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# The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

Chartered on February 15, 1906



**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  
**6/1/2022**  
  
**95 PAID**  
**38 UNPAID**

## From the East

Brothers, we are doing a great job sticking to our plan. I am very proud of the officers and key leaders this year and you should be too. We are staying on track to meet our monthly goals in all areas. Our monthly officer meetings are proving to be an effective tool for keeping everyone working together and helping to streamline our stated communications. The officers and key leaders focus this month is preparation for the preparation for the Table Lodge and a lot of degree work in June. This month there are two things that you can do to help our Lodge, to RSVP for the Table Lodge and attend it, and to attend one of our two degrees that we will be conferring this month, an Entered Apprentice Degree the first Tuesday in June, and Master Mason Degree the Last Tuesday in June.

You might have noticed this year that our focus is on Masonic Education. We want to do everything that we can to make good men better, to facilitate things to improve the lives of our members. We have had a great program at each meeting. We have also done extra sessions on Masonic symbolism, and we are bringing in a Brother who is a financial advisor to offer some education programs to our members, free of charge. One program will be on navigating insurance, another will be a basic session on investing, and another will be a session on financial management. Considering that we have Master Masons in our Lodge ranging in age from twenty years old to over ninety, I believe that these will be beneficial to our membership. See page 4 of this Trestleboard to sign up for this class.

Finally, if you have not registered for our table lodge you can either click this link or copy and paste it into your computer and it will take you to our Lodge website with a link to RSVP online. <https://ashburnsterling288.org/events>

Education focus for June Quadrivium and Table Lodge:

We are focusing our Masonic education efforts in June on the Quadrivium and the Table Lodge. As we learned in our earlier meetings this year, the classical liberal arts and sciences can be divided in the Trivium and Quadrivium. The Trivium consists of grammar, rhetoric, and logic. The Quadrivium consists of music, arithmetic, geometry, art and astronomy. Our program for the Table Lodge will be on the Quadrivium. Worshipful Brother Joe Martinez has an excellent program that I have previewed for the Quadrivium.

The Table Lodge is another topic of Masonic education worth studying. We learn in Anderson's Constitutions that the Table Lodge, celebrating the feast of St. John's Day was the single event that caused the Queen of England to allow Freemasons to continue to gather after she had unsuccessfully petitioned for membership. I challenge you to research this topic further on your own.

*Tim Dahlman, Worshipful Master*

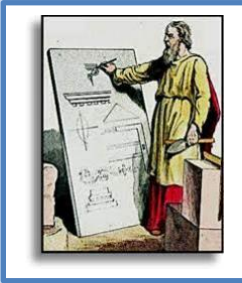
## Theme for the Year: "Do Good Unto All"

### ST JOHN'S DAY

*"In our American Masonic ritual variations, one of the least understood symbols is this point within a circle, bounded by two parallel lines, with the volume of sacred law at the top. Like everything else within our symbolism, if you poke around into history and the origins of why we do what we do as Masons"*

WB Chris Hodap

## Upcoming Events



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

**Use Code 8257  
when donating**

June		
Date	Time	Event
1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Officer & Key Leader Meeting - virtual
5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Degree of Entered Apprentice: light dinner at 6: 15
8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay
9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Practice
12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 am	Bella NOVA Choir Practice
14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Table Lodge / Stated Communication
15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club, Annual Meeting: Election and Installation of Officers.
19 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly / Father's Day
21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Practice Master Masons Degree
22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm	DeMolay Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 am	Piedmont Commandry
26 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	Bella Nova Choir Practice
27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch No. 88
28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Master Mason Degree

Further Out (please see the Lodge calendar at <a href="http://www.ashburnsterling288.org">www.ashburnsterling288.org</a> for more events)		
Date	Time	Event
Aug 2	All Day	District SLOT Training @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288, lite meal at 6:00 pm
Aug 13	11:00 am	Grand Masters Official Visit to District 2, Location: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 432 Van Buren Street, Herndon VA, 20170.
Sep 13	7:30 pm	Grand Masters Official Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

## Masonic Birthdays for the Month



Bro. James Crosen 62 Years	Bro. Abdallah Khalil 13 Years
James "Jim" C. Gore Jr., PM 50 Years	Bro. Douglas Collins 12 Years
Bro. Garrett Huskins 49 Years	Raymon Bacchus, PM 12 Years
Bro. Joe Workman 44 years	Bro. Joseph Cook 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. Jeremy 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**

The conferral of a degree requires a lot of work. I have coordinated two Master Masons degree and the members and officers of Ashburn Lodge have been incredibly supportive. In the first Master Masons Degree we had participation from a couple of members from Herndon Lodge, as well as from our District Instructor of Work (who did an outstanding job), and members as well as officers from Ashburn Sterling 288 everybody did an outstanding job. For the second Master Masons degree again the members and officers of Ashburn Sterling Lodge really stepped up and we had the benefit of having a lecturer from a Lodge in Warrenton Virginia who did an outstanding job on the Lecture. For the second Master Masons degree we had brothers from Maryland who participated in the degree as well. As we all know a Master Masons degree requires two sections and it all came together in both degrees. A special thank you to our Assistant Instructor of Work for his great support. I am very excited about the newly made Master Masons who continue to show dedication to the Lodge. Bottom line you all rocked the two Master Masons degree and for that I say THANK YOU.

