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The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

Chartered on February 15, 1906



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:

February Stated
Meeting

Officers: Tuxedo

Everyone Else:
Business Casual or
Dark Suit and Tie

Degree Teams:
Navy Jacket, White
shirt, Khaki Slacks

DUES COUNTER

as of
1/31/2015

79 PAID
42 UNPAID

From the East

Greetings my Dear Brothers,

February is an important month to our ladies. Please remember to take a moment to show your appreciation and remind them that their constant support is what really keeps our Fraternity going. Please keep our widows in your hearts at this time and reach out if you are able to contact them. These little things make a huge difference.

Summary of January

The month of January saw our Lodge actively engaged in Free Masonry. We received our DDGM RW Jeffrey Robert Gould for his official visit as well as our DIW RW Christopher Conway Thompson for his official visit. We strengthened our Fraternal ties by completing 6 Fraternal Visits, which included every Lodge in our District and saw us presenting programs at three of those visits. You should know that your leadership team was well represented as your entire progressive line was in attendance and each visit consisted of at least 8 Brothers. We visited our own Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11 which was recently recognized by the Kena Shrine for their efforts and contributions to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia. We joined with several other Lodges to produce a good showing in the Leesburg MLK Day Parade which increased our visibility in and approachability by the community. Our inaugural Lodge Breakfast scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each month was a success and produced two petitioners. The correspondence course guided study group was well attended and you should know that your entire progressive line is fully engaged in completing this work. Come join us! Your Team was also present at District School and at Masonic Week in Reston, VA.

The District is united in sharing in the contributions toward the goal of purchasing a VACHIP Computer before the end of the 1st quarter. We had a balance of \$1,300 outstanding toward attaining our goal. The Rainbow Girls, DeMolay Boys, Jobs Daughters and Potomac Royal Arch Chapter have joined in contributing to making this happen. Piedmont Commandery was kind and generous enough to cover the costs that the combined effort did not produce and contributed \$500. I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone that has contributed toward finally making this a reality.

Bro. John L. Rutan came across a nugget of information while at work called the Special Extra Earnings for Military Service. Please be sure to visit <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm> to see if you qualify and thank Bro. John if you do.

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Quote for the month

"Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is success."

By Bro. Henry Ford

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



“Strike out those winter blues!”

February

- Fraternal Visit (Treadwell Lodge No. 213 Stated on 2/5/2015)
- Fraternal Visit to Ashburn DeMolay (2/11/2015)
- District Bowling Night (2/12/2015 6pm-8:30pm) at King Pinz in Leesburg, VA
- Fraternal Visit (Beehive Club and Herndon Lodge No. 264 Stated on 2/16/2015)
- Correspondence Courses Class (6pm on 2/24/2015)
- District SLOT & Master and Wardens meeting (AS288 7pm on 2/25/2015)
- Lodge Breakfast (8am on 2/28)

March

- Fraternal Visit (Acacia Lodge No. 16 Stated on 3/5/2015)
- Fraternal Visit (Hay Market Lodge No. 313 on 3/9/2015)
- Fraternal Visit (Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 Stated on 3/12/2015)
- Ken Shelton School at Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 (8-Noon on 3/14/2015)
- Lodge Clean Up (3/21/2015)
- Correspondence Courses Class (6pm on 3/24/2015)
- Lodge Breakfast (8am on 3/28)

Masonic Birthdays for the Month



- 1963 - Bernard L. Bowers
- 1977 - Richard H. Stuart, PM
- 2009 - Douglas R. Mason
- 2010 - Jason D. Matchett, PM

Where is the Travelling Gavel?

A long standing tradition in District 2, the possessing Lodge has to take it to a Lodge in the District and can only transfer it with a Fraternal visit at a Stated meeting. 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 12/4/2014.**



Your Officers Thoughts

FROM THE EAST CONTD. FROM PAGE 1

What is happening in February?

