

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
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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  
11/1/2022

101 PAID  
32 UNPAID

## From the East

Brothers, we got a lot done in October and have a big month in November. October was "Founders Month", and we had a great turnout at our stated communication. We also voted on and passed the changes to our by-laws that were discussed in our last Trestleboard. We also launched our fundraiser for Loudon Hunger Relief and are well on our way to meeting our goal of \$500.00. We also participated in the district float for the Leesburg Halloween parade.

In November we will be having our "Move-up Night," November 8<sup>th</sup>, where everyone will fill their presumed officer chairs for next year. Our Senior Warden will be running the meeting and we will receive a program on the history of our Lodge by Worshipful Bro. Martin Gruszka. We also remember those who have served our country in November by honoring Veterans Day and will recognize our veterans at our November meeting.

We have several other big events happening in November. We want to complete our fundraiser for Loudon Hunger Relief. We only have a few more shirts and hats. See our Senior Deacon to get yours before they are gone. The suggested donation is \$25.00 each.

We also have the Grand Annual Communication November 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. Many of your officers will be making the journey to Short Pump, VA to attend. I would encourage each of you to come down if you are able, even if it is just for one day. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge is steeped in Masonic history and this very act, of having a Grand Lodge and members participating, is what allows Freemasonry to function as a "regular" form of Freemasonry. It all goes back to the founding of the Grand Lodge of England. There is much history there that I would encourage you to research. We also anticipate our own Worshipful Bro. Ray Bacchus to be installed as our District Deputy Grand Master for the second Masonic district. Come out with us to celebrate this accomplishment.

Our Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11 will be holding a fundraiser breakfast on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am - 10:00 am, and this will serve as our monthly family day event. This is the Saturday after Grand Lodge so if you won't be attending the Royal Arch Grand Chapter's Annual Convocation, you will not find a better breakfast anywhere in the commonwealth, especially at \$5.00 a plate!

Finally, we will be kicking off an esoteric study group that has gained lots of interest across the district. We will be meeting at the Lodge the first Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm. Email me for additional information.

*Timothy Dahlman,  
Worshipful Master*

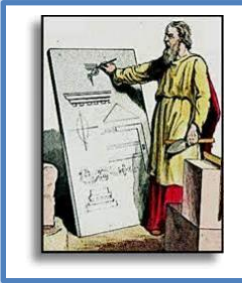
## Theme for the Year: "Do Good Unto All"

### MILITARY VETERANS & FREEMASONRY

*"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of  
any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man."*

*Bro. & General Douglas MacArthur*

## Upcoming Events



**Blood Donation  
Counter Pints  
2022:  
606 Pints**

**Use Code 8257  
when donating**

| October     |                 |  |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| Date        | Time            | Event  |
| 1st         | 7:00 pm         | Practice for Move-Up Night   |
| 2nd         | 7:00 pm         | Officer & Key Leader Meeting - virtual                             |
| 6th         | 3:00 pm         | Loudoun Rainbow Assembly No. 11                                    |
| 7th         | 7:00 pm         | Esoteric Study Group   |
| 8th         | 7:30 pm         | Stated Communication: Move-Up Night. Program: History of our Lodge |
| 9th         | 7:30 pm         | Ashburn DeMolay  |
| 9th - 12th  | All Day         | Grand Annual Communication: Short Pump, VA                         |
| 15th        | 6:00 pm         | Catechism Practice   |
| 16th        | 7:30 pm         | Piedmont Commandry No. 26 (meeting changed due to holiday)         |
| 18th - 19th | All Day         | Grand Chapter Annual Convocation: Williamsburg, VA                 |
| 19th        | 8:00 - 10:00 am | Family Day Breakfast / Fundraiser Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11  |
| 20th        | 3:00 pm         | Loudoun Rainbow Assembly No. 11                                    |
| 23rd        | 7:30 pm         | Ashburn DeMolay  |
| 28th        | 7:30 pm         | Potomac Chapter No. 88 stated convocation (PM Degree)              |
| 29th        | 7:00 pm         | Practice   |

### Further Out (please see the Lodge calendar at [www.ashburnsterling288.org](http://www.ashburnsterling288.org) for more events)

| Date     | Time    | Event   |
|----------|---------|---|
| Dec 3    | 7:30 pm | Masonic Youth Holiday Party                                 |
| Dec 13th | 7:30 pm | December Annual Stated Communication / Election of Officers |