*Bro. Tim E. Shrum*

**JUNIOR WARDEN**

Brethren, Spring is here and, after more than 2 years, the Lodge is fully open. If you have not been to your Lodge in some time, I strongly encourage you to come out on any Tuesday evening or Saturday morning for some fellowship, and to reacquaint yourself with your Lodge. There are several new Brethren who will be quite happy to meet you and get to know our more veteran members. When I was a new Brother, the mentorship and fellowship of the veteran members was invaluable. This new group of Brothers will soon be the face of the Lodge leadership, and it would be great for all members to know each other. Even Though we have some new members, please don't sit back and expect that Lodge tasks will be done without your help. Besides the cleaning and maintenance of the Lodge, we have been performing degrees and have had a shortage of Brethren for some of the roles. Some Brethren have had to perform "double duty" and play more than one role in each degree. While the degrees still got done it was not an ideal situation to be in. Family And work life can tend to keep Brothers from the Lodge, and having Brethren " in reserve" to fill holes in degrees and if need be to cover open slots in the Stated meetings goes a long way to making everything run smoothly. Our Fraternity and our Lodge are strengthened through the contributions that we make. No contribution is too small. Everything you contribute matters and is appreciated! Thank you,

*Bro. Fred M. Kellner*

## BLOOD DONATION COORDINATOR

Thanks to all that attended and contributed to the success of our recent blood drive on May 19th! I want to recognize anyone whose donation may have been deferred: your time and effort are not in vain. Opportunities to donate await you in the future. As an alternative, other ways to contribute will always be there.

A special thanks to our 5 Masonic ladies who participated in the success of this drive. Our Youth groups contributed by providing tasty home-baked goods to supplement the post-donation snack area. A total of 11 Masons signed up to donate. Numerous Brothers and their wives also worked behind the scenes to support this event and put the Lodge back together. The membership and community response to this event was high. It was great to see how everyone's collective effort will work to deliver hope to those in need in our community.

Including deferrals, we secured 51 donation appointments which translated into our Lodge receiving a 93-pint credit for our Masonic Community Blood Program. Our current yearly donation total now stands at 109. Last year we collected 273 pints. We are now 233-pints away from surpassing our goal of 342 for the year. The yearly accounting period for this program runs from September 1st to August 31st each year.

I invite you to continue supporting this program by visiting your local INOVA blood donor center or other blood donation facility. We need platelets, plasma, and double red blood donations. Each of these donations awards us 10-pints, so double or triple product donations could accelerate our efforts. Please use code 8257 when donating with INOVA. If you have not reported your donation, please email the date and type of donation to: [blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org](mailto:blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org).

## Personal Financial Classes



Brothers, in the spirit of making good men better, a Brother has agreed to conduct some financial classes free of charge for our membership. We will be learning about topics ranging basic investing, to insurance, and basic financial management. RSVPing will help us gain a better understanding of how and when to schedule these classes. If you would like to participate in the studies, please email:

me at [worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org](mailto:worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org). This is open to Entered Apprentice and above.

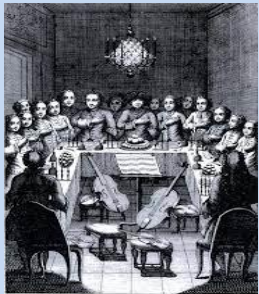
## Masonic Symbolism Studies



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 will be resuming in July. If you would like to participate in the studies, please email:

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

## Table Lodge



**RSVP: Our table lodge is scheduled for June 14, 2022.**  
**Our speaker is Worshipful Brother Joe Martinez, who is the current**  
**Worshipful Master of Manesseh Lodge No. 182. A.F. & A.M.**  
**Use the following link to RSVP for the Table Lodge.**



## Your 2022 Leadership Team

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## Your 2022 Leadership Team continued

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Awards	Senior Warden	Ritual	LIW
Communications	Secretary	Scholarship	Senior Warden
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### Veteran Members

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James A. Crosen
Darrell R. Fleming, PDDGM
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James "Jim" C. Gore Jr. PM
Wendell D. Hansen
James C. Keys PDDGM
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Charles A. Fritter Jr.

## Service and Commitment

### Living Past Masters

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

David G. Arnold	Jason D. Matchett
Raymon W. Bacchus	John F. Meehan
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Stanley B. Bowen	Gregory H. Schwarz PDDGM
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Brian M. King	Joe E. Workman

### Honorary Members

- William S. Buckler, Jr. PM
- Marvin M. Shoaf, PM
- Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM
- John W. Wailes, PDDGM



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Olive Branch Lodge No. 114	WM – Jon I. Stecker
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

## District No. 2 Leadership Team ([www.vamasonicdistrict2.org](http://www.vamasonicdistrict2.org))

District Deputy Grand Master	Bennett J. Corrado Sr.
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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

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm

### Piedmont Commandery No. 26

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm  
Practice on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm

### Loudon Scottish Rite Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm

### Ashburn Chapter Order of the DeMolay

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm

### Ashburn Rainbow Assembly

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/fraternalism/turtles.htm>

### Bella Nova Chorus

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sundays



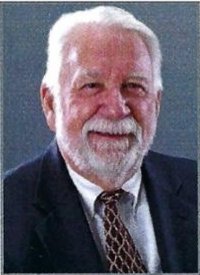

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