

January 1st, 2019
Volume 114, Issue 1

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:

January Stated Meeting

Officers:
Tuxedo

Everyone Else:

Lodge Shirt, Business
Casual or Dark Suit and
Tie

On Degree Nights:

Navy Jacket, White
Shirt & Khaki Slacks

**2019 DUES
COUNTER
as of
12/31/2018
94 UNPAID**

From the East

Brethren,

Thank you for electing me as your Worshipful Master. I am truly humbled that you have placed your trust in me. Please know that I take this responsibility very seriously. As many of you already know, my primary responsibility is that of being the caregiver for my love, Lady Carolyne. While this may require me to miss a Lodge event on occasion, the entire leadership team is prepared to make sure everything is handled.

We have a few Fraternal visits coming up that I ask you to consider attending:

- 1/3/19 - Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42 in Arlington, VA
- 1/7/19 - Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 in Leesburg, VA (Traveling Gavel)
- 2/12/19 - Metropolitan Lodge No. 161, PHA in Leesburg, VA***

***Our February stated has been moved from 2/12/19 to 2/5/19 so that we may make a Fraternal visit to Metropolitan Lodge. The February stated will also be the official visit of our DDGM.

Please feel free to call on me, my Brothers. I am honored to serve you and our great Fraternity.

Sincerely,

David L. Stoneburner
Worshipful Master

Theme for 2019

“Friendship, Morality, & Brotherly Love”

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



January		
Date	Time	Event
1 st		DUES FOR 2019 WERE DUE BY DEC 31ST!!!
3 rd	6:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge No. 42
5 th	4pm	Ashburn DeMolay Installation @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
7 th	8pm	Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 stated meeting
8 th	7:30pm	Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 stated meeting (Blackout Night)
15 th	7pm	Fellowcraft Degree at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
17 th	11am	Fraternal Visit to Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37
18 th	7pm	Masters & Warden's Meeting @ TBD
19 th	7:30pm	Bethel No. 52 Installation @ Herndon Lodge No. 264
21 st	7:30pm	Herndon Lodge No. 264 stated meeting
23 rd	7pm	District 2 Ritual School @ Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37
26 th	10am	Lodge Quarterly Game Day
February		
Date	Time	Event
2 nd	1pm	Rainbow Assembly No. 11 Installation @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge
5 th	7:30pm	Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 stated meeting - NOTE CHANGE
12 th	7:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Metropolitan Lodge No. 161, PHA
23 rd	8am	Quarterly Lodge Breakfast
Further Out (please see the Lodge calendar at www.ashburnsterling288.org for more events)		

Masonic Birthdays for the Month



1/23/1984 - Gregory H. Schwarz, PDDGM	1/28/2014 - Jason E. Tayloe
1/19/1988 - Paul E. Turner	1/30/2018 - Mohammad A. Hmaidan
1/27/1999 - John F. Meehan, PM	1/30/2018 - Michael A. Zakrewski
1/28/2014 - Sean F. McRee	

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.

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: **Ashburn-Sterling No. 288 as of 12/11/2018 and was presented by Freedom Lodge No. 118.**



Your Officers' Thoughts

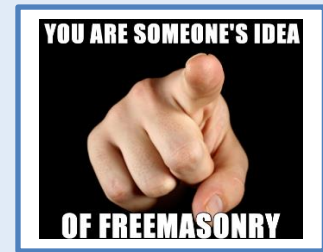
SENIOR WARDEN

Brethren,

Once again, electing me as your Senior Warden, you have placed your trust in me, and it is an honor that I do not take lightly, and I hope to live up to your expectations.

