

January 1st 2015
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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 8am

Lodge Attire:

January Stated
Meeting:
Business Casual –
Dark Suit and Tie

Degree Teams:

Navy Jacket, White
shirt, Khaki Slacks

DUES COUNTER

as of
12/29/2014

20 PAID
63 UNPAID

From the East

My Dear Brothers, I wish a very happy new year for you and yours!! I am honored and humbled at the confidence you have reposed in me to serve you as your Worshipful Master for 2015. Your leadership team is already hard at work and has developed a plan for the year that is poised to be both fun and enlightening. We are excited at the potential our Lodge is positioned to realize and we look forward to each of you participating in and contributing to that success. Our Grand Master, MW Reese Edward Carroll, Jr's theme is "Together, We Can Make A Difference", which eludes to the fact that after all, our Lodge will only be as great as the sum of the contributions of our members.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all my Brethren. You selflessly toil in the quarries to support, maintain and contribute to our Lodge. You give your time, your effort and contribute financially. I am honored to stand among you and to serve you. Please do continue and in so doing lead our new Brothers by your fine example.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Worshipful Jason D. Matchett for his leadership and stewardship in 2014. When you see him around please do shake his hand or better yet, give him a hug. Thank you Brother.

In 2015, we will build on the accomplishments of the past few years. Our theme for the year is 'Industrious Learning' which lends to our motto, 'Making Good Men Better'. Provided with your shiny new dues card for 2015 is a summary of how this is to be accomplished. A few of the highlights include, as a group, working together to complete the Grand Lodge correspondence courses on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Our Stated meetings will include a reading from the Book of Constitutions and an explanation of one of our Masonic symbols and its possible applications in our daily lives. We will also receive at least two programs at each meeting. We will develop our community visibility and involvement further by issuing several community awards and inviting our neighbors to visit our Lodge. We will exemplify Free Masonry's good name by contributing to community events and further strengthening our Lodge by improving our ritual skills. We will uplift and strengthen our resident Rainbow Assembly and DeMolay Chapter by involving them in activities and showing them our support. Most importantly, we will strengthen our fraternal ties by beginning the tradition of a Lodge breakfast on the 4th Saturday of each month, by visiting our Brothers in other Lodges and enjoying that fellowship which only exists in our gentle craft. *Contd. Page 3*

Quote for the month

"From what we get we make a living. From what we give we make a life."

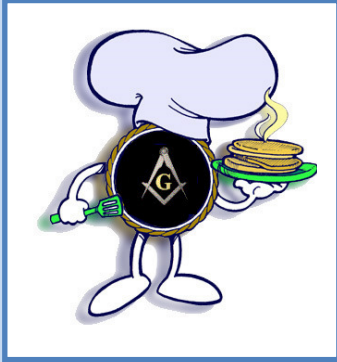
By Bro. Winston Churchill

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



“Changing the world
....one pancake at a time!”

January

Fraternal Visit /w Program - Freedom Lodge No. 118 (1/2/2015)
 Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11 Installation (1/4/2015)
 Fraternal Visit /w Program - Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 (1/5/2015)
 Our January Stated Meeting & Official Visit of DDGM (1/13/2015)
 Fraternal Visit /w Program - Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 (1/15/2015)
 Lodge Breakfast (8am on 1/24/2015)
 Correspondence Courses Class (6pm on 1/27/2015)
 District School at Freedom Lodge No. 118 (7pm on 1/28/2015)

February

Fraternal Visit - Acacia Lodge No. 16 (2/5/2015)
 Our February Stated Meeting (2/10/2015)
 Visit DeMolay (2/11/2015)
 District Bowling Night at Leesburg Lanes (6pm on 2/12/2015)
 Fraternal Visit - Beehive Club and Herndon Lodge No. 264 (2/16/2015)
 Correspondence Courses Class (6pm on 2/24/2015)
 SLOT Training (7pm on 2/25/2014 at Ashburn-Sterling No. 288)
 Lodge Breakfast (8am on 2/28/2015)