Fraternal visit to Acacia is rescheduled to March 5, 2015 due to pending construction delays. Instead, a fraternal visit to Treadwell Lodge No. 213 is scheduled for February 5, 2015. Please remember to bring your Masonic Passport. See our Secretary if you don't yet have one. The usual carpool/caravan is available and will depart the Lodge at 5:30pm. The "Upcoming Events" section on page 2 detail the other scheduled activities.

At our February Stated meeting, we will be reading the following proposed Bylaws changes:

- Article II is amended to add the word "Fees" to accommodate for the back ground investigations fee payable to Grand Lodge and any other such fees in the future.
- Article III is amended to reflect the adjustment of our Petition Fee to \$100 and our Degree Fees to \$75 per degree.
- Article VII is amended to change the number of Trustees from 4 to 3 which will allow for decisions to be arrived at by a simple majority in having an odd number of Trustees.

District Bowling Night is scheduled from 6-8:30pm on February 12, 2015 at King Pinz located at 1602 Village Market Blvd, Suite 100, Leesburg, VA 20175. We have been afforded the High Roller Room so please come out to support your Lodge and the District in growing this fun tradition. Please join us for fellowship even if you don't bowl.

There are several major projects that your Lodge has to accomplish this year. We will be replacing the siding on the building, updating/repairing our kitchen and updating /repairing our signage outside. The Chairman of the Property Committee is Bro. Bryan Short who is also our Treasurer. If you know of a resource that would do a good job in a timely manner with a proper warranty, has good pricing and that you would recommend, please reach out to Bro. Bryan as soon as possible. Brothers, your assistance in saving your Lodge some money would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for a great first month! It is amazing how time zips by when in the good company of my Brothers. It has been a pleasure to be at your service. Thank you for affording me the honor!

Raymon W. Bacchus, WM

SENIOR WARDEN

First we need to ask "What is York Rite Masonry"? From the Grand York Rite bodies of Information on Degrees, we are told "The York Rite, or more correctly, the American Rite, is based on the early remnants of Craft Masonry that were practiced in the early 1700's. The formation of the first Grand Lodge of England in 1717 specified that the lodges were to confer only the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, all other degrees being considered spurious. However, many lodges had been conferring other degrees that they considered an integral part of Masonry, in particular that of the Royal Arch, and formed their own Grand Lodge in 1751, terming themselves the "Ancients" and the other Grand Lodge members the "Moderns." With the merger of the two Grand Lodges in 1813 into the United Grand Lodge of England, the lodges agreed that only the three accepted degrees of Masonry would be used by the lodges, but the degree of the Royal Arch would be attached to Chapters allied directly to these lodges and bearing the same number as the lodge, though as a separate body. Thus, unlike the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which claims to hold the power of conferring the first three degrees of Masonry in addition to those under its jurisdiction, those found in the York Rite have rightfully acknowledged the fact that they are considered appendant to those of Ancient Craft Masonry. It is still the practice in English Masonry that a Masonic member is not considered to be in possession of all the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry until he has been exalted to the Royal Arch.

Early American Lodges operated in a similar manner until the establishment of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. For a period in US history, the Cryptic degrees were controlled by various state Grand Chapter jurisdictions, until the establishment of the General Grand Council. The Chivalric Orders have been controlled by the Grand Encampment since the early 19th century in the United States. All three bodies are technically autonomous Masonic entities, with only the requirement of membership in the Royal Arch connecting the Cryptic degrees and Chivalric Orders.

SENIOR WARDEN CONTD. FROM PAGE 3

Appendant to the York Rite Bodies are several additional Masonic bodies, most of which are invitational in nature. Membership in many of them is predicated on membership in the Royal Arch, though some have memberships predicated on other bodies of the York Rite, or membership in all of the York Rite bodies. Many are found in other jurisdictions outside of the United States, but several are uniquely American in their origin”1.

Second, are you an Entered Apprentice, a Fellowcraft (or a Fellow of the Craft), or are you a Master Mason? If you have received any of these degrees in Freemasonry, “You Are A York Rite Mason”. Now, where do you go next? Decode the following cipher and you will know the answer. For assistance, see your Worshipful Master, Senior Warden or Secretary.



