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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  
9/1/2022

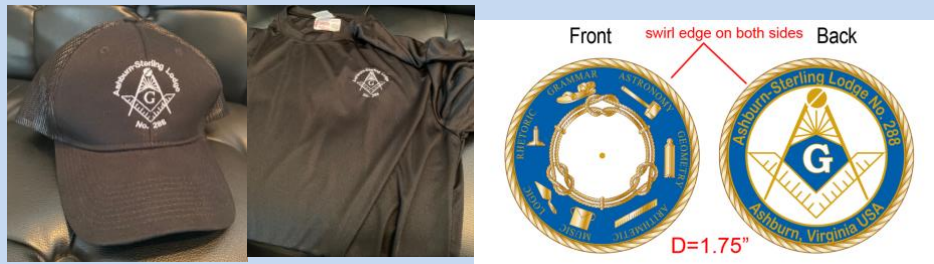
96 PAID  
39 UNPAID

## From the East

Brothers, August was a busy month for the Lodge and September will be an exciting but slow month. We have several opportunities for you to get involved. We have some degree work, Fraternal visits and lots of appendant body and Masonic Youth events going on at our Lodge this month that could use your support. Check the calendar on page 2 for additional information. I would also like to thank our Brother, who wishes to remain anonymous for his generous gift of a glass trophy case for our Masonic Youth to display their trophies. See page 4 for a photo of the case.

The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia will be honoring our Lodge with his presence at our September stated communication. That will also be the night that we pass the hat for donations for MAHOVA and hear a short program on MAHOVA from our own Bro. Shawn Mitchell.

Here is some news of some things coming up in October: We have a great program in October; Geometry and Freemasonry by WB John Ruark. October is also founders' night, and we will be presenting two Community Builder Awards. We will also be launching a fundraiser in October to support Loudoun Hunger Relief. We will be selling dry-wick shirts and ball caps with the Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 logo, as seen in our Trestleboard. The shirts and caps are sourced from one of our own member's Lady's businesses so, your donation for the shirt and cap will not only be supporting Loudoun Hunger Relief but also one of our own. We will also be releasing a new Lodge coin in October.



Finally, I would like to end with a small piece of masonic education. A common question about Masonic Education is why Freemasonry asks its students to study things like, Astronomy, Mathematics, Grammar, Geometry, and countless other complex mystical and spiritual topics and how they relate to our Fraternity. One of the best answers I have heard are that these things impact the world that we live in. Freemasonry wants you to understand them so that you have more control over your own life. That you are not oblivious to these things but that you are aware of them and can control your response. I thought this was a great idea and answer. There is an old saying that small minds discuss people, average minds discuss events, but great minds discuss ideas. Freemasonry is supposed to take good men and make them better. So, I challenge you to find one of these big idea topics that Freemasonry asks you to study, find a Brother, study it and discuss it.

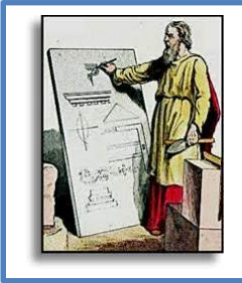
*Tim Dahlman, Worshipful Master*

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

### ASTRONOMY AND FREEMASONRY

*"By marking the solstices, equinoxes and other sidereal phenomena, mankind gradually became able to gain a sense of space, time and the rhythms of the Earth. By extrapolating the accumulated data and the procedures used in the observance of astronomical events, he was able to apply this knowledge to other areas such as agriculture, navigation and architecture – i.e. the arts and sciences upon which human civilization is contingent." – WB Jamie Paul Lamb*

## Upcoming Events



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

**Use Code 8257  
when donating**

September		
Date	Time	Event
6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Officer Ritual Practice
7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Officer & Key Leader Meeting - virtual
11 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	Bella NOVA Choir Practice
11 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11
12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch Lodge No. 114
13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Stated Communication. Receive Grand Master of Masons of Virginia. MAHOVA Program
14 <sup>th</sup>	7::00 pm	Ashburn DeMolay
15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Fraternal Visit Hamilton-Thompson Lodge, Lodge of Low Veil
16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Piedmont 26 Practice Order of the Temple
17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Piedmont 26 Conferral Order of the Temple
18 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Rainbow Assembly No. 11 Initiation
20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Practice FC Degree
21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
25 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	Bella NOVA Choir Practice
25 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11
26 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch No. 88 / Elections & Installation of Officers
27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	FC Degree
28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay
29 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Piedmont Commandry
31 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Halloween

Further Out (please see the Lodge calendar at <a href="http://www.ashburnsterling288.org">www.ashburnsterling288.org</a> for more events)		
Date	Time	Event
Nov 8 - 13	All Day	Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	December Stated Communication / Election of Officers

## Masonic Birthdays for the Month



Bro. Jeremy Anspaugh 5 years	Bro. John Hollar 8 years
Bro. Scott Atchison 4 years	Bro. Fred Kellner III 5 years
Bro. Wayne Gladden 48 years	Bro. El Mehdi Marhoum 4 years
Bro. Farrokh Sepahpour 14 years	Bro. Robert Moran III 18 years
Bro. Randell Quiambao 11 years	Bro. Troy Muller 11 years
Bro. David Rider 6 years	Bro. Roy Schultz 5 years
Bro. Bryan Short 8 years	Bro. Adam Sutton 25 years
RW Chris Thompson 26 years	Bro. Joseph Vitale 5 years
Bro. Michael Washington 15 years	Bro. Samuel Wiley 4 years