Masonic Birthdays for the Month



1984 - Gregg H. Schwarz, PM
 1988 - Paul E. Turner, PM
 1999 - John F. Meehan, PM
 2014 - Jwamer J. Rasheed
 2014 - Sean F. McRee
 2014 - Jason E. Tayloe



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

Throughout the year your Trestleboard will be the source of information for upcoming events and activities. It will be published by the 1st of each month via email, on our webpage, Facebook page and mailed to those Brothers that still request it that way. Please do take the time to review it so you can participate. Your team is excited to serve you and we look forward to all of us working together to make Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 a shining star in our fraternity and in our community that good men may find us curious and then worthy of the investment of their time and commitment.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in friendship and service,

Raymon W. Bacchus, WM

SENIOR WARDEN

The Senior Warden is charged at installation to ensure equality of treatment of all Masons and to assist the Master in the government of the Lodge. He is also charged with paying the Craft their wages if any be due and ensures the satisfaction of all Brethren. The wages of a Master Mason are the approbation, respect, and gratitude of his Brethren; it is through these wages that we may continue to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in the arts of Freemasonry.

The Senior Warden is often tasked as "The Traveling Ambassador" of the lodge. This includes the coordination among lodge members and other lodges to promote and schedule visits to other lodges. Any brother that wishes to visit another lodge should contact the Senior Warden to see if a fraternal visit to that lodge is feasible and if so, scheduled. We will make a minimum of three visits to three separate lodges in January and we need five members present at each of those visits along with one Stationed Officer. Also, any brother wishing to make a Masonic Presentation during a visit to another lodge should contact the Senior Warden early to arrange that visit and presentation. All lodge members are encouraged to travel, all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts must be accompanied by a Master Mason and may only enter tiled meetings of the degrees to which they have received.

I am honored to have been selected to serve the lodge as Senior Warden and charge every lodge member to communicate with me their concerns. I will do my utmost to ensure the Peace and Harmony of all our fraternal relations.

Bro. Douglas R. Collins

JUNIOR WARDEN

Hello Brethren. First I hope that your Holidays were blessed with friends, family and wonderful memories. Brethren as your Junior Warden along with the Junior and Senior Stewards, we hope to live up to the fantastic standard of cleanliness and refreshment that was set for us by the previous Junior Warden and Steward Team. Our practice of serving dinner at the stated meeting by distributing tickets to members at a cost of \$5.00 will remain in place. This January the dinner will be provided by Brother Kelly Doyle. Brethren I hope that the upcoming year will be better than the last in everything that you do. I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Bro. Martin Z. Gruszka

TREASURER

Brothers, I am honored by the privilege you have each bestowed on me, to serve you as your new Treasurer for the 2015 year. I can certainly say that I have big shoes to fill. Thank you Jeff, and thank you for your support as I take on this position, it will be a good year.

In 2014, there were many innovations made by Past Master Jason Matchett, current Worshipful Master Ray Bacchus and the fellow brother's which have strengthened this institution tremendously. Even the changes made within the Treasurer position itself will have profound effects on the fraternity. As a result of such improvements, we are now accepting Due's Payments and Donations via PayPal. We also use Wells Fargo Bill Pay, instead of writing paper checks.

I look forward to providing clear financial insight into our Lodge's operations to the Worshipful Master, Committees and fellow Brethren, so that we may reinvest into gears of Masonry. Happy Holidays and have a fantastic New Year.

Bro. Bryan K. Short

SECRETARY

Brethren, Consider this a reminder that payment for your 2015 dues is required before you can receive your valid dues card, which is required for you to be able to sit in lodge. The options for payment are (1) a check in the amount of \$175 payable to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge #288, or (2) via the PayPal link on our website <http://www.ashburnsterling288.org>. There is a \$6 charge for using the PayPal service.

