



### Stated Meeting:

Second Tuesday of  
every month  
Dinner at 6:30pm  
Meeting at 7:30pm

### Ritual Practice:

Tuesday evenings  
at 6pm  
Saturday mornings  
at 8:30am

### Lodge Attire:

April Stated Meeting

#### Officers:

Favorite Team or  
Activity Shirt

#### Everyone Else:

Favorite Team or  
Activity Shirt

#### Degree Nights:

Navy Jacket, White  
shirt & Khaki Slacks

### DUES COUNTER

as of  
3/31/2015

113 PAID  
17 UNPAID

## From the East

My Dear Brethren,

April is upon us and she can't arrive with her warmth quickly enough. I'm not made for the cold, not at all. I hope this finds you and yours in good health, wealth and joviality. Make sure to check the column to the left of this page to see what the expected attire will be for our April Stated meeting...it's a little different than usual!

Your leadership team has labored to develop an events schedule that affords our Lodge a robust Masonic experience filled with the inherent good times our fellowship brings. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities as you certainly will be the better for it, I know I am. Keep an eye on the Events section on page 2 for upcoming events.

Please take a moment to congratulate Sir Knight Peter S. Jensen on being elected and installed the Commander of our very own Piedmont Commandery No. 26. Congrats Pete to you and your line!!

Bro. Francisco A. Aguillon (Franco) is our Lodge Masonic Home Ambassador this year. Bro Franco has made great strides in helping several Brothers in our Lodge with the Masonic Home of Virginia's Outreach Program. This program presents a real opportunity for help. Please reach Bro. Franco if you even suspect that it may be helpful to you or you wish to prepare for the future (you'll find his contact information on page 7).

Brothers, we seem to have lost touch with a few of our own. Please search your records and memory banks to determine if you have contact information for any of these Brothers or you know of their disposition. If you have anything, please pass it along to either myself or our Secretary. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. They are:

Bro. Harry E. Arter, Bro. Shawn L. Breegle, Bro. James D. Drake Jr., Bro. Wayne H. Gladden, Bro. Robert A. Murdick II, Bro. James D. Phillips

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## Quote for the month

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

by Bro. Thomas Edison

## WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

"We're a group of men who meet on the level, act upon the square, and walk uprightly in life. We take good men and make them better by the teachings of Masonry, and work towards brotherly love, relief, & truth."

by our late friend and Brother, Charles Richard (Dick) Walk

## Upcoming Events

### April

Lodge Board Game Day (4/2/2015 - 1st Thursday of each month)  
 Fraternal Visit (Acacia Lodge No. 16 Stated on 4/2/2015)  
 Division Leadership Conference (8am on 4/11/2015 Highland School located 597 Broadview, Warrenton, VA 20186)  
 Ashburn DeMolay Installation of Officers (3pm on 4/11/2015)  
 District School at Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 (Masters and Wardens at 7pm on 4/22/2015)  
 Lodge Breakfast (8am on 4/25/2015)  
 Lodge Quarterly Game Day (10am on 4/25/2015 - 4th Sat of the 1st mth. each qtr.)  
 Correspondence Courses Class (6pm on 4/28/2015)

### May

Masonic Festive Board open to all EAs, FCs and MMs (Tickets \$40, must be purchased in advance, at the Downtown Saloon in Leesburg on 5/2/2015)  
 Lodge Game Day (5/7/2015 - 1st Thursday of each month)  
 Blood Drive and VACHIP Event (5/9/2015 at/with Freedom Lodge No. 118)  
 Fraternal Visit (Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865 Stated on 5/9/2015 - Low Vail)  
 Lodge Breakfast (8am on 5/23/2015)  
 Correspondence Courses Class (6pm on 5/26/2015)  
 Lodge School AS288 (5/27/2015)  
 Scholarship Awardee Presentation (TBD)

### Further Out

Royal Arch Table Chapter open to all MMs (Tickets \$35, at the Kena Shrine on 6/2/2015)  
 Reid Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership (7/30/2015 - 8/1/2015)  
 Grand Master's Official Visit (At the Kena Shrine on 8/8/2015)  
 District Picnic (Franklin Park in Purcellville on 9/9/2015)  
 Alzheimer's Walk (Reston Town Center on 9/26/2015)  
 District Bowling (Village Lanes in Leesburg at 6pm on 10/8/2015)  
 Movember (Awareness of Men's Health Issues - The month of November)  
 Grand Lodge of Virginia (11/6/2015 -11/8/2015)



