



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:

September Stated
Meeting

Officers:

Overalls & Plaid Shirt

Everyone Else:

Overalls & Plaid shirt,
Business Casual or
Dark Suit and Tie

Degree Nights:

Navy Jacket, White
Shirt & Khaki Slacks

DUES COUNTER

as of
8/31/2015

132 PAID
5 UNPAID

From the East

My Dear Brethren,

Where has the summer gone?? We now find ourselves in September!! The kids are back in school, the days are getting noticeably shorter, the evenings are getting cooler and the year is quickly coming to a close. We have but a few months left to fulfill those resolutions and commit ourselves to new ones for 2016. I hope you are in the ship whose sails are full and fast approaching its destination.

Please note the attire for the September Stated. Fall is upon us.

We are now at the time where those that are interested in assisting in the building of our Lodge by joining the progressive line, the line of being of service on a committee or as an officer should step forward and let me know. As you may already know, I will have the privilege of serving you as Worshipful Master in 2016 and the planning has already begun. There are several positions on the Leadership team that need to be filled. I'm looking forward to serving our Lodge with another group of dedicated Brothers who will share great ideas and have the commitment to "who can best work and best agree".

Bella Nova Chorus, who practices on Sunday afternoons in our Lodge and is getting ready to compete in Harmony Inc.'s International Convention and Contests in Verona, New York has invited everyone to attend a donations optional concert at the Lodge on Sunday, October 25th, 2015 from 3-4 pm. Please come out and enjoy some great sounds with your friends and family in our Lodge room.

A special thank you to our Stewards who did an outstanding job providing for and serving over 60 at our August Stated meeting!! Please give them a pat on the back when you see them and offer to help with future meals if you can.

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Quote for the month

"Masons, when they start upon a building, are careful to test out the scaffolding; Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points, secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints. And yet all this comes down when the job's done showing off walls of sure and solid stone. So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be old bridges breaking between you and me, never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall confident that we have built our wall."

by Bro. Seamus Heaney

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



"Join our walk and tell a friend, together we can put this to an end!"

SEPTEMBER

Visit to Brunswick Lodge No. 191 in Maryland (Steak Dinner on 9/2/2015)
 Lodge Game Day (1st Thursday of each Month for Board Games 9/3/2015)
 Visiting Treadwell Lodge No. 213 (Picnic and Lodge on High Hill 9/3/2015)
 District Picnic (11am -3pm on 9/19/2015 at Franklin Park in Purcellville, VA)
 Fraternal Visit (Herndon Lodge No. 264 Stated on 9/21/2015)
 Correspondence Courses Group Class (6pm on 9/22/2015)
 District School/One Day Conferral Proficiency Class/Masters and Wardens Meeting at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288; (7pm on 9/23/2015)
 Lodge Breakfast (8am on 9/26/2015)
 Alzheimer's Walk (10am on 9/26/2015 at Reston Town Center)

OCTOBER

District Bowling Night (10/8/2015 at 6pm - 8:30pm) at Village Lanes Bowling Center located at 49 Catocin Circle SE, Leesburg, VA 20175
 Masonic Family Day at the Masonic Home (2nd Sat on 10/10/2015)
 Fraternal Visit (Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 Stated on 10/19/2015)
 Lodge Breakfast (8am on 10/24/2015)
 Bella Nova, A Harmony, Inc. Chorus Concert (3-4pm on 10/25/2015 at the Lodge)
 District School at Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37; Masters and Wardens Meeting (7pm on 10/28/2015)

FURTHER OUT

Movember (Awareness of Men's Health Issues - The month of November)
 Grand Lodge of Virginia (11/6/2015 -11/8/2015)
Dues Reminder (On or before 12/31/2015 for 2016)

Masonic Birthdays for the Month



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| 1974 - Wayne H. Gladden | 2010 - Brian M. King |
| 1976 - James W. Cravotta | 2011 - Troy J. Mueller |
| 1977 - Charles L. Waddell | 2011 - Randell M. Quiambao |
| 1988 - William P. Fosdick | 2012 - John L. Rutan |
| 1996 - Christopher C. Thompson | 2014 - John R. Hollar |
| 1997 - Adam J. Sutton | 2014 - Bryan K. Short |

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 No. 37 as of 5/21/2015.**

Your Officers Thoughts

FROM THE EAST CONTD. FROM PAGE 1

We continue our Trestleboard Sponsorship Program where upstanding, vetted organizations or individuals who provide good, honest service will have an opportunity to be rewarded by being endorsed to our members as such. If you are aware of any organization or individual Brothers, their families and friends would benefit from, please reach our Secretary or me.

Summary of August

We had a strong showing for the Grand Master's Official visit on August 8th and District 2 was the only District with all of its' Worshipful Masters present. For those who participated, thank you for supporting the Lodge and the District.