As you are probably aware, the Senior Warden is the chair of most of the Lodge's committees. This is done as a way to help familiarize the Brother sitting as Senior Warden with the various events and administrative goings-on within the Lodge, to properly prepare him for being Worshipful Master. As such, I invite you to contact me if you would like to be on any of this year's following committees: **Audit, Awards, Scholarship, Temple, Masonic Relief**. Other committees that I'd like to invite you to join, and who to contact, are these:

- Property: Bro. Scott R. Lambert lambert694@gmail.com
- Finance: Treasurer treasurer@ashburnsterling288.org
- Historical: Martin H. Gruszka, PM martin.gruszka@gmail.com
- Social: Junior Warden junior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
- Stewards: Junior Warden junior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
- Welfare: Chaplain chaplain@ashburnsterling288.org



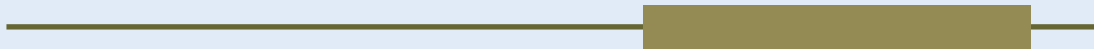
On a different topic: As the High Priest of Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88, which meets at our Lodge, I'd like to invite anyone interested in the York Rite bodies, or those wanting to further their understanding of the Craft Lodge degrees, to have dinner at Potomac Chapter's stated dinner, on the 4th Mondays of the month (Jan 28th, this month), to speak with many Royal Arch Companions who can answer your questions, and find you a petition. We now have two Royal Arch Chapters within District 2, Potomac Chapter and Loudoun Chapter, which meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at Herndon Lodge, so we can find a Chapter that will work with your schedule.

Finally, Brethren, the beginning of the new year usually brings with it ideas of fresh starts and new resolutions that we want to make and try to follow through with. Although there are many articles and jokes about our new resolutions lasting only until the next morning, studies have shown that those who actually make declared resolutions are more likely to achieve their resolutions than those who do not actually declare them. With this thought in mind, I recently came across the picture, above, and it really had an impact on me. "You are someone's idea of Freemasonry". We are reminded about this, in different words, in the charges we receive during our degrees, but with our current political climate and propensity to use social media, it is often necessary to be reminded of this fact. This year, I'd like to request that each of us make a new year's resolution to live up to the obligations and charges we take upon ourselves, as Masons. Before you post or share anything online, take a few moments to ask yourself if it's living up to our tenants of Faith, Hope, and Charity? Is it keeping within the tenants of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love? Is it something I'd be comfortable saying out loud within a Masonic Lodge, or saying directly to another Brother? If the answer to ANY of those questions is "no" or "maybe", please do not publish your post. We tell the world that Masons are men who can work together for the betterment of all mankind, regardless of creed, religion, or station in life. We are all working to improve our spiritual rough ashlar, but it takes actual work to do so. Please make a resolution to work on this. Be the men we tell the world we are!

I look forward to serving you all as your Senior Warden this year! Reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Yours in service.

Bro. Bret M. Thomas



JUNIOR WARDEN

Considering Our Past as We Chart Our Future: Brothers, I am excited about this coming year. The Worshipful Master has lots of great events planned. Some of the events that are planned this year will seem new to some of us but they are very traditional masonic events, such as involving family, a Table Lodge, and Lodge under the stars. Those events should remind us to look to draw on our past as we chart our future. It is in this spirit that I ask you to reflect upon the following few stanzas from Brother Robert Burns. The last stanza was traditionally only used in Masonic gatherings but has always been a part of the poem.

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!*

*Chorus.-For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.*

And surely ye'll be your pint stowp!

*And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne*

*We twa hae run about the braes,
And pou'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit,
Sin' auld lang syne.*

*We twa hae paid'd in the burn,
Frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne.*

*And there's a hand, my trusty fere!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right gude-willie waught,
For auld lang syne.*

*Then fill up a bumper and make it o'erflow,
And honours masonic prepare for to throw;
May ev'ry true Brother of the Compass and
Square
Have a big-belly'd bottle when harass'd with
care.*

Yours in service.

Timothy A. Dahlman, PM

TREASURER

My dear friends and Brothers, I am humbled that you have selected me to serve again as your Treasurer. Thank you for your trust and confidence. I am committed to working to maintain it.

Please remember that my daughter Sierra is in the progressive line of Bethel No. 52, Job's Daughters International in Herndon, Virginia. She is currently serving as the Senior Princess (much like the Senior Warden in the Craft Lodge) and has two stated meetings each month along with numerous events. I am committed to supporting her and the Bethel which means there will be times that I will not be present at our Lodge meetings and events. Please be assured that my absence does not mean that I will be neglecting my duties as Treasurer.

