

TRESTLE BOARD

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ASHBURN-STERLING #288 MASONIC LODGE

January 2014

Special points of interest:

- 7 Degrees in Jan/Feb
- Community Builder's Award presentation at Jan Stated



FROM THE EAST

The histories of masonry are a Who's Who of extraordinary men. Men of great character and intellect. Inventors, conquerors, and peace makers. Men that have walked on the bottom of the ocean and men that have walked on the moon. From the forefathers of our country to the greatest philosophers in the world.

These men were not extraordinary BECAUSE they were masons, but BECAUSE they were masons, we are among a league of extraordinary men.

That is both incredibly humbling, and incredibly intimidating.

On December 14th, with a

full house of family and friends, the changing of the guard took place at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge.

We, the officers of the lodge, have been entrusted with guardianship of the history, rituals, honors and ceremonies, and business of the lodge. It is not a duty we are taking lightly. We have big shoes to fill.

In turn, I am charging each of you with the guardianship of the dignity, honor, reputation, and principles of the lodge. Of masonry. Remember your brother in your daily devotions. Offer to mentor a younger mason. Pick up the phone and call a brother you

haven't spoken to in a while. Call me!

We have a full schedule of events to start off the year, including 2 Master Mason and 5 Entered Apprentice degrees in the first two months. The DDGM's official visit (our own RW Kevin Harp) is in February, and we are hosting the Grand Master in April.

We hope to see you soon! Feel free to call me if you need a ride, need a hand, or just need to talk.

Jason Matchett

Worshipful Master



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Stated Communication
2nd Tuesday - 7:30PM

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

• January/February Calendar

1/14 - Jan Stated @ 7:30pm (Dinner @ 6:30pm)

1/21 - Master Mason Degree @ 7:30pm

1/22 - District School - Olive Branch @ 7:30pm

1/25 - Division Leadership Conference (8-11am)
Alexandria Scottish Rite

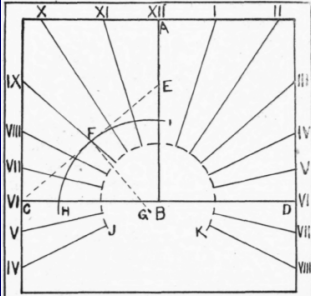
1/28 - Master Mason Degree @ 7:30pm

2/4 - Entered Apprentice Degree for 3 @ 7:00pm

2/11 - Feb Stated @ 7:30pm (Dinner @ 6:30pm)

2/18 - Entered Apprentice Degree for 2 @ 7:00pm

2/26 - District School - Freedom Lodge @ 7:30pm



SPOTLIGHT

On Jan 14th, we will be presenting a Community Builder's Award to Carolyn Dobson, Marketing Coordinator at Loudoun Interfaith Relief. This past year, Carolyn has worked tirelessly (much on her own time) raising awareness of the non-profit and the number of local families they support.

Located in Leesburg, Virginia, Loudoun Interfaith Relief supplied food for an average of 70 families per week (3500lbs of food). Each family is allowed to visit no more than twice per month, and in 2013 LIR gave

meals to over 90,000 people in Loudoun County, the Richest County in the US (according to Forbes magazine).

Ms. Dobson will be presenting the several ways we can help our local charity. Please join us on Jan 14th as we unveil the partnership between Loudoun Masons and Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

Learn more at www.interfaithrelief.org

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

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1/11/1972
Gregg H. Schwarz
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