Last month the lodge established a Masonic Relief fund for helping our local brothers in need. The Trustees are working on a plan for the lodge to build up the fund, but individual donations are always welcome. For those of you who include a donation with your dues, please attach a note or indicate in the Memo section of your check if you would like additional funds to be marked for the Masonic Relief fund. The PayPal feature on our website also has an option for making a donation to the lodge, for which PayPal does not charge.

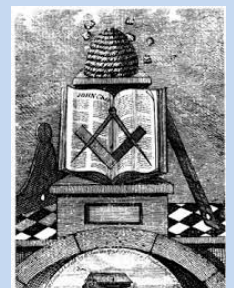
One of the Worshipful Master's initiatives for 2015 is a group study of the Grand Lodge of Virginia Correspondence Courses. The first class will be on Tues, 1/27 at 6:00pm. Each brother will have to order his own course by going to <http://courses.vamasons.org/>. Click on the Registration Form tab and fill out the registration form. Successful completion of this program will require the use of information which can be found in the Methodical Digest, Manual of Ceremonies, Mentor's Manual, (the Presentation Volume may be used in lieu of the Manual of Ceremonies and the Mentor's Manual), the ritual and your general knowledge. We will have copies of the following documents: 2014 Methodical Digest, A Guide for Planning your Year as Worshipful Master, District Education Officer's (DEO's) Manual, and the Responsibility and Guidelines for Officers and Lodge Members available for all participants. If you need to order the Presentation Volume or Mentor's Manual, please contact me at secretary@ashburnsterling288.org.

This year's Division Leadership Conference is Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Highland School, 597 Broadview Ave, Warrenton, VA 20186. Registration is at 8:00am. The conference begins 8:30am and ends at 12:00am.

Please remember that if your contact information has changed, it is YOUR responsibility to contact the lodge to update our records.

Cheers to 2015,

Jason D. Matchett, PM



SENIOR DEACON

Brothers, I am looking forward to an exciting year for our lodge. Our Master and his leadership team have an ambitious agenda for our lodge that will provide many opportunities for all of us to grow masonically and strengthen our brotherly bond. However, we each only get out of life what we put into it...masonry is no different. I encourage everyone to find a way to be active in our lodge, there are many opportunities just ask or pick an initiative that is important to you and run with it. Most Tuesday evenings there is something happening at your lodge, whether practicing for a degree, receiving the DDGM, or opening/closing a lodge. There is also a group of brothers reviewing the catechisms on Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM and Saturday mornings at 8:30AM. If you are interested in refreshing or learning the catechisms just stop by.

As your Senior Deacon for 2015 I'm looking forward to living up to the confidence you have placed in me. I am hopeful that I will be kept busy accommodating visiting brethren; January has potential as many lodges in our district may visit for our January stated meeting. In addition, I hope we continue the trend of the past year and have many degrees that require candidates to be conducted.

If there is anything I can help with do not hesitate to reach out to me at senior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org

See you at Lodge!

Bro. Jeffrey L. Sparrow

CHAPLAIN

Anyone can follow a path, but only a leader can blaze one. That's often not easy. If you're a leader, a lot of people depend on you. FAMILY AND FRIENDS need leaders who model purpose-driven lives. CHILDREN need leaders who help them reach their potential. LODGES need leaders who chart the course and govern. BUSINESSES need leaders who build great places to work while making a profit. COMMUNITIES need leaders who create a better place to live. As others depend on you, upon whom can you depend? The answer is The Supreme Architect of the Universe, the Ultimate Leader!

William S. Buckler Jr., PM

SENIOR STEWARD

Brethren, it is my honor and a privilege to be able to sit in line again especially with Ashburn-Sterling 288. I look forward to contributing to the success of the Lodge and the Worshipful Master. Although I am still new to Virginia I am not new to Freemasonry. It will take me a few weeks to get my job down, but if there is anything I can do to make your experience better please let me know. Fraternaly,

