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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

Masonic Education & Ritual Practice:

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

Lodge Attire:

March Stated Meeting

Officers:
Tuxedo

Everyone Else:
Lodge Shirt,
Business Casual,
or Dark Suit and Tie

On Degree Nights:

Navy Jacket,
White Shirt,
Khaki Slacks

From the East

HAPPY SPRING! Welcome to pollen, yard work and blooming flowers and trees! It's time to get out of the house and visit your Lodge. The Grand Master proclaimed by edict that this month is to be "YOUTH MONTH", and our Lodges work will be geared around our three Masonic youth groups.

On April 7th at 3:30PM we will have a Fraternal visit to the Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11 at Hamilton- Thompson Lodge. We will carpool from the lodge leaving at 2:30 PM if your cable tow allows please come out and show your support.

April 20th the Lodge will be serving a dinner for members of our youth group with a program on the Dangers in Social Media to be presented by Brother David Rider. We need help in setting up, serving and clean up. The dinner starts at 6:00PM, so if you can help out in the setup, serving, or cleanup, please contact me! We'd like to show them the support of as many Brethren as can attend!

Our final Fraternal visit of this month will be to Job's Daughters Bethel No. 52 at Herndon Lodge. We will carpool from the Lodge leaving at 6:45 PM. They have a fundraiser that evening that will allow visitors to dress in jeans for \$5. We plan to do this to help them out. Our youth groups hold the key for Freemasonry in the future.

I would like to thank all the members and officers that attended the Ken Shelton Area School the past Saturday morning. The school this year was better than prior years and was a great learning experience. This was our first time working with our new Division Lecturer, Worshipful Brother Scott Springer, and we believe he will be a huge asset to our area.

A big thanks to our Junior Steward for our new meal cards, which can be purchased online at the Lodge webpage, or in-person. You can choose between a 5 or 10-meal card.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Our May sated meeting on the 14th will be held outside under the stars not too far from the Lodge, off of Loudoun County Parkway. We will have a cook out dinner before the meeting starting at 6:00 PM so plan on bringing a lawn chair and jacket. The area has a shelter, so rain will not be a problem. I hope we can make this and annual event!

A big thanks to Brother Scott Lambert for taking care of our roof problem that caused some water damage on the social hall.

Sincerely,

David L. Stoneburner, PM
Worshipful Master

Theme for 2019

"Friendship, Morality, & Brotherly Love"

Upcoming Events



April		
Date	Time	Event
9 th	7:30 PM	Ashburn-Sterling Lodge Stated Meeting - Dinner at 6:30PM
16 th	7:00 PM	Master Mason Degree at Ashburn-Sterling No. 288
19 th	7:00 PM	Masters & Wardens Meeting via conference call
20 th	6:00 PM	AS288 Youth Appreciation Dinner
21 st		🐣 🌸 EASTER SUNDAY 🌸 🐣
23 rd	7:30 PM	Fraternal Visit to Job's Daughters Bethel No. 52 (Herndon Lodge)
24 th	7:00 PM	District School at Herndon Lodge - Master Mason Degree (2 nd half)
27 th	8:00 AM	Lodge Quarterly Breakfast followed by Quarterly Game Day
30 th	7:00 PM	Master Mason Degree at Ashburn-Sterling No. 288
April	6:00PM	District Youth Event - Paintball - Time & place TBD
May		
Date	Time	Event
May 11 th		D2 Family Strasburg Railroad Outing
May 14 th	7:30 PM	Ashburn-Sterling Lodge Under the Stars (dinner starts at 6:00 PM)
Further Out (please see the Lodge calendar at www.ashburnsterling288.org for more events)		
Date	Time	Event
June 2 nd		Tour de Cure
July 19 th		District 2 & 3 Grand Master Visit at Blueridge Firehouse - Bluemont
Oct 5 th		District 2 Picnic at Frying Pan Park in Herndon
Youth Group Business Meetings		
Date & Time	Event	
2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 7:30 PM	Job's Daughters Bethel No. 52, Herndon Lodge	
2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 7 PM	Ashburn DeMolay Chapter, Ashburn-Sterling Lodge	
1 st & 3 rd Sundays 4:00 PM	Ashburn Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 11, Hamilton-Thompson Lodge	

Masonic Birthdays for the Month



4/15/53 - Robert L. Spindle, PM	4/17/01 - Scott M. Baker
4/5/57 - Darrell R. Fleming, PDDGM	4/17/07 - Bill B. Bennett, Jr.
4/14/63 - Wendell D. Hansen	4/7/12 - Bruce A. Lillegard
4/4/81 - John W. Wailes, PDDGM	

The Reverse Birthday Present Program

An excellent way to exemplify your personal spirit of philanthropy! If you'd like to participate, in the month of your actual birthday, divide your age by the number 4, multiply the result by \$1 and then provide our Secretary with that amount. For example, in the month you turn 40 years old, you would divide 40 by 4, resulting in 10, then multiply 10 by \$1 meaning you would submit \$10 to our Secretary. These contributions will be used to fund one of our Lodge programs or as you designate.