Working to improve on last year in support of your leadership team's objective of continuing to increase transparency, particularly regarding our Lodge finances, I have implemented a transparency initiative. In the Treasurer's section of our Lodge Google Drive account, I have created a folder that will contain a copy of every deposit and expense our Lodge incurs during the year. The folder is currently shared with the officers and will be made available to any member should they request it. This allows not only the Audit Committee and our Trustees but every member of our Lodge to review our records in detail at any time.

I will continue to always make myself available to answer your questions in a timely manner. I'm at your service. Please know that you are welcome to reach me at treasurer@ashburnsterling288.org or on my direct line at [703-899-8590](tel:703-899-8590) with any concerns or suggested solutions you may have.

I'm excited to be a member of your leadership team and look forward to supporting our Worshipful Master and his plan for the rest of the Masonic year. Sincerely and fraternally yours in friendship and service.

Raymon W. Bacchus, PM

SECRETARY

Brethren, the actual dues notices (or dues cards, if you have already paid) have gone out in the mail on December 31st. Please forgive me for the delay. Please remember that Lodge dues for 2019 Masonic year are \$205. They can be paid by check, or by credit card at the Lodge's website: <https://ashburnsterling288.org/dues> (note that it will be a total of \$212 after the added PayPal fees). Yours in service.

Jason D. Matchett, PM

SENIOR DEACON

Brethren, I hope you have all had a blessed, peaceful, merry Christmas, and a joyous New Year. I'm looking forward to a success full 2019 Masonic year. Yours in service.

Bro. Joel A. "Skip" Chapman

JUNIOR DEACON

Hello Brethren of Ashburn Sterling Lodge 288 and thank you for allowing to serve you as Senior Steward in the year 2018. I am excited about the opportunity to serve the Lodge for this masonic year as Junior Deacon.

A general description of the word *deacon* is derived from the Greek word *diákonos* (δίακονος which is a standard ancient Greek word meaning "servant", "waiting-man", "minister", or "messenger". Also, to better understand my duties I recently reviewed guidance information. I learned that one of duties the Junior Deacon is charged with is overseeing setting up the Lodge room for called and stated meetings. I would appreciate your help and support in this duty in the upcoming year. I count myself fortunate and remind myself every day that I get to be a Mason. Yours in service.

Bro. Timmy E. Shrum

SENIOR STEWARD

Brethren, it is a great honor for me to have been selected as your Senior Steward for the ensuing Masonic year. I would like to lay the foundation for the rest of the year by reminding the Brethren that we are all "Stewards of the Lodge." As such, another Brother wisely reminded me of the "Lesson of the Beehive." To wit, all of us should be productive around the Lodge. Cleaning up after ourselves, wiping our crumbs off of the tables, throwing away our trash and recycling in the appropriate containers. By cleaning up any messes that we may create in the kitchen or restrooms and bringing to the attention of the Junior Warden or Stewards any supplies that may be running low. As bees in a hive work diligently and in concert, so should we as Masonic Brethren work together to keep our Lodge running smoothly. I look forward to serving you. Yours in service.

Bro. Fredrick M. Kellner III

JUNIOR STEWARD

This will be my first year serving as an officer of the Lodge and I am honored and excited to be appointed Junior Steward for 2019. I am looking forward to working with Worshipful Stoneburner, the current officer team and all the Brethren.

One of our responsibilities as Stewards of the Lodge is to ensure that we properly stock the Lodge with supplies that you need. The Senior Steward and I spent some time last week taking inventory of the supplies and reviewing what we use and do not use. In an effort to best assist you please feel free to reach out and tell us some of the items you'd like to see added to the supply list. You can also send an email to supplies@ashburnsterling288.org, which will reach your Junior Warden and Stewards.

Happy holidays and let us work together to make this great 2019!. Yours in service.

