

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
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# The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

Chartered on February 15, 1906



## Stated Meeting:

Second Tuesday of  
every month

### THIS MONTH

*"Lodge of Low Vale"*

Dinner at 6:00pm  
Meeting at 7:30pm

## Masonic Education & Ritual Practice:

Tuesday evenings  
at 6pm  
Saturday mornings  
at 8:30am  
*Casual Dress*

## Lodge Attire:

May Stated Meeting

### *Officers:*

Lodge Golf Shirt

### *Everyone Else:*

Casual, Lodge Shirt,  
Business Casual

### *On Degree Nights:*

Navy Jacket,  
White Shirt,  
Khaki Slacks

## From the East

Brethren,

The Craft as a whole, and our Lodge in particular, have lost two fine and upstanding Masons; Right Worshipful Brothers Kenneth O. Shelton and Thomas A. Krouse. We never know when the Supreme Architect of the Universe will call us home to that house not made by hands in the heavens. I feel very lucky to have spent an hour with Tom and some of my brothers last Thursday afternoon. As I was going home it started me thinking: We never know when that call may come for us. Do our loved ones know our wishes? Will they know where to locate important papers and phone numbers? Now is the time to make those arrangements.

**"Our Lodge under the Stars"** will be this month's stated meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, so please plan on attending. We will hold it outdoors at the Clyde Moore Boy Scout center, rain or shine. If it rains, we will be able to have our meeting under a shelter. The dress will be casual. Please bring a folding chair. Dinner will be picnic fare and will start at 6:00 PM, and the meeting will start at 7:30 PM. The information on the location we be sent out to all members by separate email or mail.

I would like to thank all the Brothers that helped out for our Youth Appreciation Dinner on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and to Brother David Rider for the program on cyber safety. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Lodge Fraternal visit to Delmar Lodge. If you plan to attend, please let Worshipful Brother Jeff Sparrow know, as we always try to carpool, leaving the Lodge around Noon. May 21<sup>st</sup> will be our bimonthly officers meeting at 7:00 PM, but any member that wants to attend is welcome. We will hold practice for the upcoming EA Degree afterwards.

Please mark your calendars for the fourth Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, as we will have a EA Degree. Please come out and show your support to your Lodge and our new Brother!

July 19<sup>th</sup> the Grand Master will have his official visit to Districts 2 & 3 at the Blue Ridge Fire Hall located in Bluemont, Virginia. Dinner starts at 6:00.

The "Celebration of Life" for RW Tom Krouse will be Saturday 5/11/19 at the Sterling Elk's Club starting at 4:00 PM, with a modified Masonic and Elk's service starting at 6:30 PM. Dress is collared shirt with sport coat, no tie. Come out to celebrate RW Tom's life with his Brothers, his family, and his Elk's friends!

Yours in service.

*Wor. David L. Stoneburner*

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Theme for 2019

*"Friendship, Morality, & Brotherly Love"*

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## Upcoming Events



May		
Date	Time	Event
11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	D2 Family Strasburg Railroad Outing
11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Lodge Spring Cleaning
11 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Celebration of Life for RW Tom Krouse - Sterling Elk's Club
12 <sup>th</sup>		Mother's Day 🌸
14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	Ashburn-Sterling Stated Meeting "Lodge Under the Stars" - Dinner at 6:00PM
15 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 PM	Fraternal Visit to Delmar Lodge No. 201 in Delmar, MD
19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Masters & Wardens Meeting via conference call
21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 PM	EA Practice at AS288
24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	District School at Olive Branch Lodge - EA Degree
30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Entered Apprentice Degree at Ashburn-Sterling No. 288
April	6:00PM	District Youth Event - Paintball - Time & place TBD
June		
Date	Time	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Day	Tour de Cure
4 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Royal Arch Table Chapter @ Manasseh Lodge (Alzheimer's Fundraiser)
8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	ROC Solid Event - Richmond (build playground for leukemia patient)
10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	Ashburn-Sterling Lodge Stated Meeting (dinner starts at 6:00 PM)
Further Out (please see the Lodge calendar at <a href="http://www.ashburnsterling288.org">www.ashburnsterling288.org</a> for more events)		
Date	Time	Event
July 19 <sup>th</sup>		District 2 & 3 Grand Master Visit at Blueridge Firehouse - Bluemont
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>		District 2 Picnic at Frying Pan Park in Herndon
Youth Group Business Meetings		
Date & Time	Event	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30 PM	Job's Daughters Bethel No. 52, Herndon Lodge	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7 PM	Ashburn DeMolay Chapter, Ashburn-Sterling Lodge	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays 4:00 PM	Ashburn Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 11, Hamilton-Thompson Lodge	

