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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:
Overalls or other
"farm" wear

Everyone Else:
Overalls or other
"farm" wear

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

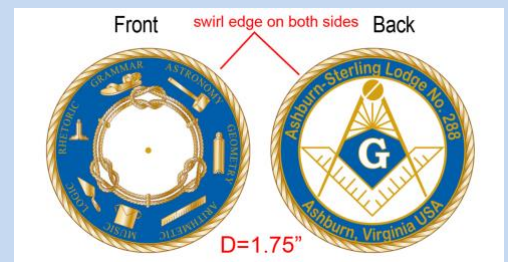
DUES COUNTER
as of
10/1/2022
100 PAID
33 UNPAID

From the East

Brothers, September was a productive month. We received the Grand Master of Masons for a visit, we Passed two Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft and supported our Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11 with a successful fundraiser family day breakfast. We also conducted our annual fundraiser for MAHOVA! October will be a really fun month with a few key events.

Here is some news of some exciting things coming up in October; October is Founder's Month. We celebrate the founders of Freemasonry in Virginia. The dress and overall appearance and feel of the meeting will be quite different than the norm: first, as many of the founders of Freemasonry in our geographic area were farmers, many Brothers wear overalls, jeans and general agricultural type clothing to the meeting. Kilts and traditional wear from your family of origin is also fun and acceptable. Second, the Lodge room will be lit by candle lanterns only. We will also be voting on a proposed change to our by-laws and presenting a Community Builder Award. The dinner will also be somewhat of a "fair or country picnic" style food. We will have the Lodge fire pit pulled out and in operation behind the Lodge after the meeting for further fellowship and cigars. We will participate in the District "Stone Cutters" float Halloween parade on Halloween this month.

Being consistent with the founders and agricultural theme, we will be launching our fundraiser for Loudoun Hunger Relief. It is a sad but true reality that in our Loudoun county, one of the wealthiest and historically agriculturally based counties, that we have such a widespread hunger problem. So, we are doing our part to contribute. We will be selling Lodge T-Shirts and Hats. The suggested donation is \$25.00 each. We only have 40 shirts and 40 hats. Our minimum goal for total donation is \$500.00 but we cannot reach this goal without your help. It is also worth noting that the shirts and hats were produced from one of our own member's family's small businesses. So, the purchase not only contributes to Loudoun Hunger Relief but is also supporting one of our own.



As a reminder out new Lodge coins just arrived (based on the picture above).

We also have an incredible program at our stated meeting this month; "Freemasonry & Geometry" by Brother Jon Ruark. There are several other great events this month so check the calendar below to find out more about what is happening at your Lodge in October.
Tim Dahlman,

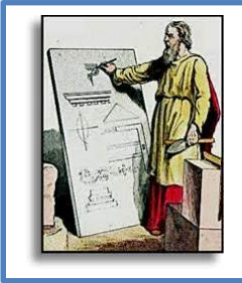
Theme for the Year: "Do Good Unto All"

GEOMETRY AND FREEMASONRY

"The Pythagoreans were early monotheists and defined God numerically as the Monad or "One that is Everything". They believed the universe is ordered by the Monad in a geometrically precise manner, a belief which was adopted as a cornerstone of freemasonry."

Bro. James C. Steward, North Bay Lodge No. 617 A..F.&A.M.

Upcoming Events



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

**Use Code 8257
when donating**

October		
Date	Time	Event
5 th	7:00 pm	Officer & Key Leader Meeting - virtual
7 th	8:00 pm	Fraternal Visit to Freedom Lodge No. 118
9 th	12:00 noon	Bella Nova Choir Practice
11 th	7:30 pm	Stated Communication: Program Freemasonry & Geometry
12 th	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay meeting
16 th	12:00 noon	Bella Nova Choir Practice
18 th	7:30 pm	Lodge Reserved: Private Party
18 th	7:00 pm	District Ritual School at Olive Branch Lodge No. 114
19 th	7:30 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
20 th	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandry No. 26 practice
22 nd	8:00 - 10:00 am	Family Day Breakfast / Fundraiser Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11
23 rd	9:30 pm	Loudoun Masons: Walk to End Alzheimer's @ Reston Town Center
23 rd	12:00 noon	Bella Nova Choir Practice
24 th	7:30 pm	Potomac Chapter No. 88: Mark Master Degree
26 th	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay meeting
27 th	7:30 pm	Piedmont Commandry No. 26: OV Right Imminent Grand Commander
30 th	12:00 noon	Bella Nova Choir Practice
31 st	4:00 pm	District Halloween Parade (Stone Cutter float).

