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The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

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**Stated
Communication:**
Second Tuesday of
every month
Dinner at 6:30pm
Meeting at 7:30pm

**Masonic
Education & Ritual
Practice:**
Tuesday evenings
at 6:30 pm
Saturday mornings
at 8:30am

Lodge Attire:
Stated Meetings

Officers:
Tuxedo

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

On Degree Nights:
Navy Jacket, White
Shirt & Khaki Slacks

DUES COUNTER
as of
8/1/2022
96 PAID
39 UNPAID

From the East

Brothers, it is hard to believe that we are halfway through the year. We are on track to accomplish our goals and have a great year as a lodge. Here are some quick mid-year updates: We have Raised five Master Masons and our three Entered Apprentices are on track to receive the Degree of Fellowcraft in September. Since last December we have cut in half the amount owed in arrears of dues. Much of this has been due to hardships caused by the pandemic and I am working with each Brother who is struggling to come up with a solution. We have been able to award several 50-year Masonic veteran pins. We have replaced the refrigerator, fixed a leaky seal on the basement door and upgraded the security light in the parking lot. We have also completed a very successful blood drive, earned the Levy Award, and have scheduled another blood drive for August 19, 2022. We also held a Table Lodge in June to celebrate St. Johns Day and we gave out four college scholarships to some very impressive young people in our community. There is a whole lot more that has been accomplished this year but those are the highlights. Now it is important to focus on some of the fun stuff.

The Masonic Education theme for August is Art and Freemasonry. Our own Brother Jeremy Anspaugh will be doing our program at the stated communication. The term Art is found on a little more than one-third of the pages in Andersons Constitutions. This book, that Worshipful Masters are charged with reading from at every meeting, describes Freemasonry as being the Royal Art the noble science and the foundation that every useful art and science are comprised of. Each of the charges listed obligates the Master, Wardens, the Brethren and candidates to study each of the liberal Arts and Sciences through the lens of Freemasonry. Unfortunately, this book does not specify a specific type of art to study or how Freemasonry improves art but rather classifies a blending of more than one liberal art or science into a singular item, such as a bridge, tower, town square, or even harmonious work among workmen as being a part of the Royal Art. Art is something of an intangible though, it is something people know when they see it. Most people also appreciate complexities in art ranging from when an architect can design something that amplifies the beauty of the landscape or when a painter or sculpture incorporates scale, proportion and distance into their works. I would also argue that the world that we live in is full of Art but we don't always see it until we see it.

This month, I am going to encourage you to look for art in your world and take some time to examine and appreciate it. This might be a bridge, or a sculpture, a painting or even something else. Look for it and talk with your fellow Masons about it. I think that you might be surprised as what you learn.

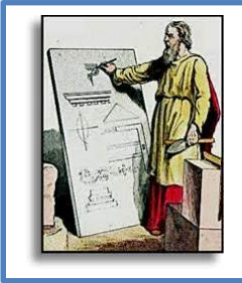
Tim Dahlman, Worshipful Master

Theme for the Year: "Do Good Unto All" ART AND FREEMASONRY

"With the dramatic rise of Freemasonry in the eighteenth century, art played a fundamental role in its practice, rhetoric, and global dissemination, while Freemasonry, in turn, directly influenced developments in art. This mutually enhancing relationship has only recently begun to receive its due. The vilification of Masons, and their own secretive practices, have hampered critical study and interpretation. As perceptions change, and as masonic archives and institutions begin opening to the public, the time is ripe for a fresh consideration of the interconnections between Freemasonry and the visual arts."

