

TRESTLE BOARD

Volume 2, Issue 3

ASHBURN-STERLING #288 MASONIC LODGE

March 2014

Special points of interest:

- DeMolay Installation 3/7
- Ken Shelton Ritual School 3/8
- SLOT Training 3/26



FROM THE EAST

In like a lion, out like a lamb.

March is here and it's certainly starting off like a lion. This phrase made me think of the level of enthusiasm displayed by a newly made mason and wonder why it appears to start off like a lion and end up like a lamb. Let me preface this with my assurance that this is not intended as an admonishment, but an opportunity for reflection.

Masonry is often referred to as an organization for and run by old men, but I would argue that the enthusiasm comes from the

young men (by young I mean new to masonry). Is it because the longer we've been in masonry the less we care about it? Is it because we get everything we need in the first few years? Are we bored? Are we complacent?

I don't believe it has anything to do with a lack of caring. One theory is that perhaps what we initially get out of masonry (that fire hose of enlightenment) is enough to fill our bellies. Another is that our role changes and becomes that of the sage, the Yoda of masonry, teaching the Force to the young guys. Another is that it

is a young man's job to toil in the quarries and the old guys have earned the right to sit on the sidelines. Yet another is just a lack of opportunity for everyone to participate.

To the last, I say the squeaky wheel gets the grease. If you want to participate, ask. Insert yourself. Make it known. There are plenty of opportunities to be involved, whether you remember the ritual or not. Mentoring a younger mason is a win for the new and the seasoned.

I believe the thirst for knowledge is an innate need unique to humans,



43881 Waxpool Road
Ashburn, VA 20176
info@ashburnsterling288.org

Stated Communication
2nd Tuesday - 7:30PM

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

• February/March Calendar

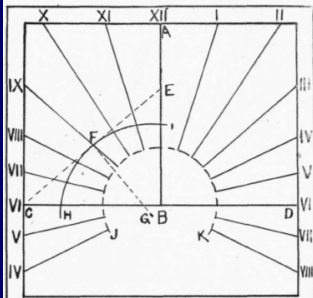
3/1 - DeMolay lunchtime fund raiser

3/6 - Monthly Game Day Meetup @ 7:00pm

3/7 - DeMolay Installation @ 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)



FROM THE EAST (continued)

and the more I learn the more I want to know, so I doubt that is the reason. There are so many resources online for masonic programs and papers. Visit other lodges, especially lodges of research, or Herndon's Beehive Club where papers are presented monthly.

If you are tired of toiling in the quarries and want to enjoy the view from the sidelines, be sure to pick a good seat. I much prefer sitting on the beach and reading a book to splitting wood.

The most likely reason, it is the cycle of nature. The season IS the reason; The natural evolution. Here's to the Spring for each of us.

Jason Matchett

Worshipful Master

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

George Hoover
3/23/1976
Stuart K. Harp, RW
3/19/1991
Edward Oates
3/21/1992
Daniel Sisco
3/24/2009
Christopher Fletcher
3/24/2009
Martin Gruszka
3/1/2011

OFFICERS

Worshipful Master Jason D. Matchett
Worshipful.Master@AshburnSterling288.org
(703) 505-7257

Senior Warden David L. Wang
Senior.Warden@AshburnSterling288.org

Junior Warden Raymon W. Bacchus
Junior.Warden@AshburnSterling288.org

Treasurer Jeffrey J. Schwarz
Treasurer@AshburnSterling288.org

Secretary Vince S. Williams
Secretary@AshburnSterling288.org

Senior Deacon Martin Z. Gruszka
Senior.Deacon@AshburnSterling288.org

Junior Deacon Jeffrey L. Sparrow
Junior.Deacon@AshburnSterling288.org

Chaplain William S. Buckler, PM

Senior Steward John L. Rutan

Junior Steward Jason E. Tayloe

Marshal Collin G. Schwarz

Tiler Douglas R. Mason

HONORARY MEMBERS

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



TRUSTEES

Thomas D. Feeley, PM
S. Kevin Harp, PM
Gregg H. Schwarz, PM
Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM