



The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

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July 2025



Stated Communication:

Second Tuesday of
every month

Dinner at 6:30pm
Meeting at 7:30pm

Masonic Education & Ritual Practice:

Tuesday evenings
at 6:00pm

Saturday mornings
at 8:30am

Lodge Attire:

Lodge officers
(stated
communication):

Hawaiian Shirt

Members:

Hawaiian Shirt,
Lodge Shirt, Business
Casual, or Dark Suit
and Tie

Degree Nights
(Lodge officers &
Members):

Navy Jacket, White
Shirt & Khaki Slacks

UNPAID DUES
25
Please Submit Dues
Payments ASAP

From the East



Photo Credit: Bro. JK Leo

Brethren, I hope you are having a safe, fun, and productive summer - finding time for labor and time for well-earned refreshment. There's a lot to catch up on this month that I'm excited to share with each of you. We will also acknowledge leaders in our Masonic family who continually contribute to the young people in our lives, and I'll share upcoming events and contact info for both the Ashburn Rainbow Assembly and Chapter of DeMolay.

June was an eventful month, and we saw successes and challenges. We prepared and donated over 100 meals for local families. Despite the continued food insecurity, our partner charity, BridgeFeeds, no longer has financial means to operate and has closed. We will work with them to transition items in storage to support Loudoun Hunger Relief and Dulles South Soup Kitchen.

We still have over \$8000 in dues outstanding this year, this limited our impact out in our community and within the Lodge.

We had 51 pints of blood donated at our blood drive by GLoVA's count, and had 18 members and guests attend our June Stated.

In July we will continue our work with Dulles South Soup Kitchen, volunteering in the kitchen and delivering meals. We are having Hawaiian shirt night at our July Stated, and will confer the Degree of Master Mason that was deferred from June, and begin to pivot to work on other degree work. If you haven't been to Lodge in a while and just want a casual, low-pressure way to engage come out to a Tuesday practice, we'll be glad to see you.

On July 19th we will have a picnic with the other York Rite bodies that share our Lodge building and at the end of the month we will close RSVPs for our August 12th Table Lodge (Please visit our [website](#) to register if you have not already so you can confirm your meal and buy your ticket.)

As you read on, you will notice there is a focus on our youth groups. When we invest in the young people in our lives, we give a gift to them as well as to ourselves. When you think about the people being acknowledged in the next couple of pages, you'll find that seems to ring true - it does for me.

With fraternal love and affection,

Spotlight of the month

This month we are taking time to acknowledge adult leaders who are making contributions to our Masonic youth organizations. Our spotlight of the month for July is Brother Nick Cook. Brother Cook works tirelessly to support the Ashburn Chapter of DeMolay, and is a consistent advocate in our Lodge urging us all to continue to support the youth in our community. Consider this a call to reach out to Brother Cook and see how you can make a difference.



(P.S. Thanks also to Wor. Stecker for also supporting DeMolay)



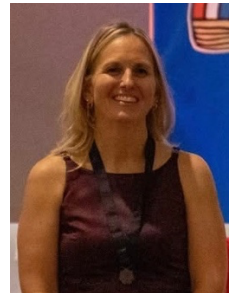
Proper Instruction

Throughout the year I will use this section to provide what I believe to be timely and relevant excerpts from Masonic texts and presentations, present messages from our officers, and offer instruction for the consideration of the Brethren.

Recognizing leaders who invest in our youth

Erin Pendleton, Supreme Deputy In Virginia International Order of Rainbow For Girls

The members of Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 extend our congratulations on your appointment as Supreme Deputy in Virginia of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Thank you for your commitment, service, and dedication to Ashburn Assembly #11 you have and continue to make a huge difference in the lives of many young women.



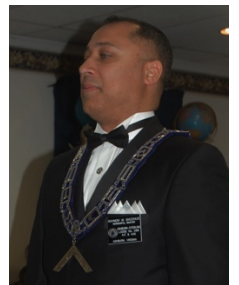
Chris Pendleton

The members of Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 extend our thoughtful appreciation and gratitude for your service to Ashburn Chapter Order of DeMolay, Virginia DeMolay Association, and the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay. Your commitment to DeMolay both at the local and at the International is incredible, most importantly you have made a huge difference in the lives of many young men.



Raymon Bacchus

The members of Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 extend our thank you and gratitude for your service as Grand Senior Custodian of Jobs Daughters of Virginia, which is an appointment by the Grand Guardian Of Virginia. Thank you for your continued service and support to all the Bethel's within the State of Virginia and for helping young women to excel.



And an extended thank you to Mom Janae, Dad Jerry and all the other adult volunteers who help our youth!

Masonic Birthdays for the Month (July)



- David Anspaugh – July 3, 2018
- Vissal Anwan – July 18, 2011
- Dennis Diaz – July 29, 2008
- James Keys – July 13, 1972
- Curtis Schwarz – July 31, 2007
- Thomas Vojir – July 3, 2018





Schedule

July		
Date	Time	Event
1	6:00 pm	Catechism Practice (if you plan on attending, please ensure that coaches are available)
1	7:00 pm	Lodge Practice - Fellowcraft Degree - Open to All FC and Master Mason Members.
5	8:30 am	DeMolay Monthly Breakfast (8:30am-10:30am). Suggested Donation \$10. Open to all Members and Families.
7	6:30 pm	Lodge Philosophical Group - Open to All Members.
8	7:30 pm	Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 Stated Communication (Dinner: 6:30pm, Meeting: 7:30pm) - Hawaiian Shirt Night - Meeting program by Wor. Simonetti.
15	7:00 pm	Master Mason Degree - Open to All Master Masons. (Light meal prior)
16	1:00 pm	Food Delivery, from Dulles South Soup Kitchen to Stone Springs Hospital
19	12:00 pm	York Rite Masons of Loudoun Summer Picnic at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge
22	6:00 pm	Catechism Practice (if you plan on attending, please ensure that coaches are available)
22	7:00 pm	Lodge Practice - Fellowcraft Degree - Open to All FC and Master Mason Members.
28	10:00 am	Packing Food at Dulles South Soup Kitchen
29	6:00 pm	Catechism Practice (if you plan on attending, please ensure that coaches are available)
29	7:00 pm	Lodge Practice - Fellowcraft Degree - Open to All FC and Master Mason Members.
August		
Date	Time	Event
2	2:00 pm	Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11 Officer Installation - Open to All Members.
4	6:30 pm	Lodge Philosophical Group - Open to All Members.
5	6:00 pm	Catechism Practice (if you plan on attending, please ensure that coaches are available)
5	7:00 pm	Lodge Practice - Fellowcraft Degree - Open to All FC and Master Mason Members.
6	6:30 pm	District Masters & Wardens Meeting - Open to All Members.
6	7:00 pm	District School Olive Branch No. 118 - Open to All Master Mason Members.
9	8:30 am	DeMolay Monthly Breakfast (8:30am-10:30am). Suggested Donation \$10. Open to all Members and Families.
12	7:30 pm	Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 Stated Communication (Table Lodge at River Creek Country Club. Choose your meal and register online by August 1st).
16	2:00 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Officer Installation - Open to All
19	6:00 pm	Catechism Practice (if you plan on attending, please ensure that coaches are available)
19	7:00 pm	Lodge Practice - Fellowcraft Degree - Open to All FC and Master Mason Members.
26	6:00 pm	Catechism Practice (if you plan on attending, please ensure that coaches are available)
26	7:00 pm	Lodge Practice - Fellowcraft Degree - Open to All FC and Master Mason Members.
September		
Date	Time	Event
2	6:00 pm	Catechism Practice (if you plan on attending, please ensure that coaches are available)
2	7:00 pm	Lodge Practice - Fellowcraft Degree - Open to All FC and Master Mason Members.
3	6:30 pm	District Masters & Wardens Meeting - Open to All Members.
3	7:00 pm	District School Olive Branch No. 118 - Open to All Master Mason Members.
9	7:30 pm	Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 Stated Communication (Dinner: 6:30pm, Meeting: 7:30pm) - Meeting program TBD.