- Ms. Reva Wolf - State University of New York & Ms. Alisa Luxenberg University of Georgia

Upcoming Events



**Blood Donation
Counter Pints
2022:
109 Pints**

**Use Code 8257
when donating**

August		
Date	Time	Event
2 nd	6:30 pm	District SLOT Training at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge
3 rd	6:30 pm	Officer & Key Leader Meeting - virtual
7 th	12:00 noon	Bella NOVA Choir Practice
7 th	3:00 pm	Ashburn Rainbow Assembly
9 th	7:30 pm	Stated Communication – Program Art and Freemasonry, MAHOVA Presentation, Levy Award Presentation
10 th	7:00 pm	Ashburn Demolay
11 th	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandry Practice
16 th	7:00 pm	Practice FC Degree
17 th	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
21 st	12:00 noon	Bella NOVA Choir Practice
21 st	3:00 pm	Ashburn Rainbow Assembly
22 nd	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch No. 88
23 rd	7:00 pm	Practice FC Degree
24 th	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay
25 th	7:30 pm	Piedmont Commandry
26 th	7:00 pm	Grand Masters Official Visit to District 2, Location: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 432 Van Buren Street, Herndon VA, 20170.
30 th	7:00 pm	Practice FC Degree

Further Out (please see the Lodge calendar at www.ashburnsterling288.org for more events)		
Date	Time	Event
Sep 13	7:30 pm	Grand Masters Official Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge
Nov 8 – 13	All Day	Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Dec 13 th	7:30 pm	December Stated Communication / Election of Officers

Masonic Birthdays for the Month

Bro. Truman Cox 50 years	Bro. Stanley Bowen 35 years
Bro. William Johnston 27 years	Bro. Nicholas Cook 26 years
Bro. Khader "George" Azzouz 14 years	Bro. James Davis 14 years
Bro. Farrokh Sepahpour 14 years	Bro. Roger Payne 11 years
Bro. Corey Cox 7 years	Bro. Kevin Glaus 7 years
Bro. Andrew Kimner 7 years	Bro. David Lauer 7 years
Bro. Benjamin Pearson 7 years	Bret Thomas, PM 7 years
Bro. Andrew Mulikin 6 years	Bro. Aaron Movius 5 years
Bro. Shawn Mitchell 5 years	Bro. Michael Waren 5 years
Bro. Aristos Dimitriou 4 years	Bro. Beau Lesarbeau 4 years
Bro. Jeffry Schalk 4 years	



The Travelling Gavel?

The traveling gavel is at Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37. Hopefully it stays gone for a long, long time ☺.



Programs in Lodge for 2022

The education theme this year is called Working the Curriculum. We will have a program on each of the seven-liberal arts and sciences, as prescribed by the lessons in our degrees.

Month	Program / Topic	Speaker
January	Plan for the Lodge for 2022	WM Tim Dahlman
February	Freemasonry and Grammar	RW Bennett Corrado
March	Freemasonry and Rhetoric / Masonic Blood Program	WB Eric LeHew/ Bro. Franco Aguilon
April	Freemasonry and Logic / MAHOVA	RW Rhey Solomon / Bro. Shawn Mitchell
May	Freemasonry and Music	RW Jeff Hedges
June	Table Lodge	WM Joe Martinez
July	Freemasonry and Arithmetic	RW Roger Firestone
August	Freemasonry and Art	Bro. Jeremey Anspaugh
September	Freemasonry and Astronomy / Grand Masters Visit	WB Matt Vepraskas
October	Freemasonry and Geometry / Founders Night	WB Jon Ruark
November	Move Up Night	Bro. Tim Shrum
December	Annual Reports / Elections	WM Tim Dahlman

Your Officers' Thoughts for the Month

SENIOR WARDEN'S STATION

Brothers, I am writing this as a petition for prayers for our Brothers who are sick and distressed. Several Brothers in our Lodge are going through a lot. Please reach out and check on them. Additionally, please keep Brother Shrum in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from his surgery.