## The Travelling Gavel?

The traveling gavel is at Herndon Lodge No. 254. 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	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

## Your Officers' Thoughts for the Month

### SENIOR WARDEN'S STATION

#### Let's Take a minute to thank the folks who are doing the day-to-day things

Ashburn Masonic Lodge No. 288 has tremendous resources and talents at all levels and for that I am very grateful. I would ask you as a member to thank folks who are performing the day-to-day tasks here are examples:

- 1) Secretary and Treasurer receive dues payments and process them
- 2) Secretary writes the minutes
- 3) Secretary processes bills and provides them to the Treasurer for payment
- 4) Brothers prepare the lodge for the Blood Drive and execute a record Blood Drive
- 5) The Stewards clean the lodge and ensure we have supplies and food
- 6) Worshipful Master keeps the big picture going and works with everybody ensures his leadership team has the tools to do their jobs
- 7) Lodge Instructor of Work and Assistant Lodge of Instructor of Work are ensuring we have degree practices and know our ritual work
- 8) Brothers are providing educational information in the form of forums
- 9) Coaches are helping with Catechism
- 10) Insight is given by folks who have experience with the Lodge and District Operations
- 11) Brothers attend visits of other lodges.

I provide the above examples and the above is simply a sample of all the day- to- day activities and tasks at Ashburn that add up to ensure we help make good men better, and to ask you to thank brothers who are working towards helping us all. Without the day to day the big successful events don't happen.

Again, thank you for what you do at Ashburn Sterling Masonic Lodge No. 288.

*Bro. Tim Shrum*

### BLOOD DONATION COORDINATOR

Dear Masonic Family and Friends, as of August 29, 2022 Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 has collected 606 pints of blood for the accounting period of 2022. The Masonic Community Blood Program runs from September to August; and overlaps each calendar year. Our goal was to grow our year-over-year figure by 25%. The current stats show that we blew this by 121%. I am grateful for the leadership and support from Worshipful Dahlman and Bro. Lambert, as we endeavored our

initial goal.  
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Our two most recent blood drives account for a third of this year's total donations, which will undoubtedly help improve and save many lives. There is also evidence of a two-fold benefit for our Masonic goals here. The community has embraced Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 hosting these drives. The feedback many of us heard was a resounding request for us to continue hosting them.

This year saw us finalize our blood awards pin project. We now also have proper signage that lets our community know when we are hosting these blood drives. Overall these achievements and organization processes have resulted in costs to the Lodge. I just want to thank you for all of your support this year.

*Bro. Franco Aguillon*

**EXTRA! EXTRA!**



A Brother wishing to remain anonymous has recently donated this trophy case to the Lodge. His wish was that this case be used to house the trophies of our resident Masonic youth bodies. The Lodge extends a hearty "Thank you!" to this Brother for his generous gift.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

Brethren, as was read at our July stated meeting, we have proposed to make the following 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.

## Your 2022 Leadership Team

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### Trustees

Jeffrey L. Sparrow, PM

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
<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
Raymon W. Bacchus	John F. Meehan
Russell L. Baneck, PDDGM	Daniel M. Potter
Stanley B. Bowen	Gregory H. Schwarz PDDGM
William S. Buckler, Jr.	Marvin M. Shoaf
Timothy A. Dahlman	Jeffrey L. Sparrow
Darrell R. Fleming PDDGM	Robert L. Spindle
James C. Gore Jr.	David L. Stoneburner
Martin Z. Gruszka	Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM
Gerald D. Jenkins	Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM
John L. Jensen III	Bret M. Thomas
Kevin L. Kelly	John W. Wailes, PDDGM
James C. Keys, PDDGM	Farley Warner, Jr.
Brian M. King	Joe E. Workman

### Veteran Members

Bernard L. Bowers
James A. Crosen
Darrell R. Fleming, PDDGM
Allen L. Gabriel
James "Jim" C. Gore Jr. PM
Wendell D. Hansen
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### Honorary Members

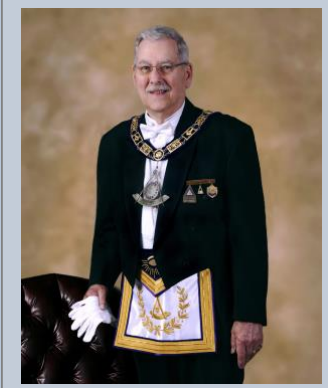
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William B. Bennett Jr.	Robert J. Moran III
Stanley B. Bowen	Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM
Jimmy L. Clifton	Adam J. Sutton
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Charles A. Fritter Jr.	



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Gollady, Jr.



*"Freemasonry,  
A Family Affair"*



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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. 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.
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/fraternism/turtles.htm>

### Bella Nova Chorus

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sundays

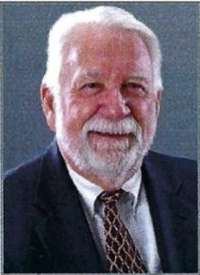



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