Your Officers' Thoughts

SENIOR WARDEN

Brethren, I want to apologize to you for the tardiness of this Trestleboard. I've long known that those with chronic illness usually have a "bucket" of energy that can be used throughout the day and using my 24-inch gauge I thought I had found a balance of what was available between Masonry and home responsibilities that worked well for us. However, I started a "part-time" job a few months ago and I'm finding that the use of available energy in my bucket needs to be redistributed, and I need to go back and learn the lessons of the 24-hour gauge, again. There is a reason that this is the first working tool that you are presented with when you start your Masonic journey, and I've needed some reminding of this. I encourage all of you to regularly evaluate your personal gauge so that you're not missing out on time with children and family that will never come again. It's a constant juggle, but hopefully all of you were told that family and work always come before Masonry - We can not learn to be better men, husbands and fathers if we're neglecting those most important to us!

Brothers, please help show your support of our Masonic youth and help on Saturday evening, 4/20, with the Youth Appreciation Dinner! Hopefully the 4/23 visit to Bethel No. 52 will also have a huge turnout as this visit will be on a Tuesday evening when all of us hopefully already had "Lodge stuff" penciled on our calendars! Yours in service.

Bro. Bret M. Thomas

JUNIOR WARDEN

We have just entered the month of April. According to the master's Lectures, April is the month of unfolding and the richest masonic symbolism associated with the month of April is diamond and sapphire, the daisy, Taurus, and the number four. A common thread in the most important lessons that Masonry has to offer is the relationship between the philosophical and the practical. This relationship is most clearly visible in the square and the compass. The compass represents the philosophical, spiritual, the unseen, and the square represents the practical, or material, the visible. Every Mason has seen up close the various ways that the square and compass connect but it is sometimes hard to see the connection between the two that exists in the middle of these two instruments.

One thing that frustrates some Masons is that in the lodge is that they come into freemasonry with high expectations and spend their first six to eight months learning the incredible lessons that are found in the degrees. Then they get to their first monthly meetings realize that they are essentially relatively unenlightening business meetings. They also discover that the activities masons tend to participate in are picnics, charities, community events, parades, and social events. It is challenging to bridge the information gap between the profound and enlightening degrees and the numerous activities that seem to be completely unrelated to Masonry - or at least anything that they had been taught to understand in the degrees. They want to believe that the connection is present, but they don't see the connection and are not directly taught it.

An analogy would be of an operative Mason who takes stones from the quarry and uses sacred geometry to work with other Masons to create a temple that countless others use to worship and connect with their God. The individual Mason may not see the big picture but rather only their part of hueing, cutting or placing the individual stone. We all however are doing our small part in a much bigger well-designed project. If you would like to know more about this and your role in the project, I would encourage you to attend our April social event on Saturday, April 13th at 1:30 pm. The event is focused on art and ice cream. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about this topic and practice it.
. Yours in service.

Timothy A. Dahlman, PM

TREASURER

This past month has been a busy month financially for our Lodge. We paid our annual assessment to Grand Lodge and our annual insurance bill which are our largest expenses for the year. This year we were able to save over \$500 on our insurance bill after some reassessments were conducted. That's some good news! We did have to spend a portion of those savings on roof repairs after our Social Hall took on water. We all owe Brother Scott Lambert a big thank you and big hug as he really did a superb job of getting the damage assessed and repaired quickly.

We did some revamping of our standard operating procedures regarding the handling of Lodge finances which will make things easier and more efficient. We acquired a Lodge credit card that provides rewards or cash back. We also secured a bond for the office of the Treasurer, a standard practice that we are now aligned with.

Please know you can reach me with any questions or suggestions you may have at treasurer@ashburnsterling288.org or on my direct line at 703-899-8590.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in friendship and service,

Raymon W. Bacchus, PM

SENIOR DEACON

Who is Dr. John Dove?? Dr. John Dove, born September 2, 1792 and died November 16, 1876, worked as a pharmacy clerk. He received a medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in April 1814 and became a physician. Dr. Dove enjoyed a thriving medical practice and became a well-respected member of the Richmond, Virginia medical community.

Active in Virginia Freemasonry for more than sixty years, Brother Dove was Initiated into Richmond's Saint John's Lodge No.36 in December of 1813. Brother Dove held office as Grand Secretary of the Virginia Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for fifty-eight years (1818-1876), Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for forty-one years (1835-1876), and Grand Recorder of the Virginia Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for thirty-one years (1845-1876).