## Masonic Birthdays for the Month



|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Franco Aguilon - 12 years  | Alexander Bates - 4 years     |
| John Bowman Jr. - 23 years | Jeffrey Castellow - 24 years  |
| Kelly Doyle - 8 years      | Joseph Herriott IV - 5 years  |
| Garrett Huskins - 47 years | John Lambert - 2 years        |
| Robert Murdick - 39 years  | Daniel Potter, PM, - 14 years |
| Lige Shick - 51 years      | Marvin Shoaf, PM - 43 years   |
| Joe Workman, PM - 44 years |                               |

## The Travelling Gavel?

We passed the D2 Traveling Gavel to Freedom Lodge No. 118. The gavel will be reset for the year at the Mother Lodge of the DDGM, our Lodge, at the December stated communication.



The education theme this year is called “Working the Curriculum”. We will have a program on each of the Seven Liberal Arts & Sciences, as prescribed by the lessons in our degrees.

| Month     | Program / Topic                                  | Speaker                                     |
|-----------|--|---|
| January   | Plan for the Lodge for 2022                      | Wor. Tim Dahlman                            |
| February  | Freemasonry and Grammar                          | Rt. Wor. Bennett Corrado                    |
| March     | Freemasonry and Rhetoric / Masonic Blood Program | Wor. Erik LeHew/ Bro. Franco Aguilon        |
| April     | Freemasonry and Logic / MAHOVA                   | Rt. Wor. Rhey Solomon / Bro. Shawn Mitchell |
| May       | Freemasonry and Music                            | Rt. Wor. Jeff Hedges                        |
| June      | Table Lodge                                      | Wor. Joe Martinez                           |
| July      | Freemasonry and Arithmetic                       | Rt. Wor. Roger Firestone                    |
| August    | Freemasonry and Art                              | Bro. Jeremey Anspaugh                       |
| September | Grand Masters Visit / MAHOVA                     | Bro. Shawn Mitchell                         |
| October   | Freemasonry and Geometry / Founders Night        | Wor. Jon Ruark                              |
| November  | Move Up Night / History of Our Lodge             | Wor. Martin Gruszka                         |
| December  | Homecoming of DDGM / Annual Reports / Elections  | Wor. Tim Dahlman                            |

## Messages From Your Leadership Team

SENIOR WARDEN

Brethren,

We are in the last two months of the year; the time where colds and flu seem to be more prevalent. Please ensure that you take the proactive measures such as keeping current with all appropriate vaccines and ensure you are getting rest. As the holiday seasons approach and Mother Nature presents us with Winter, it is important we ensure that we have plenty of reserve in our “Masonic Toolbox”. As we look forward to Winter and into the next calendar year, there will be plenty of opportunities to reach into our “Masonic Toolbox” and reach out to our Brothers and the community at large who need our help. Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

*Bro. Tim Shrum*

SENIOR DEACON

Brethren, my wife (Jacqueline), daughter (Priscilla) and I went to Cox farms the other day with the Rainbow girls and their families. We went on the hay ride, slides, corn maze, and several other attractions. We had a blast and we are looking forward to more events to attend with the Masonic youth organizations. I encourage you to attend as well to support, but to also have a great time!

Additionally, regarding our Loudoun Hunger Relief fundraiser, I would like to thank everyone who already contributed. This means a lot to the Lodge and the cause. As an update, we are really close to breaking even, and need additional Brethren to buy the remaining 11 shirts (sizes remaining are M, XL and XXL), and 17 remaining hats. If you have any questions, contact me directly or any of the Lodge officers.

Finally, a quote I recently read by King George VI (Bro. Albert Frederick Arthur George) who said “The Highest of Distinctions is Service to Others”. Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

*Bro. Ralph Choueiri*

BLOOD COORDINATOR

Brethren, as you may be aware, Hurricane Ian has impacted many lives, mainly across Florida and other Southern regions. Maintaining enough blood product supplies in these areas during the aftermath of a large-scale weather event can present many logistical challenges for those areas. You can learn more about the current Red Cross' ongoing Hurricane Ian blood product inventory efforts at the following [link](#).

Local blood banks are asking for our help to increase platelet and blood donations. Areas in need during catastrophic events replenish and maintain their inventories through product reallocation from other states and localities. As a result, this creates a deficit for local blood banks.

This situation presents us with a great opportunity as Masons to respond in a time of need. If you plan to or have already donated, please let me know how much and what date. Please visit the [Red Cross](#) or [INOVA](#) links to find out where to donate. Please Code 8257 when donating.