## Masonic Birthdays for the Month



5/21/66 - David L Stoneburner, PM	5/1/07 - Steven Hanley Jr.
5/24/66 - Bill S. Buckler Jr., PM	5/22/07 - Jeff J. Schwarz
5/2/73 - Hubert F. Sprouse	5/6/08 - Shawn L. Breegle
5/22/73 - Thomas O. Mitchell	5/6/08 - Xavier A. Santiago
5/17/77 - John L Jensen III, PM	5/8/08 - Jason W. Banks
5/22/82 - Russ L. Baneck, PDDGM	5/18/12 - Vince S. Williams
5/2/85 - Charles E. Lipscomb, PM	5/28/13 - Jeff L. Sparrow, PM
5/28/85 - James D. Drake Jr.	5/21/18 - Jonathan I. Stecker
5/24/90 - Gerry D. Jenkins, PM	

### *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, the local Royal Arch District No. 17 will be hosting a Table Chapter for an Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser and to get Brothers interested in joining the York Rite. It will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, at Manasseh Lodge. Blue Ridge Seafood will be providing the Chicken Cardon Blu menu, and we will have some excellent California wine donated for our use. The cost is \$45.00/person with \$20 of that going toward the food and the rest going toward fundraising. This event is open to everyone, so if you have not experienced the fun of a Table Lodge or Table Chapter, this is a great opportunity to take part in one and enjoy the fellowship of Brethren from all over Northern Virginia. Tickets need to be purchased by May 25<sup>th</sup>, so please contact me if you would like to accompany me down to this fun event!

The meeting we had with Peterson Properties, the developers of the property adjacent to the Lodge, before our April stated meeting was informative. They plan to have a mixture of condos and townhouses, but they still need to get county approval. There will be a 15ft tree buffer between our properties with a sidewalk that will run the length of the tree break. There is a possibility of the Lodge benefiting from running gas lines (we currently use heat oil). There should be no blasting or constructions that would drastically impact the Lodge. Many good questions were asked about their plans by learned Brethren, but overall, they are looking for support for their plan from the surrounding HOA's in preparation for the county rezoning. It idea of giving us street-naming rights was floated, but Peterson didn't seem to want to provide us with that. Wor. Jason Matchett will continue to be our POC between the Lodge and Peterson. If all goes as they plan, they may start building early next year, and could continue in some forms for up to 3 years.

On another topic; one right/benefit of a Master Mason is the ability to travel. Once such opportunity will be May 15<sup>th</sup> with our annual visit to Delmar Lodge. This is Wor. Jeff Sparrow's family Lodge and it's become an annual tradition for us to travel to their May meeting, which is the last meeting before they go dark for the summer. Delmar produces strawberries, and you can expect some fresh tasty ones after the meeting! Visiting the Brethren in other Lodges and jurisdictions is always fun, but the true connections you make are during the travels to and from the Lodges. The bonds you make with Brothers during these trips are what can turn a Brother into a true friend. One of our usual attendees was RW Tom Krouse, and he will certainly be missed on these long journeys as his stories were always fun and helped pass the time. If you'd like to join a carpool, we will leave the Lodge around 12:30 PM, with a stop at Old Mill Crab House for dinner, before the meeting. Please contact Wor. Jeff or myself if you're interested in attending.