Daniel M. Potter, PM

MUSICIAN

The role of music in Freemasonry can vary from lodge to lodge and country to country. Music is most often played at the opening and closing of the lodge but can be an integral part of the degree rituals and other masonic events. As Andrew Hammer, Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No 22 states, "the use of music as both a means of meditation and method of bonding among the brethren is well-established, if not actually codified. It simply is an intended aspect of the Masonic assembly. He also notes that "Ritually, music is one of the seven liberal arts and sciences revered by the Craft" and also points out that some of the earliest music references are found in Preston's Illustrations of Masonry, including "Music teaches the art of forming concords, so as to compose delightful harmony, by a proportional arrangement of acute, grave and mixed sounds". Music has a "geometric" structure and musical compositions can be thought of as "architecture." It is my goal during the next year to incorporate both traditional and contemporary music into the lodge rituals to help establish a concord among the brethren, to educate the brethren on the basic structure and architecture of music, as well as, explore the music from famous composers who were also Freemasons.

Bro. Bruce A. Lillegard

Your 2015 Leadership Team

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Worshipful Master	Raymon W. Bacchus	Worshipful.Master@Ashburnsterling288.org
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Trustees

- William B. Bennett Jr.
- Thomas D. Feely, PM
- Stuart K. Harp, PDDGM
- Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM



Your 2015 Leadership Team continued

Committees & Chair Persons

Activities	Junior Warden	Processes/SOP	Secretary
Audit	Senior Warden	Property	Treasurer
Awards	Senior Warden	Ritual	LIW
Communications	Secretary	Scholarship	Senior Warden
Finance	William B. Bennett Jr.	Temple	Senior Deacon
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
Paul L. Baker	Jason D. Matchett
Russell L. Baneck, PDDGM	John F. Meehan
Standley B. Bowen	Rosser B. Nance Jr., PDDGM
William S. Buckler, Jr.	Daniel M. Potter
Thomas D. Feely	Eugene R. Puffenberger
Darrell R. Fleming	Greggory H. Schwarz
William P. Frosdick	Kenneth O. Shelton Sr., PDDGM
James C. Gore Jr. , PDDGM	Marvin M. Shoaf
Stuart K. Harp, PDDGM	Robert L. Spindle
Walter O. Harrison, PDDGM	Richard H. Stuart
Raymond F. Houser Jr.	Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM
Gerald Jenkins, PDDGM	Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM
John L. Jensen III	Richard B. Wade
Kevin L. Kelly	John W. Wailes, PDDGM
James C. Keys, PDDGM	David R. Westenberger
Thomas E. Krouse, PDDGM	Joe E. Workman
Charles E. Lipscomb	

Veteran Members

James W. Anderson	Jay R. Marshall
Robert S. Barnes	Richard F. Marshall
Bernard L. Bowers	Felix Pages-Romero
Freeman K. Buxton	Eugene R. Puffenberger, PM
James A. Crosen	Kenneth O. Shelton Sr., PDDGM
Darrell R. Fleming, PM	George L. Smith
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Frederick H. Chandler
Jimmy L. Clifton
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Charles R. Walk, PM



The 170th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia (2014-2015)

MW Reese Edward Carroll, Jr.



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District No. 2 Lodges & Masters

- Hamilton Thompson Lodge No. 37 WM - Donald G. Young
Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 WM - Reuben V. Martinez III
Freedom Lodge No. 118 WM - Loyd E. Davis
Ashburn Sterling Lodge No. 288 WM - Raymon W. Bacchus

District No. 2 Leadership Team

- District Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey R. Gould, DDGM
District Instructor of Work Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM
District Educational Officer Kevin M. Homan, PM
District Masonic Home Ambassador John G. McWilliams III, PM
District Blood Coordinator James A. Cromer, PDDGM
District VACHIP Coordinator Roy H. McGarrah, Jr., PDDGM
District Membership Coordinator Philip B. Brooks, PM
District Lodge Services Representative Thomas W. Brierton, PM

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

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
Masonic Benefit Fund www.masonicbenefitfund.org
United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) www.ugle.org.uk

*** Grand Lodge of Catharpin operating at Hay Market Lodge No. 313 on Tuesdays from 8:30am to 11:00am imparting Virginia Ritual, Masonic Protocol and Fellowship