Who may “Travel” to (Visit) other Lodges?

We often have “Fraternal” visit nights scheduled for our members to travel to other lodges as a group of Brothers from Ashburn-Sterling Lodge. Have you ever wondered, I am allowed to attend? May I go join the festivities with my Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden? Do my lodge officers need to be present for me to Travel to other lodges? Yes you are allowed to travel, Yes you may attend, and Yes one of your stationed Officers (WM, SW, or JW) combined with four other brothers are required to claim a “Fraternal Visit” for Ashburn-Sterling Lodge. No, the officers do not need to be present for you to travel, only to claim the Fraternal Visit.

Remember, there are exceptions to the rules for traveling. If you are an Entered Apprentice, you may only attend open meetings or Tiled Entered Apprentice Lodges and then only with your Mentor or other Master Mason from your lodge. Likewise for a Fellowcraft, Fellowcraft members may only attend open meetings, Tiled Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Lodges and again only with your mentor or other Master Mason from your Lodge. A Master Mason may “Travel Freely”, be sure to carry your Masonic Passport along with your dues card and enjoy your travels. Remember, be prepared to be questioned: If you do not know any brother there who will vouch for you, it is the Lodge’s duty to “Guard” accordingly. More about Traveling in next month’s issue.

Bro. Douglas R. Collins

JUNIOR WARDEN

Hello Brethren - On behalf of Worshipful Master, and the Senior and Junior Stewards I would like to send you warm greetings from the South. We have a wonderful dinner planned for our February stated meeting. Bro. Kelly is planning on smoking 20lbs of chicken in his high technology Yoder pellet smoker. Additional side dishes will be provided by Bro. Daniel and me. Please come hungry as dinner is going to be delicious! Check out Bro. Kelly’s communication for more detail. One final note and a request - if anyone is interested in providing dinner at a stated meeting any time this year please be sure to let us know. We would love to have your help.

Bro. Martin Z. Gruszka



TREASURER

Brother Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest" and he couldn't be more right. As Freemasons, we pay our dues for the reverberating effects of the investment unto the world, and also for the knowledge one obtains as a result of being given the privilege of sharing in the mysteries of the craft. As an EA we are taught to listen, which I believe is one of the most important lessons that masonry affords us to learn. Let us pause the next time we are in lodge and listen, and reflect on how those words and ritual have shaped our lives for the better.

The lodge is in good standing financially. But, more donations and fund raising activities are needed to increase our revenues both in 2015 and beyond. We have impending building restorations, estimated at over \$20k for 2015 alone. We are Freemasons, our minds are already innovative, with hands hardened and ready to accomplish the work. Let's continue our Worshipful Master's plans, putting our hearts and minds together this year to help the community, and rebuild our lodge.

Bro. Bryan K. Short

SECRETARY

Brethren, our dues status is as follows: 79 Paid, 42 Unpaid. If you have not yet sent in your payment, please do so soonest so we can move past this topic and focus on important projects and initiatives.

One of the current initiatives is to begin reaching out to the membership. This is an opportunity to communicate comments, suggestions and/or complaints to the team.

We are continuing our efforts to collect non-perishable food items for Loudoun Interfaith Relief. Look for the white cardboard box just inside the entrance to the lodge. Gift cards to grocery stores and gas stations in amounts of \$10 and \$20 are welcome as well, but please leave gift cards or cash donations with the secretary.

Feel free to reach me at any time via email: secretary@ashburnsterling288.org or 703-505-7257

Jason D. Matchett, PM

JUNIOR DEACON

Brethren, words cannot express how pleased I am to be serving our lodge in this capacity. My official duties are available online to anyone wishing to see them. Those duties are only one part of the job I see before me. As we all came to the door of a lodge and asked to gain entry, I have asked to be in this chair. I hope I can do it justice.

I see my role this year as one of learning and planning. In addition to working with the officers of this lodge I have to reach out to the junior deacons in surrounding lodges as they will be progressing along with me. No one makes the journey through masonry alone. We all profit by reaching out to our brothers. Sincerely and fraternally yours.