Finally, Brethren, our last few degrees have had very few Brothers turning out. I've heard from a few of you that they thought "there are plenty of others showing up, so I don't need to". The problem with this train of thought is that too many Brethren thinking this means we have a poor turnout. This reflects poorly on the Lodge and its Brethren; that they don't come out to support a new Brother being Raised or Initiated. Your Lodge leadership tries to give plenty of notification on upcoming degrees, so please seriously look at the length of your cable tow and attend the Called Communications as you are obligated to do. You'll find yourself having fun and enjoying being around your Brothers, who are happy to see you in attendance. Our next degree is on May 30<sup>th</sup>, when we will be Initiating two candidates. I look forward to seeing you there! Yours in service.

Bro. Bret M. Thomas

### JUNIOR WARDEN

#### Know Thy Self: The Mason as A Leader

*"Leadership begins with self-knowledge. Life decisions can only be good decisions if they hit your own personal bedrock"*  
-Brother Vince Lombardi

Many of us don't want to hear or read about self-knowledge, we get uncomfortable with the touchy-feely stuff. Self-knowledge is important because it lets you know where your strengths and weakness are and how others view you.

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Masons are called to be better; not better than anyone else but better than they were before they knocked on the door. Self-Knowledge is an important step in this process. We bring our attitudes, perceptions, prejudices, and opinions with us in all of our communications, relationships, and interactions with others. Socrates said, "A man who truly knows himself will succeed, for he will know precisely what is within his capabilities, and the area in which to apply them, whereas the person who does not know himself will constantly blunder, even to the point of ruining his own life".

Many people believe that they know themselves just because they are themselves. This presumes that knowledge, or even self-knowledge is based on proximity. If this kind of logic were true, then each of us would be an expert mechanic based on the time that we spend in our vehicles. There is much more involved with making a vehicle run to its peak performance than simply driving it. It takes teams of different types of engineers to design a vehicle and several different types of mechanics who spend a career learning their craft to maintain one. The same is true about us. It took some sort of intelligent design to create us. It also takes a team of people who care for us like family to maintain us. Yours in service.

*Timothy A. Dahlman, PM*

### TREASURER

Dear Brethren, I was conflicted this month on what to write for this entry... We lost Right Worshipful Brother Tom Krouse on Monday 29 April 2019. He certainly had a romance with our beloved Fraternity and always did his best to absorb her teachings and promulgate her necessity. Without question, Tom will be missed, and his absence will leave a void in the fabric of our Fraternity. Tom gave us all a tremendous gift. The gift of his investment in our future by imparting what he knew to those that offered an attentive ear to his instructive tongue. While he routinely expressed his love for our Masonic ritual, Tom also thought paramount the opportunity for the transformation of a man by his observance of Masonic teachings. His daughter, Lady Laurie, often quite candidly expounds on the profound impact the Fraternity had on her father and how that transformed his relationships. Tom was a man of his word and could be counted on to fulfill his commitments. His dedication to the relief of others is noteworthy though he was particularly quiet with his generosity. Tom would always say how proud of and how much he loved his three families, Freemasonry, The Elks and his "Family, Family" with his beloved Mrs. Kitty being the crown jewel of his life.

The night before Tom laid down his working tools, he requested that he enjoy a big Italian meal with his "Family, Family" along with a cold beer and butter pecan ice cream for dessert. We would all do well to be inspired by the example of our dear Brother. In conversation shortly before he passed he asked that instead of the usual things that people feel they have to say that we simply say, "Tom Krouse is no more."

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours in friendship and service,

*Raymon W. Bacchus, PM*

### SECRETARY

Due counter: 41 members still owe dues that should have been paid before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are one of these Brothers, please reach out to the Secretary to make arrangements to have them paid. If you are having financial issues, please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary, as your Lodge has options to assist you.

*The Secretary's Desk*

### JUNIOR DEACON

Brethren, as Masons we are taught to help others and at the same time, we work to become better men. How do we both at the same time? We live in a demanding world and by the time we get home some nights from our jobs it is almost time to go to sleep or at least we may feel that way. Masonry offers a great opportunity to help other people and become better man. We grow as we learn more and more about what the ritual teaches each time, we have a Lodge ritual practice or Lodge meeting we seem to grow from it.