Further Out (please see the Lodge calendar at www.ashburnsterling288.org for more events)		
Date	Time	Event
Nov 8 th	7:30 pm	Lodge Stated Meeting
Nov 10 - 13	All Day	Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Richmond
Nov 17 - 19	All Day	Grand Royal Arch Chapter Annual Convocation in Williamsburg
Dec 13 th	7:30 pm	December Stated Communication / Election of Officers

Masonic Birthdays for the Month



Bro. Daniel Caldwell - 23 years	Kevin Kelly, PM - 27 years
Bro. Jimmy Clifton - 45 years	Bro. El-Mehdi Marhoum - 5 years
Bro. Sam Forouz - 3 years	Bro. Joseph Milazzo - 44 years
Bro. William Fletcher - 23 years	Bro. Robert Moran III - 19 years
Bro. Jackie Glover - 48 years	Bro. George Owen - 9 years
Bro. Ted Johnson - 12 years	Bro. James Phillips - 38 years
Bro. Kevin Keane - 3 years	Ivan Sumpter, PDDGM - 48 years
Bro. Otto Keesling Jr. - 47 years	Bro. Sam Wiley - 5 years

The Travelling Gavel?

The traveling gavel is at our Lodge. Come out to Freedom Lodge No. 118 on Friday October 7th to help us get rid of it 😊.



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 & 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 Aguillon
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	Grand Masters Visit / MAHOVA	Bro. Shawn Mitchell
October	Freemasonry and Geometry / Founders Night	WB Jon Ruark
November	Move Up Night	Bro. Tim Shrum
December	Annual Reports / Elections	WM Tim Dahlman

Blood Donation Program

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 Fraternally yours,

Bro. Franco Aguillon
Blood Donation Coordinator

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

Brethren, as was read at our July stated meeting, we will be balloting on the proposed changes to our Lodge bylaws, to 1) "true up" our Lodge dues to what the current COLA-adjusted amount and 2) have the Lodge annual dues and Grand Lodge assessment paid for our Secretary and Treasurer for the appreciation of the work they do for these time-consuming nonpaying (often thankless) jobs:

Current:

ARTICLE II

Every member of this Lodge except NOT APPLICABLE shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of One-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) plus Grand Lodge dues, fees and assessments as ANNUAL dues. Per section 2.86 of the Methodical Digest, the Worshipful Master may exercise the option to increase the dues for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

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ARTICLE IV

The Treasurer shall receive an annual compensation of NOT APPLICABLE Dollars, payable in NOT APPLICABLE installments.

ARTICLE V

The Secretary shall receive an annual compensation of NOT APPLICABLE Dollars, payable in NOT APPLICABLE installments.

Proposed Change:

ARTICLE II

Every member of this Lodge except NOT APPLICABLE shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of One-Hundred Sixty-Six (\$166) plus Grand Lodge dues, fees and assessments as ANNUAL dues. Per section 2.86 of the Methodical Digest, the Worshipful Master may exercise the option to increase the dues for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

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ARTICLE IV

The Treasurer shall receive an annual compensation of remittance of current Lodge's annual dues + Grand Lodge assessment, payable in NOT APPLICABLE installments.

ARTICLE V

The Secretary shall receive an annual compensation of remittance of current Lodge's annual dues + Grand Lodge assessment, payable in NOT APPLICABLE installments.

From the 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 and occasional small donations from members, so please make sure you pay your dues in a timely manner, remembering that they are due by December 31st each year!

The Lodge Trustees

Your 2022 Leadership Team

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Your 2022 Leadership Team continued

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Communications	Secretary	Scholarship	Senior Warden
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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
Raymon W. Bacchus	John F. Meehan
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Stanley B. Bowen	Gregory H. Schwarz, PDDGM
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Gollady, Jr.



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| 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)

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| District Deputy Grand Master | Bennett J. Corrado Sr. |
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| District Educational Officer | Eric J. LeHew, PM |
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| 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

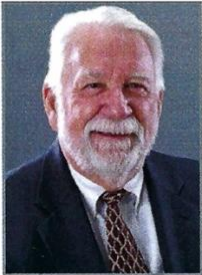

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sundays

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