At our Stated meeting on August 11th, we hosted the youth groups, Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11, Herndon Bethel No. 52 and Ashburn DeMolay who impressed us as each group gave delightful and informative presentations. The poise of these young boys and girls was striking. Our youth is most certainly our future and we would do well to support them.

Our Lodge hosted the Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Night on August 22nd. The reports are in and are super good!! Please welcome and congratulate Brother Ben Pearson who was our candidate and was raised that evening. To all the participants, thank you for representing our Lodge and the District. A special thank you goes to Wor. Jason Matchett who, in my absence, did an excellent job coordinating things. Thank you Brother for your constant, unwavering support and commitment to the Lodge.

On August 29th, we had 5 candidates attend the Grand Lodge of Virginia's One Day Conferral Class. Please welcome and congratulate Brothers Corey Cox, Bret Thomas, David Lauer, Andrew Kinner and Kevin Glaus as they are our newest Master Masons. Thank you to the mentors who guided these Brothers through the day and to all of our members who came out to support this historic event. Attendance at the class was strong with over 130 new Master Masons being made. Our very own Bro. Brian King delivered the Master Mason's lecture in superb form and really did us proud!

What's happening in September?

This month we are set to enjoy our District Picnic on September 19th from 11am to 3 pm at Franklin Park in Purcellville, VA. There will be lots of good food, games for the grownups and games for the kiddos, entertainment and good times all around. I look forward to sharing this event with you, your family and friends. Please remember to RSVP to events@ashburnsterling288.org or if at the last minute you discover that you can make it, just come on out.

We will wrap up the Grand Lodge Correspondence Course group work for this year on September 22nd at the Lodge. If you find yourself behind, please let me know and I will work with you to get the course or courses completed. Educating yourself about our great Fraternity will allow you to be an asset and a building block for the future.

September 23rd at 7pm our Lodge is proud to host the One Day Conferral Class Proficiency Assessment for the District. This is not only for the graduates of the class but will be an excellent resource for every Master Mason. Please come out to support the new Master Masons in the District and brush up on your "P"s and "Q"s as you cross your "T"s and dot your "I"s.

At 8:30am on September 26th at Reston Town Center we will be participating in the Alzheimer's Walk to help raise funds to find a cure for this terrible disease. There are several members of our Lodge who have lost relatives and or friends to this disease or know someone who is afflicted with it. Let's band together to help make a difference. In addition to your presence you can donate, join our team (Loudoun Masons at http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/General?pg=entry&fr_id=7382) and help raise funds, spread the word to your friends and family and share the event on social media. If you are coming out for the walk, please consider wearing your Lodge shirt.

As was mentioned last month, my Brothers, Freemasonry is made rich by the participation of the membership. You have been afforded many opportunities to become a part of something great, a force for change. I hope you will determine to be.

In your service I remain. Please reach me if there is anything I can do for you. Cheers!!

Raymon W. Bacchus, WM

SENIOR WARDEN

The Virginia Capitular Degrees

Select Master

A Degree emphasizing the lessons of devotion and zeal. The Degree centers on the construction and furnishing of a Secret Vault beneath the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Temple, and the deposition of those secrets pertaining to the Craft by the three ancient Grand Masters of the Craft. This Degree bridges the events surrounding the concealment and loss of the Ineffable Word and the events leading to the recovery of the Word in the Royal Arch Degree. The presiding body is a Council, and the presiding officer is the Illustrious Master.

Royal Master

A Degree emphasizing the lessons of patience and fortitude. The Degree centers around the Fellowcraft Masons who were artificers fabricating the fittings and furniture of the Temple. It is unusual in that the first part of the Degree depicts events taking place before the death of the Grand Master Hiram Abif, and the last part depicts events occurring after his death. (<http://www.virginiaroyalarch.org/degrees.php>)

The Senior Warden's Station

JUNIOR WARDEN

Brethren, our Stewards are diligently working away in service to the Lodge. We are growing and becoming significantly more active. As this continues, it would be much appreciated if you would volunteer to help with a meal or to help out in general around the Lodge. Remember, this is our home. Our home. It is mine as much as it is yours and we can only be successful if we work together. I look forward to many hands making light work. I am yours in service.

The Junior Warden's Station

TREASURER

In last months' submission I was hoping to evoke some kind of a response from the Brothers. I did not receive one peep. So I thought why not? Perhaps the paragraph was not pointed enough....possibly. Maybe nobody reads the Trestleboard....that's not it as the demand is high for it. Nobody cares about the fiscal status of our Lodge....Ahhh that must be it! Apparently the fiscal health of our Lodge isn't interesting or important. So I re-read last months' Trestleboard for an interesting topic that I could spin off. I counted ten, specific separate references to eating, yes ten. Apparently that is a basic tenet of our involvement with Masonry. We are an eating fraternity! Eating is a primary concern, not keeping a Lodge over our heads. How could I be so blind as to think otherwise? So instead of me trying to engage us in how we are going to fund the Lodge for the next four months without a stable income stream, or trying to figure out how to manage the impact of our largest expenses, let me just blow it off this month and stop howling at the moon over something nobody cares about. I don't know about you, but I'm hungry, get on those frilly aprons so we don't drool on our polyester....LETS EAT! Yours in service.

