D. Feely, PM
 S. Kevin Harp, PM
 Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM

HONORARY MEMBERS

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| Walter O. Harrison | PDDGM |
| Raymond F. Houser, Jr. | PM |
| Thomas E. Krouse | PDDGM |
| Kenneth O. Shelton, Sr. | PDDGM |
| Richard H. Stuart | PM |
| John W. Wailes | PDDGM |
| Charles R. Walk | PM |
| Christopher C. Thompson | PDDGM |
| William S. Buckler | PM |

