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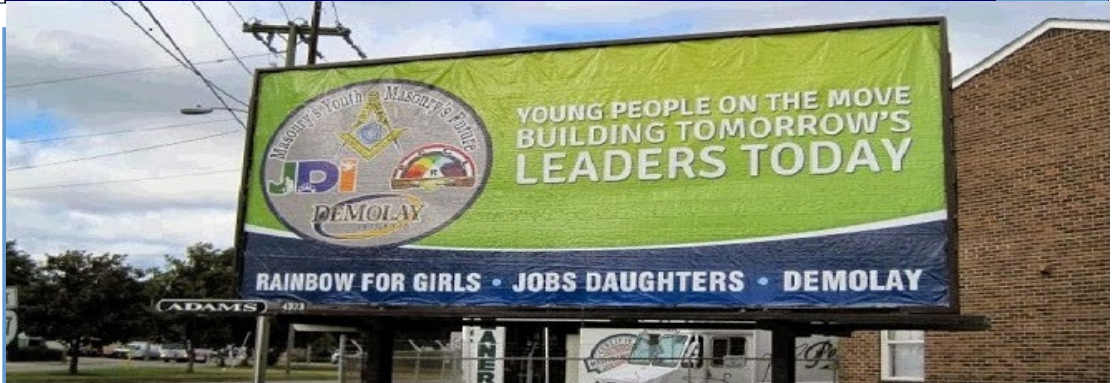
Special points of interest:

- 6 Degrees in Feb
- DDGM Official Visit 2/11
- DeMolay Fund Raiser 3/1
- Ken Shelton Ritual School 3/8



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Stated Communication
2nd Tuesday - 7:30PM



FROM THE EAST

Our Masonic Youth

We are fortunate to have active Rainbow and DeMolay chapters at Ashburn-Sterling lodge, and as Worshipful Master I have many opportunities to interact with both the youth and the advisors.

The advisors are, as expected, engaged, supportive, and perpetual. Their effort goes largely unnoticed and yet they do it because, well, they have a vested interest in how these kids turn out. Literally.

In a recent meeting I asked how the lodge could better support the youth organizations, and was told that we were already doing much just by letting them gather at our

lodge. And free sodas go a long way with kids too. But I pushed a little more and got the answer I was looking for: include them.

As a lodge, we can invite them to events, ask them for service projects, participate in their events, and create joint events. We can ask them to put on programs, provide opportunities to raise funds by providing meals, and participate in their fund raisers (car washes, breakfasts, etc).

As a mason, you can show up. Both of the youth's meetings are open to masons. Some are open to spouses as well. All they ask is that you contact them first.

The kids are awesome. They are engaged and working very hard. Their ritual skills put many of us to shame. They are learning self-esteem, acceptance, values, and morals. And they genuinely care about each other. Isn't that what Masonry is all about?

We are PROUD to have these organizations as part of our lodge. If you want to learn how you can help or just let them know how proud you are, reach out to them at rainbow@ashburnsterling288.org and demolay@ashburnsterling288.org.

Jason Matchett

Worshipful Master

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

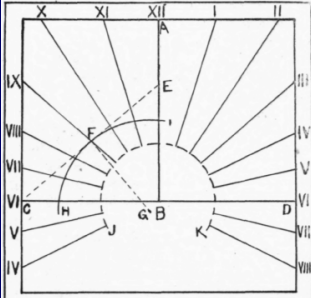
February/March Calendar

- 2/4 - Entered Apprentice Degree for 3 @ 7:00pm
- 2/11 - Feb Stated @ 7:30pm (Dinner @ 6:30pm)
- 2/18 - Entered Apprentice Degree for 3 @ 7:00pm
- 2/25 - Entered Apprentice Degree for 3 @ 7:00pm
- 2/26 - District School - Freedom Lodge @ 7:30pm
- 3/1 - DeMolay lunchtime fund raiser
- 3/6 - Monthly Game Day Meetup @ 7:00pm

3/7 - DeMolay Game Night @ 7:00pm

3/8 - Kenneth O. Shelton Area Ritual School at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge @ 8:30am

3/11 - Mar Stated @ 7:30pm (Dinner @ 6:30)



SPOTLIGHT

On Jan 14th, members of Herndon Lodge Beehive Club visited to present our Junior Warden, Raymon Bacchus with the C. Richard Walk Award for Masonic Excellence.

The award was named after our departed brother who served as an instructor and mentor to many of us. He not only encouraged profi-

ciency in the ritual, but encouraged education, research, circumspection, and outreach. Masonry, he believed, was as much about the education and fellowship as it was about the tradition and rituals.

Congratulations, Bro Ray, on being recognized for walking the "Walk!"



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