Bro. Joseph Vitale

CHAPLAIN

Hello Ashburn-Sterling 288 Family. THANK YOU! My Name is Aaron Movius and I am proud and honored to serve you this year as Chaplain. I am humbled by the fact of being able to serve the Lodge and all the Brothers a part of it. My exact goal for the year is just to serve YOU and this wonderful Lodge we are in.

I would like to make a humble request to each and every Brother in the Lodge, that if there is anything in the least you need help with, or know of a Brother who might, to please reach out to myself personally at 703-675-0038, or by email at: chaplain@ashburnsterling288.org. Humbly in your service.

Bro. Aaron R. Movius

MARSHAL

This is my introductory post for the new year. I hope everybody had a safe and happy holiday. I was asked a question in one of the appendant bodies, to use one word to describe why I belonged there. My word is "Want". It is a simple word, the dictionary tells us that as a verb, a want is the desire to possess or do something. Or to lack something desirable or essential. Well, that says something for why I am a Mason, I lacked and still lack in some areas something I desire, and I feel is essential.

Last year my twenty-four-inch gauge was out of balance and I was unable to attend as much as I wanted to. The year in itself passed in a blur and I missed the fraternal bonds I shared with you in the Lodge. On January 1st we transition into a new and hopefully brighter future. I am also transitioning into a new job. For now, it looks like it will permit me to be more balanced selection between work and Lodge. I hope to see more of you there as well.

In my next articles I will start to post about: the position of a Marshal (yes I do more than carry the flag), some history about the flags of our state and country that you may or may not know, and some of the other things I find interesting in Masonry. Currently I am reading a book from the GL of New York titled Our Stations and Places, by Henry G. Meacham. I find research like this interesting and it fills that want to improve something I feel essential; knowledge.

Until then, have a great holiday.

Bro. David B. Rider

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Committees & Chair Persons

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Communications	Secretary	Scholarship	Senior Warden
Finance	Treasurer	Social	Junior Warden
Historical	Martin H. Gruszka, PM	Stewards	Junior Warden
Investigation	Senior Deacon	Temple	Senior Warden
Masonic Relief	Senior Warden	Trustees	William B. Bennett Jr.
Processes/SOP	Secretary	Welfare	Chaplain

Trustees

William B. Bennett Jr.
Sean F. McRee
John F. Meehan, PM

Service and Commitment

Living Past Masters

Our deceased Past Masters will forever remain in our hearts

David G. Arnold	Thomas E. Krouse, PDDGM
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Veteran Members

50+ years of Masonic Service

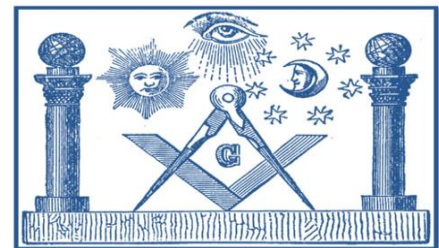
Jay R. Marshall - 68 yrs.
Richard F. Marshall - 68 yrs.
Walter O. Harrison, PDDGM - 67 yrs.
Thomas E. Krouse, PDDGM - 67 yrs.
Robert L. Spindle, PM - 65 yrs.
Darrell R. Fleming, PDDGM - 61 yrs.
James A. Crosen - 58 yrs.
Bernard L. Bowers - 55 yrs.
Wendell D. Hansen - 55 yrs.
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Rosser B. Nance - 53 yrs.
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- Hamilton Thompson Lodge No. 37 WM - Mark E. Shapiro
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Freedom Lodge No. 118 WM - Edward Ziemba
Herndon Lodge No. 264 WM - Bennett J. Corrado
Ashburn Sterling Lodge No. 288 WM - David L. Stoneburner

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District Masonic Home Ambassador Bro. Walter R. Mauk
District Blood Coordinator Doug C. Snell, PM
District Membership Coordinator Gregory H. Schwarz, PDDGM

Resident Bodies

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

Piedmont Commandery No. 26
4th Thursday of each month at 7:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm
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

Other Bodies and the Fund

- York Rite www.yorkrite.org
Scottish Rite www.scottishrite.org
Beehive Club www.herndonlodge264.org/bee-hive-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

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