Bro. David F. Weese

CHAPLAIN

There are parts of a ship which taken by themselves would sink. The engine would sink. The propeller would sink. But when the parts of a ship are built together, they float. So, with the events of my life, some have been tragic, some have been happy but when they are built together, they form a craft that floats and is going places. And I am comforted. By Ralph W. Sockmaneadler!

William S. Buckler Jr., PM

JUNIOR STEWARD

We have a fantastic dinner planned for February. There will be hickory smoked chicken, spare ribs, homemade baked beans, and cornbread. Smoking and barbecuing have become hobbies of mine. I have plenty of room in the smoker, so please send me requests. If you want a brisket, or perhaps some smoked oysters, let me know and I will add it to the dinner menu. I have traditionally used one of my favorite spicy pepper sauces for both the baked beans and ribs. I have listed the recipe below for anyone interested in getting a feel for the sauce before you try it at the February stated meeting. I will place a small mason jar in the fridge for those who want to try the sauce without going through the trouble of making it yourself.

2 Tablespoons Vegetable Oil, 2 Medium Onions, Minced, 4 Cloves of Garlic, Minced, 2 Tablespoons Yellow Mustard, 2 Tablespoons Ground Pepper (You can tell a difference if it's freshly ground), 2 Tablespoons Corn Syrup, 1 ½ Cups Apple Cider Vinegar, 6 Tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce, 6 Tablespoons Kosher Salt, ¾ Cup Packed Brown Sugar, ¾ Cup Chili Powder, ½ Cup Tomato Paste, 2 Cups Tomato Puree.

Heat the oil in a medium sauce pan. Add the onions to brown and soften. This usually takes about 10 minutes over medium to medium-high heat. If the oil is splattering, your stove is too hot. Once the onions are softened and browned, add the remaining ingredients. Reduce heat to low and cook until the sauce thickens. This takes around 45 minutes to an hour. Stir often to avoid burning.

Please offer suggestions and give feedback. I know there are some Pit Masters among us. Please come out and offer your expertise! Fraternally,

Bro. Kelly O. Doyle

MUSICIAN

Freemasonry and music: There have been several famous composers that were also Freemasons, including Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Joseph Haydn, who were friends and often attended the same Masonic lodge. Mozart joined the Fraternity in 1784 at the age of twenty-eight while Haydn joined in 1785 at the age of 53. Mozart composed several pieces of Masonic music, including the "Cantata Die Maurerfreude" (Mason's Joy) and "Maurerische Trauermusik" (Masonic Funeral Music) to be played at the Lodge of Sorrow. In addition, several of his other works include the Symphonies Nos. 39 and 41. The Clarinet Quintet, the Clarinet Concerto, The Requiem Mass, and the Opera La Clemenza Di Tito have Masonic aspects. Mozart's last opera, The Magic Flute is believed to have Masonic influence also. Joseph Haydn's works, "The Creation" of and "The Miracle" are believed to be influenced by Masonry. During the month of February, it is my intent to feature some of the music from these great composers.

Bro. Bruce A. Lillegard



Your 2015 Leadership Team

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Your 2015 Leadership Team continued

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Awards	Senior Warden	Ritual	LIW
Communications	Secretary	Scholarship	Senior Warden
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Historical	Thomas D. Feely, PM	Trustees	Thomas D. Feely, PM
Investigation	Senior Deacon	Welfare	Chaplain
Masonic Relief	Senior Warden		

Service and Commitment

Living Past Masters

Our deceased Past Masters will forever remain in our hearts

David G. Arnold	Charles A. Maranto
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Ashburn Sterling Lodge No. 288 WM - Raymon W. Bacchus

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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
Lodge Rep - Bro. Raymon W. Bacchus www.herndonlodge264.org/beehive-club/
Beehive Club www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org
Job's Daughters International www.kena.org
Kena Shriners www.masonicbenefitfund.org
Masonic Benefit Fund www.ugle.org.uk
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