Bro. Jeffrey J. Schwarz

SECRETARY

Registration is open for the Grand Annual Communication (GAC). The 237th Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The Business Session will commence on Friday, November 6, 2015, at 8:30 O'clock A.M. Exemplification of the Degrees will be held beginning on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:30 O'clock P.M. and ending on Thursday, November 5, at 3:00 O'clock P.M. All the information is available on the Grand Lodge Website:

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/members/gac>. Yours in service.

Jason D. Matchett, PM

JUNIOR DEACON

Brothers, most humble greetings from the Junior Deacon's chair near the West. For this September issue, I must take a moment to reflect on how busy the summer was for Ashburn Sterling 288. Our Lodge has initiated, passed, and raised many new Brothers this summer. We have recognized Eagle Scouts, fellowshipped with game night and game day, served the community with the Child Identity Program (VACHIP), hosted a summer picnic, and conducted numerous Fraternal visits across State lines. Not to mention a complete Lodge make over (the facility looks great). I had the privilege to mentor a Brother at the Grand Lodge of Virginia's statewide one day conferral. What an experience to see all three degrees in one day in such a fine venue as the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple. Everyone that participated and attended was filled with more light in Masonry. The fall is gearing up to be just as exciting. I invite all Brothers and guests to come out to the September 8th Stated and see all the upgrades to the Lodge and meet the new Master Masons from the summer's "Raisin". Yours in service.

Bro. John R. Hollar

SENIOR STEWARD

We had a successful dinner on August 11th with a lot of guests present. I am looking for some volunteers to help prepare a meal for one of our upcoming Stated meetings. If you are able to help please reach out to me and let me know what you would like to do. Also I will need some volunteers to help restock the kitchen after the remodeling and just help get things back in order. Yours in service.

Daniel M. Potter, PM

JUNIOR STEWARD

Over the last few months we have been renovating the kitchen. There was some confusion as to how to prepare the meal for the last stated meeting. Thankfully Bro. Daniel Potter offered suggestions for how to more efficiently making the large quantity of dumplings we needed. He was also the only Stewart serving dinner and as anyone that has been involved in that process knows, it's quite a lot of work.

Summer is ending and with it grilling season. So, it has been suggested this month that we cater. We will be looking into entrée choices. Be sure to RSVP if you plan on bringing company. There will be plenty of delicious food and dessert. So, come out support the lodge!

Some Trivia: Our stated meeting lands on September 8, National Pardon day. The roots of this day go back to 1974 when the newly installed President Gerald Ford issued a Presidential Proclamation pardoning President Richard M. Nixon of any wrong doing related to the Watergate scandal.

Yours in service,

Bro. Kelly O. Doyle

CHAPLAIN

Why do Masons end their Prayers with the Phrase "So mote it be"? It is customary in contemporary English to end prayers with a hearty "Amen," a word meaning 'So be it'. It is a Latin word derived from the Hebrew word meaning 'certainly'. Thus a congregation saying "Amen" is literally saying "So be it". The word mote is an archaic verb that means 'may' or 'might', and traces back to Old English. The phrase "So mote it be" means 'So may it be', which is the same as 'So be it'. So why do Masons end their prayer this way? The answer goes back to the Regius Poem of about 1390 AD, the oldest known Masonic document (now housed in the British Museum, London). It is one of the Old Charges or Gothic Constitution used by early Freemasons to regulate their trade. It has a legendary history, regulations to guide the Mason trade and rules of manners and moral conduct. The poem ends famously with this couplet: Amen! Amen! So mote it be! So say we all for charity. Thus Freemasons today end their prayers the same way they did in 1390. The next time you're in lodge and say "So mote it be" after the chaplain finishes a prayer, remember that you are continuing a 600 year old Masonic Tradition. Yours in service.

William S. Buckler Jr., PM

MUSICIAN

There are seven theories on why humans evolved to love music, 1) to attract a mate (love). Around 40% of today's popular songs lyrics talk about romance, sexual relationships, and sexual behavior. 2) music binds groups of people together and keeps them in sync, 3) music is way to identify your tribe or group, 4) to maximize what the psychologist refer to as "flow" or a joyful state of immersion, wherein one loses all sense of time, 5) to feel emotions. Music is more emotional than language. 6) To intimidate predators. A rhythmically well-organized loud noise is a way to intimidate large predators and unites a group against a common enemy. 7) Music evolves like a species. Music is copied, combined, modified, and results in a new mutation or musical offspring. Yours in service.

Bro. Bruce A. Lillegard

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Service and Commitment

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Our deceased Past Masters will forever remain in our hearts

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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

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