Is the ancient game  
 of chess masonic?  
 ...the esotericism of the game

## Masonic Birthdays for the Month



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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1948 - George L. Smith        | 1982 - Russell L. Baneck, PDDGM |
| 1953 - Robert L. Spindle, PM  | 1982 - William B. Bennett, Jr.  |
| 1957 - Darrell R. Fleming, PM | 2001 - Scott M. Baker           |
| 1963 - Wendell D. Hansen      | 2002 - Terrance R. Cogdill      |
| 1976 - Thomas D. Feely, PM    | 2007 - Philip M. Harris         |
| 1981 - John W. Wailes, PDDGM  | 2007 - Jeffrey J. Schwarz       |
| 1982 - Paul L. Baker, PM      |                                 |

### Where is the Travelling Gavel?

A long standing tradition in District 2; any Lodge wishing to take possession of it or transfer it must do so at a Tiled Communication, must have the Worshipful Master and 3 members of his Lodge present, it cannot be passed to the Lodge from which it was received and the exchange must be recorded in the minutes. If it isn't transferred within 2 months, the possessing Lodge will donate \$25 to Loudoun Interfaith Relief for each month beyond the initial 2 until it is transferred. Our Traveling Gavel is currently in the possession of: **Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 as of 2/19/2015.**



## Your Officers Thoughts

FROM THE EAST CONTD. FROM PAGE 1

### Summary of March

At our Stated Meeting you voted unanimously to adopt the Bylaws changes that were proposed in February. We are currently waiting on the Grand Master to approve them. We received a program from our DEO, Wor. Kevin M. Homan on Masonic Education and he also presented our Senior Warden, Bro. Douglas R. Collins with his Certificate for completing the Grand Lodge Correspondence Courses. We continued the traditions of our Lodge Instructor of Work, Jason D. Matchett, PM presenting on a Masonic Symbol from the lectures and reading from the Book of Constitutions with was done this month by our Junior Warden, Bro. Martin Z. Gruszka.

We presented well-deserved awards to several Brothers during the meeting who have unselfishly toiled in the quarries of Freemasonry without hope of reward. Our Senior Deacon, Bro. Jeffrey L. Sparrow received the Ashburn Ashlar Award and a Certificate of Appreciation, our Masonic Home Ambassador, Bro. Francisco A. Aguillon received a Certificate of Appreciation and Wor. John F. Meehan received the W.O. Harrison Award. Prior to the meeting, we presented two Community Builders Awards with one going to Mrs. Cynthia Robinson-Rivers and the other to Mr. Jonathan S. Rivers, the first husband and wife to receive this award. We presented two youth awards with one going to Ms. Samantha L. Snell of our Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11 and the other to Mr. Carter S. Gill of our Ashburn DeMolay and a Certificate of Recognition to Eagle Scout Mr. Jerome Delgaudio. There has been a significant amount of hard work and sacrifice by each of these awardees and it was an honor to be in such company. It was also Bring-A-Friend Night and we answered the many questions of our visitors and they were able to see and hear some of what Masons do in for our community leaders and out youth. They were all well impressed.

All of your Progressive Line Officers attended the Ken Shelton Area Ritual School showing their commitment to improving and serving you to the best of their ability. There were several other members of our Lodge present at the school as well. We all learned valuable lessons both in Ritual and in Masonic Education, not to mention the fellowship we shared with the numerous other members of our District.

Lodge Clean-up Day was quite a success. Please refer to Bro. Martin's input in the Junior Warden's section on page 4.

### What's happening in April?

Three key events this month are our Fraternal Visit to Acacia Lodge No. 16 on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> that was rescheduled from March due to the snow storm (Dinner at 6:30pm, Stated meeting at 7:30pm), the Division Leadership Conference on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-11am in Warrenton, VA and our very own Ashburn DeMolay Installation of Officers on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Bro. Kelly and I will be grilling up a storm for the Installation! Your leadership team looks forward to your participation and to sharing these events with you.

