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ASHBURN-STERLING #288 MASONIC LODGE

May 2014

Special points of interest:

- **Grand Master's Official Visit 5/9**
- **Freedom Lodge Blood Drive 5/10**
- **May Stated 5/13**
- **National Cathedral for St John the Baptist Day 6/22**



FROM THE EAST

The kabeltauw (German) or cable tow, is defined by Mackey as “a line wherewith to draw” and its use purely masonic. A fundamental meaning is given to the candidate during the degrees, but the final definition is left up to each of us individually.

This could easily turn into a lecture about how each of us should be more involved in our lodge, but instead I offer an opportunity to re-define that which makes up our cable tow. Mostly we are referring to time.

We all run around complaining we don't have enough time to _____. Time is not necessarily measured in cost, but in value. My grandfather was a CPA and

used to tell a story about being asked over the phone how much he charged by the hour. He could tell several people were listening on the other end of the phone so he responded with “it depends on who is keeping the time.”

To my seven year old, my time is much more valuable than to my 4 month old. And to my wife, much more. I am self-employed, which translates to always working. Between my commitments to my family, my career, my friends and relationships, and masonry, my cable tow gets shorter by the minute. Or does it? After all, there is a fixed number of minutes in a day. 1,440 to be exact. What fluctuates are my priorities. A sick child, a business

meeting, a client issue, a visit from the Grand Master, all disrupt the schedule.

We accept there must be balance in the universe. Remember the working tools of an Entered Apprentice? We all know our priorities change from day to day and I accept that the lodge may not be one of them. What I do ask of each of you, is that you take a moment to examine whether or not you have balance, and if not, find it. Take a moment to reassess what your time is worth to those asking for it. And call your mother.

Jason Matchett
Worshipful Master

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

• **May Calendar**

5/9 - Grand Master's Official Visit at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge @ 6:00pm

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

5/13—May Stated. Dinner @ 6:30pm

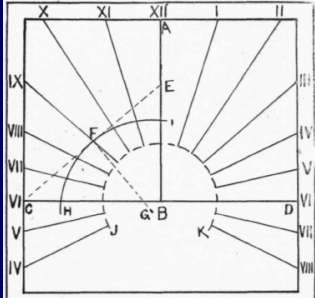
6/22—St John the Baptist Day at Washington National Cathedral

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



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Stated Communication
2nd Tuesday - 7:30PM



Masonic Blood Drive

May 10th at 8:30am, Ashburn-Sterling Lodge is teaming up with Freedom Lodge #118 in Lovettsville for their Spring blood drive. There will be food, fun, VA Chip, music, and merriment.

If you can spare a few minutes and a pint, please go to <http://www.inova.org/donateblood> and use Sponsor code 7892 to sign up. Regardless of where you donate, please send an email to blood.coordinator@ashburn-sterling288.org so we can track it.

GMOV

May 9th at 6:00pm, Ashburn-Sterling Lodge is hosting the Grand Master's visit to District 2. Finger foods at 6:00pm, tiled lodge promptly at 7:00pm. Dark Suit or tuxedo requested.

We hope to see you come out in support of our lodge, our district, and our Grand Master.

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5/2/1973
Thomas O. Mitchell
5/22/1973
Raymond F. Houser, JR
5/19/1975
John L. Jensen III, PM
5/17/1977
Barry F. Felton
5/4/1984
Charles E. Lipscomb, PM
5/2/1985
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5/28/1985
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5/24/2005
Steven Hanley, Jr.
5/1/2007
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5/29/2007
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5/6/2008
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