How many times have you gone to a Lodge meeting and come out energized by the Program of the evening? Or how many times have you seen opportunities to help the community or contribute to a Charity which helps the community at the same time helps us to become better man. Ashburn Lodge provides an opportunity to help Loudoun Hunger relief every time we walk through the door. How do we grow as we repeat some of our lessons from Lodge, we automatically begin to apply them? Have you pondered our ritual work and thought about how we can apply it and how it can help you to become a better man? Exercising patience, showing restraint, being considerate of your fellow citizens all certainly tend to align to our masonic lessons. In addition, as we interact with our youth organizations and exude these behaviors that certainly helps the youth have something to aspire to and perhaps become members of the adult masonic family someday. Just by doing small things to help people every day be it a smile, letting somebody into traffic in front of you, shoveling your neighbors snow all of these make a difference and help us to become better men, and by the way do not require a lot of time. Last but not least taking a little time to engage the members of our masonic youth groups and do our best to make them aware of scholarships and let them how they make a difference in the community. Thank You brothers for helping me to be a better man. Yours in service.

*Bro. Tim Shrum*

## JUNIOR STEWARD

Brethren, we still need volunteers to donate a meal for a couple of our stated meetings this year. The months we still have available are November and December. We hope to have new Brothers volunteer or ones that have not volunteered a meal in a long time step up. Please remember that you do not have to do it alone. Brothers can go in together to provide a meal. The usual amount we try to feed is between 35-40 people. Please contact myself, the Junior Warden and/or Senior Steward to answer your questions.

Dinner card are now available for purchase online at: <http://ashburnsterling288.org/dinnercards> . You may purchase dinner cards in quantities of five or ten dinners at a time, eliminating the need to remember to bring cash to our stated meetings.

Everything that happens at the Lodge from providing meals, repairs, cleaning up to purchasing supplies is mostly accomplished via volunteer work. When I was an EA/FC I did not realize that it was encouraged to stay after the stated dinner and assist with cleaning, while the stated meeting was in session. Volunteering even a little bit of your time afterward helps the Stewards out tremendously and is greatly appreciated! It also provides a time to bond with other EAs and FCs.

Finally, I wanted to thank everyone who helps clean up after any events at the Lodge. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Even a simple task such as restocking the refrigerator with sodas is a big help! Thank you!! Yours in service.

*Bro. Joe Vitale*

## 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 the Lodge membership and our candidates, as well as our Masonic youth groups. The following is submissionions are from them:*

### ASHBURN-STERLING BRETHREN

I am coming upon my first year since I was welcomed at Ashburn-Sterling 288 by Wor. Jeff Sparrow and Bro. Shawn Mitchell. I joined as a guest for dinner for the first time in July 2018, and I was surrounded by many Brothers who made me feel at home. The friendship, camaraderie and Brotherhood at the Lodge were prominent. I knew that was something I wanted to be a part of.

After being Initiated, and then Passed to the Fellowcraft Degree, I learned a lot and forged many friendships through catechism practice. How can you not forge such strong friendships when you are working through catechism with your Brothers early on Saturday and/or Sunday mornings?

I studied the EA and FC Masonic teachings, including the working tools, which have very strong and powerful meanings. The goal is to live by them and make me a better man, where I would grow as a Brother, contribute to my community, and stand by my Brothers.

However, the Masonic journey that I undertook did not involve me alone. I couldn't have done it without the love and support from my wife who felt at home at a couple of Masonic events and surrounded by this wonderful family.

As I write this blurb, I am getting Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason next week on Tuesday 4/30, which will be the next new beginning of my Masonic journey. I am looking forward to this undiscovered road ahead.

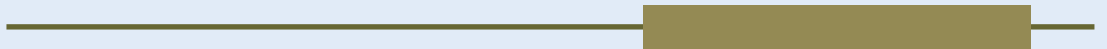
*Bro. Ralph R. Choueiri*

Freemasonry. It has become something very special to me since I formally joined the Ashburn-Sterling No. 288 Lodge here in my town of Ashburn, VA. I had read a lot of books on mysticism, esoterica, world religions and occult knowledge for many years before joining Masonry but joining the Fraternity and going through the degrees has been transformative and has revealed insights that I couldn't have gleaned from reading alone.