As usual, our Stated meeting will be filled with opportunities for industrious learning. We have 2 confirmed programs ready for you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please remember to join us for our Group Correspondence Course work. We are meeting on the on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm. Join us as we learn about our great Fraternity together. Don't worry if you missed a class or two, we are committed to getting you caught up and taken care of.

Thank you my Brothers for the honor of serving you. We are already a quarter of the way through the year, have accomplished quite a bit so far and have grown both as individual Masons and as a Lodge. I look forward to continuing our journey toward more light together. Keep will my Brothers and reach me at any time should you need anything.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

*Raymon W. Bacchus, WM*

*Direct Line: 1-703-899-8590*

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SENIOR WARDEN

*Are you a Traveling Man? (contd. from February Trestleboard)*

I am a traveling man.  
My journey is never ending.  
I travel towards the East,  
The source of all light.  
The source of all knowledge.

I am a traveling man.  
I wander a winding road.  
With many twists and turns.  
I know not what lies ahead.  
I find new truth with every step.

I am a traveling man.  
On a path from whose bourn no traveler returns.  
The final destination is not the goal.  
The goal is the odyssey itself,  
And what I learn with every new vista.

I am a traveling man.  
It is the only thing I know for sure.  
My insatiable curiosity,  
and desire for knowledge  
are my ever present companions on this trek.

Traveling.  
Traveling.  
Traveling.  
Never weary  
Never ending.

by M.M.M. from the North Eastern Corner

*Bro. Douglas R. Collins*

JUNIOR WARDEN

Hello from the South again! Brethren, I have one goal for the communication from the South this month. My goal is to thank those who attended the lodge Spring Cleaning day and to give the rest an accounting of how it went. First and foremost, Thank You to all! We had a great turn out, a fantastic breakfast and Brotherly fellowship. Our breakfast started at 8:00am with Brothers Rutan, and Potter cooking up eggs, biscuits and a huge batch of sausage gravy! Following that, the Brethren split up into different teams with some working outside on picking up trash, some cleaning the basement and a third team cleaning the interior. Brethren our floors were scrubbed, the interior of refrigerators cleaned and polished and our windows were washed. Pledge was applied to all of our Lodge furniture and every picture hanging behind glass was cleaned. I am very, very grateful for this amazing effort by everyone. Brethren, I would be remiss if I did not mention that our very own Ashburn DeMolay was present and absolutely crucial to making this event a success. The boys worked really hard! If I could humbly ask, please support them by attending the DeMolay Officer Installation which will take place at 3pm on April 11th 2015 at the Lodge. I intend to be there to support the boys and show my appreciation. Yours in service.

*Bro. Martin Z. Gruszka*



## TREASURER

Happy April Everyone! Spring is here and your Property Committee has collected multiple proposals for the completion of the exterior repairs, siding replacement project, kitchen renovation project and lawn care services. We will be making recommendations to our Worshipful Master in just a few days and the work will begin shortly thereafter -- this is not an April Fool's joke. Our Lodge is evolving for the better! Next time we are in Lodge, look to the brothers on your right and left because you can thank each and every one of them, including yourself, for your dedication to masonry which has afforded us the opportunity to amass the funds necessary to complete these much needed projects.

Currently many members have paid their dues; however there are a few who have not. Please let our Worshipful Master know if you are experiencing a hardship as he will work with you. Thank you and may the peace and harmony of this lodge remind you of why you keep coming back.

*Bro. Bryan K. Short*

## SECRETARY

Please remember to check the calendar on our website for upcoming events. We are a busy Lodge and busy district. Also, please remember that we are still collecting food for Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

As my role as the Lodge Instructor of Work, I would like to offer for your consideration, that our Lodge is in a unique situation. We are flush with resources for teaching/mentoring worthy brothers who desire further light in masonry. We have catechism classes at 6pm on Tuesdays and 8am on Saturdays. We have ritual practice at 7pm on Tuesdays, and plenty of brothers who are willing to help you learn a ritual part, take on some catechism, or discuss modern literature. We have our own Lodge library with a collection of literature for you to borrow. There are Masonic blogs online to read, podcasts to listen to, and Herndon has a Beehive club where research papers are presented. I encourage you to take advantage of the resources available. If you need help or want to get involved, please contact me at [secretary@ashburnsterling288.org](mailto:secretary@ashburnsterling288.org) or at 703-505-7257.