While on topic, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has revised the deferral guidelines for European residency or long-term travel. Get evaluated for eligibility with either blood bank and see how this change can qualify you as a donor. Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

*Bro. Franco Aguillon*

#### TRUSTEES

Brethren, this is a reminder that we have several large capital improvement projects around the Lodge property for which we still need to pay and execute, including, but not limited to, replacing all of the decking boards, fixing the many large cracks and resurfacing the parking lot, replacing the Lodge room carpet, and the continuing maintenance that is normal for property ownership. As the new housing project nears completion we also need to look at fencing and tree breaks (*particularly if the builder does not hold to their plan to create one*). All of this will need to be done with bank accounts that were nearly depleted after replacing the roof and ACs/furnaces and still needs to be properly replinshed, in an economy that has rising costs for pretty much everything.

**These are all funded with your dues so please make sure you pay your dues in a timely manner, remembering that they are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.**

*The Lodge Trustees*

#### IT COMMITTEE

Scammers and other “bad actors” are continuing to use email, phone, and text messages to try to part you from your money or identity information. They can often be very clever in pretending to be authroirites or loved ones. Remember that NO official federal, state, or local agencies will ever ask for payment over the phone, and will they NEVER ask for gift cards. There are many attempts from scammers pretending to be friends or loved ones that will tell you “I need help with X, but I can’t receive phone calls, so don’t call me”, which should be a major red flag. There are several members of our Lodge who are “IT/Security Professionals” who have offered to help you if you *ever* doubt an email or phone call. If you suspect your computer or accounts may have been compromised please contact us immedidately by sending an email to [ITCommittee@ashburnsterling288.org](mailto:ITCommittee@ashburnsterling288.org) or you can always call (703) 577-7510 if you suspect any issue and we will **always** help you without judgement.

*Lodge IT Committee*



## Your 2022 Leadership Team

| Title                         | Name                     | Email  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
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### Trustees

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Bret M. Thomas PM

David L. Stoneburner PM



## Your 2022 Leadership Team continued

### Committees & Chairmen

|                              |                    |                        |                           |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Activities</b>            | Junior Warden      | <b>Processes/SOP</b>   | Secretary                 |
| <b>Audit</b>                 | Senior Warden      | <b>Property</b>        | Scott R. Lambert          |
| <b>Awards</b>                | Senior Warden      | <b>Ritual</b>          | LIW                       |
| <b>Communications</b>        | Secretary          | <b>Scholarship</b>     | Senior Warden             |
| <b>Finance</b>               | Treasurer          | <b>Stewards</b>        | Junior Warden             |
| <b>Historical</b>            | Senior Warden      | <b>Temple</b>          | Senior Warden             |
| <b>Investigation</b>         | Senior Deacon      | <b>Trustees</b>        | Jeffrey L. Sparrow, PM    |
| <b>Masonic Relief</b>        | Senior Warden      | <b>Welfare</b>         | Chaplain                  |
| <b>Mysteries / Education</b> | Bret M. Thomas, PM | <b>Senior Advisory</b> | 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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| Gerald D. Jenkins         | Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM |
| John L. Jensen III        | Bret M. Thomas                 |
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| James C. Keys, PDDGM      | Farley Warner, Jr.             |
| Brian M. King             | Joe E. Workman                 |

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|                          |                        |
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| Stanley B. Bowen         | Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM |
| Jimmy L. Clifton         | Adam J. Sutton         |
| Douglas R. Collins       | Terry Sutton           |
| James H. Davis           | David L. Wang          |
| Charles A. Fritter Jr.   |                        |

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|                           |
|---------------------------|
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| Rosser B. Nance Jr.       |
| Lige M. Shick             |
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| David L. Stoneburner      |

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|                                |
|--------------------------------|
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| Marvin M. Shoaf, PM            |
| Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM |
| John W. Wailes, PDDGM          |



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## District No. 2 Lodges & Masters

- |                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hamilton Thompson Lodge No. 37 | WM – Joshua V. Goff       |
| Olive Branch Lodge No. 114     | WM – Jon I. Stecker       |
| Freedom Lodge No. 118          | WM – Matthew T. Duley     |
| Herndon Lodge No. 264          | WM – Matthew J. Vepraskas |
| 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.         |
| District Instructor of Work      | Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM |
| 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

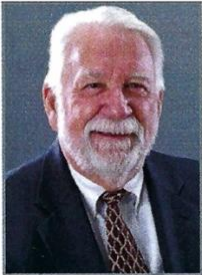

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sundays

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