Wor Bro. Tim Dahlman

JUNIOR WARDEN

Brethren, Masonic history is rich and storied. August in particular has many events that are significant to the history of the craft. On August 4th, 1753, Bro. George Washington was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason right here in Virginia, at Fredericksburg Lodge #4. On the 5th of August 1813, the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite was founded. On the same day in 1884, Freemasons laid the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty. On August 17th, 1967, Country legend, Bro. Charlie Walker, a 33rd Degree Mason, was made a member of the Grand Ole Opry. Coincidentally the 17th is also the date of the Loudoun Scottish Rite Club meeting held right here at Ashburn-Sterling Temple! We would love to see you for the fellowship at 6:30 pm and meeting that follows at 7:30 pm. In commemoration of this auspicious anniversary the presentation will be on Brother Charlie Walker. Looking forward to seeing you!

Bro. Fred M. Kellner

BLOOD DONATION COORDINATOR

Dear Masonic Family and Friends, Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 is excited to partner with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Friday, August 19th, from 12:30-6:00 PM. Our last one was very successful, and we are planning for the same turnout. Going forward the Red Cross has agreed to provide a second Power Red donation table and an extra person to help with the volume of donors.

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This event is open to everyone in our Lodge family, friends, and the community, so please spread the word. You can help in many ways, but most importantly we hope you come out to donate on that day. Currently, we have 28 out of 43 available appointment slots left.

Our Blood Coordination team is leading this blood drive for the Lodge. If anyone wishes to volunteer or has any questions, please contact; [Franco Aguillon](#) or [Scott Lambert](#). The links below may help answer most questions. Please review the enclosed flyer.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Reaching out to potential donors to schedule appointments
- Outreach by phone, email, text, and social media channels
- 3-4 volunteers are needed on the day of the event
- Face-to-face recruitment within your network

Use the links below in case you have any questions about preparing for this event:

- [First Time Donors](#)
- [What to do Before, During, and After a Donation](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Facts About Blood and Blood Types](#)
- [Requirements by Donation Types](#)
- [Common Concerns](#)
- [Types of Blood Donations](#)

UPCOMING RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

[Friday, August 19th - SIGN UP HERE](#)

Bro. Franco Aguillon

Masonic Symbolism Studies



Brothers, February, and March were our first sessions, and they were a great success. Due to schedule conflicts, we had to pause these sessions for a few months but would like to resume. Also, if you have other ideas of things in Masonry that you would like to study, please email me and I will set it up. If you would like to participate in the studies, please email:

- Myself at worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org or
- The chair of the Mysteries of Freemasonry Committee at
- mysteries.committee@ashburnsterling288.org
- This is open to Entered Apprentice and above.

Your 2022 Leadership Team

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Your 2022 Leadership Team continued

Committees & Chair Persons

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Audit	Senior Warden	Property	Scott R. Lambert
Awards	Senior Warden	Ritual	LIW
Communications	Secretary	Scholarship	Senior Warden
Finance	Treasurer	Stewards	Junior Warden
Historical	Senior Warden	Temple	Senior Warden
Investigation	Senior Deacon	Trustees	Jeffrey L. Sparrow
Masonic Relief	Senior Warden	Welfare	Chaplain
Mysteries / Education	Bret M. Thomas PM	Senior Advisory	Gregory H. Schwarz PDDGM

Service and Commitment

Living Past Masters

Our deceased Past Masters will forever remain in our hearts

David G. Arnold	Jason D. Matchett
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Stanley B. Bowen	Gregory H. Schwarz PDDGM
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Freedom Lodge No. 118	WM – Matthew T. Duley
Herndon Lodge No. 264	WM – Matthew J. Vepraskis
Ashburn Sterling Lodge No. 288	WM – Timothy A. Dahlman

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District Educational Officer	Eric J. LeHew, PM
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

Loudon Scottish Rite Club

3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm

Ashburn Chapter Order of the DeMolay

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm

Ashburn Rainbow Assembly

1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

Ancient and Honorable Order of the Turtles

Contact Wor. Raymon W. Bacchus and visit often!!

<http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/fraternism/turtles.htm>

Bella Nova Chorus

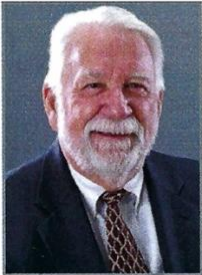

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sundays

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