One of the things that amazes me most about Masonry is the philosophical and transformative impacts the rituals have. The rituals artfully display various clues relating to deeper knowledge, teasing and enticing the intellect with the hint of more...so much more. The clues are like breadcrumbs helping the aspirant on his personal spiritual journey, without prescribing specific answers, but rather, hinting at potential avenues of further exploration.

There is a lot of references to the search for the "Lost Word", for example. The "Lost Word" reminds me of some personal research that started during my first trip to Ethiopia back in 2007 on the seven sacred vowel sounds. There is some evidence that the seven sacred vowels were chanted in unison by Egyptian initiates in the past to produce something akin to the glory of God. I did some research into how the seven vowels were pronounced in ancient Greek and then practiced chanting each vowel sound until I was proficient. Then, I recorded each vowel sound as a separate audio track. Finally, I layered all seven vowel sounds to produce what I describe as the closest thing I could imaging to the sound of God. In fact, when I first heard the sound on the multitrack recording, I was amazed and a bit stunned. It was much more powerful than I had anticipated. It was like the Om sound chanted by the Buddhists but 10 times more robust, full and profound. It was an awe inspiring, frightening sound of ultimate power.

When I hear of the Lost Word in Masonry, it harkens my mind back to some of this research I did on the seven sacred vowels. When Masonry refers to the Lost Word it leaves me with more questions. Is the Lost Word an actual word? Is it the correct pronunciation of the tetragrammaton? Is it more of a sound than an actual word? Or perhaps it is just a mind-blowing concept?



The more I learn in Masonry the more new questions emerge in my mind. Masonry certainly inspires me on my mystic path. My dream is to one day be able to spend and immerse all my time in Masonic research and study, while being able to financially support my family. It feels like where I belong, my destiny, and where my mind is supposed to invest its efforts and energies.

There is truly something special about Freemasonry that makes it unique, and especially needed, in the world today. As Brothers, we have a bond and tie that is rooted in mutual care, shared wisdom, secret knowledge and the desire to be better men. I am honored to be part of this ancient order of good men searching for wisdom and desiring to do good in the world.

*Bro. Jeremy J. Chevrier*

## ASHBURN DEMOLAY

**Senior Class Officers:** The last week of April saw a big day for Ashburn Chapter DeMolay. Stone Bridge High School senior class officers were announced, and David Cox was elected class president and Noah Pendleton was elected class secretary. *-Dad Jerry Jenkins, PM*

**Region 2 Kach Essay:** I'm proud to share that Noah Pendleton won the Region 2 Kach Essay in the "Eleventh Grade and Above" category. Noah's entry will now move to the International Competition. Great job, Noah!! *-Bro./Dad Chris Pendleton*

**Dodgeball Weekend:** Dodgeball weekend is finally almost here! We're looking forward to a fun weekend with our Virginia and Pennsylvania DeMolay brothers this Saturday 5/11 and Sunday 5/12! Dodgeball fun will be on Saturday with a trip to Hershey Park on Sunday.

This past weekend gave us an opportunity to have fun and also to be of service. We should continue to focus on raising money for the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program: <https://scottishrite.org/philanthropy/ritecare/ritecare-srclp/>. Please continue to collect donations and turn them in to Dad P to be added to our donation.

Please let us know if you have questions. *-Lady/Mom Erin Pendleton*

**June 8th ROC Solid Event:** It starts 8am in Richmond. We'll be building a playset for a child with leukemia. Please let me know if you would like to go to it. We will need to sign up. Given the location, we'll need to leave early (~5am).

*-Lady/Mom Erin Pendleton*

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](mailto: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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or by calling Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company at 1-800-637-4640



## Service and Commitment

### Living Past Masters

*Our deceased Past Masters will forever remain in our hearts*

David G. Arnold	Thomas E. Krouse, PDDGM
Raymon W. Bacchus	John F. Meehan
Paul L. Baker	Jason D. Matchett
Russell L. Baneck, PDDGM	Daniel M. Potter
Stanley B. Bowen	Gregory H. Schwarz, PDDGM
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Kevin L. Kelly	John W. Wailes, PDDGM
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Brian M. King	Joe E. Workman

### 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.
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