Brother Dove was a prolific writer. He authored "Masonic Textbook (1847)" and helped standardize Masonic Rituals. He also wrote "The Virginia Text Book of Royal Arch Masonry (1853)", and "A History of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia, Its Origins, Progress, And Mode of Development, In Two Lectures (1854)".

Often viewed as the Father of Freemasonry in Virginia, Dove is credited with contributing more to the Fraternity during his lifetime than any other person and with preserving numerous Masonic documents that might otherwise have been lost.

Brother Dr. John Dove died on November 16, 1876 at his son-in-law's residence in Richmond, Virginia. Shortly after his death, the Grand Lodge of Virginia erected a monument to him in Hollywood Cemetery. Yours in service.

Bro. Joel A. "Skip" Chapman

SECRETARY

If you were present at the March Stated, you may have heard that the property that backs to the Lodge is being rezoned for dwelling units. Peterson Properties will be present at the April stated to present their plans and provide an opportunity to address questions or concerns.

The presentation is scheduled for 7:00pm. Even if you can't stay for the meeting, I encourage you to come for the presentation. If you can't be present but have questions or concerns, please send them to the Worshipful Master or Secretary. Yours in service.

Jason D. Matchett, PM

SENIOR DEACON

Brethren, here are a few things that I have been contemplating and would like you to think about:

- How well are we guarding the West Gate?
- Has Freemasonry become too easy to obtain?
- Are we worshipping at the altar of "bigness"?
- Are there too many well-meaning Brethren who are working to make Freemasonry something other than Freemasonry?

These are difficult questions to answer and we now have some hard choices to make. How, as a Lodge, should we respond? Yours in service.

Bro. Joel A. "Skip" Chapman

SENIOR STEWARD

Brethren, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren for their help and support. My family and I have been in the process of moving not only our home but our businesses as well. It was an arduous process that we are not going to forget anytime soon! Thank you for "picking up the slack" around the Lodge and a special thank you to the Junior Steward and Brother Tom Vojir for their assistance. I am truly grateful and humbled by your support. Yours in service.

Bro. Fredrick M. Kellner III

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 a Stationed Officer and 4 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 Masonic Home of Virginia Outreach Program 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 1/17/2019 and was presented by Olive Branch No. 114.**



Other Musings

Brethren, the Lodge Trestleboard has been open to submissions from our respective candidates as well as our Masonic youth groups. The following is submissionions are from them:

ASHBURN DEMOLAY

They shared a prompt with their members, inviting them to write about a fun memory from their time with DeMolay. These are the three submissions we received:

CREATING FUN MEMORIES WITH DEMOLAY

Noah: I remember one year at Brotherhood the bathroom door didn't have a lock on it, so of course being the genius that I am I went and got a bucket of ice and poured it on the first person to shower. It was really great and all until I had to shower. Yeahhh I got ice dumped on me 3 times... fun stuff.

Per Ankh: A funny story I have with DeMolay was my first Brotherhood. After the dance and food, me and my brothers decided to go to an Ashburn hotel room with the Gills and Noah Pendleton. We were skipping through channels and saw a horror movie. During and after the movie, there were so many questions and thrills that it bonded all of us there. That night had a lot of inside jokes and overall a good time. I'll never forget it.

Chris: Being part of DeMolay is a great experience and shows inclusion of everyone no matter what they are. For me when DeMolay was running a dodgeball fundraiser, my chapter group wanted me to go with them for the experience, but I'm bad at dodgeball. But I wanted to give it a try. Of course, since it was my first time, I was bad at throwing and catching but I could dodge for the most part. Eventually our main chapter leader, Noah, aka my dad, told me to be a human shield for our best player that kept getting out early. So I spent the rest of the day being a meat shield for a kid, but to hell with it, we won because of me!

If you have an thought or an aritlce that you'd like to share with our membership, please send it to senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org

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

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Our deceased Past Masters will forever remain in our hearts

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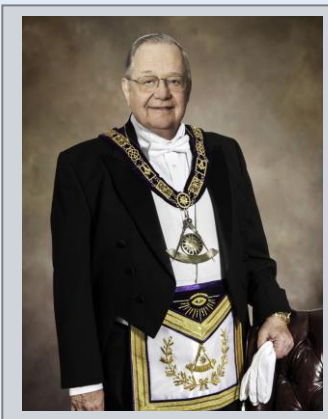
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Practice on the 2nd Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm

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

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

http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/fraternalism/turtles.htm

Bella Nova Chorus
1pm to 4pm on Sundays

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