*Jason D. Matchett, PM*

## JUNIOR DEACON

When you say you are going to the Lodge for "yet another meeting" does your wife roll her eyes? Is your membership in our fraternity seen as "he's got a thing he goes to every week"?

As members of a fraternal organization that, by design and practice, limits our membership to a closed group of men, it is important to think about how the time we spend here impacts our families. In busy lives filled with commitments from dawn to dark, the time we choose to devote to Freemasonry should yield dividends. These dividends are not just for our growth, but should also be understood and embraced by those closest to us.

Fortunately, there are ways to share the values we learn and strengthen here with the members of our family. Bro. Bob Morris wrote the Eastern Star degree as a way for women to experience the teachings of Freemasonry. Job's Daughters and the International Order of Rainbow Girls teach Masonic values to our daughters. DeMolay International exists for young men to develop their foundations of civic awareness and personal responsibility.

What is the right fit to extend a sense of camaraderie and family? This year, we have expanded our scheduled activities to include a monthly Lodge breakfast. This activity provides an informal opportunity to share, to encourage families to get to know each other and for brothers to build relationships above and beyond the ritual. I look forward to seeing you and mine meeting yours at breakfast.

*Bro. David F. Weese*

## CHAPLAIN

"To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." By Bro. George Washington

*William S. Buckler Jr., PM*

## JUNIOR STEWARD

Over the last several weeks we've been working on providing some healthier alternatives to our current selection of refreshments. Specifically, we have included less sugary drinks like carbonated flavored water and less calorie intensive deserts at the Stated meetings. Please let me know of any special requests you may have. We also have a new coffee pot for those not interested in the single service K-cups.

It is also spring time and the weather is getting warmer! So, let me know what you would like smoked or grilled for April's stated meeting!

I would like to end this with a quote that I found that I feel applies to our lives as we strive to be better Masons and ultimately better men: "Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But, if you must be without one, be without strategy." By Norman Schwarzkopf

*Bro. Kelly O. Doyle*

## MUSICIAN

Famous Masonic Composers (Part III): Jean Sibelius, a Finnish composer (Dec 8, 1865 -Sept 20, 1957) played an important role in the formation of the Finnish national identity and is known for composing seven symphonies, as well as, other works, including Finlandia. After the Russian sovereignty ended, Freemasonry was revived in Finland and Sibelius was one of the founding members of Suomi Lodge # 1 in 1922 and later became the Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Finland. He composed the masonic ritual music used in Finland (op 113) in 1927 and later added two new pieces in 1946. In 1948, a new revision of the ritual music was created and is one of Sibelius' last works.  
(<http://www.masonmusic.org/sibelius.html>, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean\\_Sibelius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Sibelius))

*Bro. Bruce A. Lillegard*



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## Your 2015 Leadership Team continued

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<b>Activities</b>	Junior Warden	<b>Processes/SOP</b>	Secretary
<b>Audit</b>	Senior Warden	<b>Property</b>	Treasurer
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<b>Investigation</b>	Senior Deacon	<b>Welfare</b>	Chaplain
<b>Masonic Relief</b>	Senior Warden		

### Service and Commitment

#### Living Past Masters

*Our deceased Past Masters will forever remain in our hearts*

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Resident Bodies

Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88 4th Monday of each month at 7:30pm with dinner at 6:45pm

Piedmont Commandery No. 26 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30pm with dinner at 6:45pm Practice on the 2nd Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm

Ashburn Chapter Order of the DeMolay 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm

Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00pm

Ancient and Honorable Order of the Turtles Contact Wor. Raymon W. Bacchus

Other Bodies and the Fund

- York Rite www.yorkrite.org
Scottish Rite www.scottishrite.org
Beehive Club www.herndonlodge264.org/beehive-club/
Job's Daughters International www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org
Kena Shriners www.kena.org
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United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) www.ugle.org.uk

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