Your 2025 Leadership Team

TITLE	NAME	EMAIL
Worshipful Master	James Simonetti	worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org
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Secretary	Ralph Choueiri	Secretary@ashburnsterling288.org
Assistant Secretary	Jason Matchett	Secretary@ashburnsterling288.org
Treasurer	Kevin Kelly	Treasurer@ashburnsterling288.org
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Junior Deacon	Tim Fields	Junior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org
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Junior Steward	Brian Singer	Junior.steward@ashburnsterling288.org
Junior Steward	Nicholas Carroll	Junior.steward@ashburnsterling288.org
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Musician	(Vacant)	Musician@ashburnsterling288.org
Tiler	Bret Thomas	Tiler@ashburnsterling288.org
Assistant Tiler	Jeff Sparrow	Tiler@ashburnsterling288.org
Assistant Tiler	Timothy Dahlman	Tiler@ashburnsterling288.org
Lodge Instructor of Work	Bret Thomas	LIW@ashburnsterling288.org
Assistant Lodge Instructor of Work	Dave Stoneburner	ALIW@ashburnsterling288.org
Lodge Blood Coordinator	(Vacant)	Blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org
Lodge Masonic Home Ambassador	Shawn Mitchell	Mahova@ashburnsterling288.org
Lodge Education Officer	Gregory Schwarz	scoutergs@aol.com
Assistant Lodge Education Officer	Timothy Dahlman	Blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org
Lodge Membership Officer	Gregory Schwarz	scoutergs@aol.com
Candidate Instruction Officer	David Stoneburner	dav.stoneburner@verizon.net

If any of these vacant roles are of interest to you, please reach out at
worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org

TRUSTEES

Bret Thomas, PM

Timothy Dahlman, PM

Jason Matchett, PM



Do you want to get involved? (Committee leads to be updated)

COMMITTEE NAME	CONTACT	EMAIL
Social Committee	Javier Amaya	senior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org
Community Awards Committee	James Simonetti	worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org
Masonic Relief Committee	James Simonetti	worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org
Scholarship Committee	Scott Lambert	senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
Freemasons Help Kids Committee	Al Omotola	senior.steward@ashburnsterling288.org
Widows Committee	Dustin Gelegonya	marshal@ashburnsterling288.org
Blood Drive Committee	Tom Vojir	chaplain@ashburnsterling288.org
IT & Website Committee	Bret Thomas	tiler@ashburnsterling288.org
Loudoun Hunger Relief Committee	Tom Vojir	chaplain@ashburnsterling288.org
Lodge Property Management Committee	Tim Fields	junior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org
Finance Audit Committee	Scott Lambert	senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org

**If you want to help the community in different ways, and lead a new committee, please reach out to:
worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org**

Masonic Education

If you are interested in Masonic education, esoteric teachings, and beyond. Please come out to the Lodge's philosophical group hosted by Worshipful Tim Dahlman on the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm.

Also, notable podcasts on YouTube, include:

- The Masonic Roundtable
- Whence Came you?

Notable authors include:

- Manly P. Hall
- W.L. Wilmshurst
- Albert Mackey
- Albert Pike

Lodge Shirts

<https://www.macoy.com/Masonic-Store/Masonic-Apparel/Mesh-Lodge-Polo.aspx>



Service and Commitment



Living Past Masters

Our deceased Past Masters will forever remain in our hearts

Raymon W. Bacchus, PDDGM	John F. Meehan
Russell L. Baneck, PDDGM	Daniel M. Potter
Stanley B. Bowen	Gregory H. Schwarz, PDDGM
Ralph R. Choueiri	Timmy E. Shrum
Timothy A. Dahlman	Jeffrey L. Sparrow
Darrell R. Fleming, PDDGM	Robert L. Spindle
James C. Gore Jr.	David L. Stoneburner
Martin Gruszka	Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM
Gerald D. Jenkins	Bret M. Thomas
John L. Jensen III	Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM
Kevin L. Kelly	John W. Wailes, PDDGM
Brian M. King	Farley Warner, Jr.
Jason D. Matchett	

Veteran Members

Truman E. Cox
James A. Crosen
Darrell R. Fleming, PDDGM
Allen L. Gabriel
James C. Gore Jr., PM
Wendell D. Hansen
Garrett D. Huskins
James C. Keys, PDDGM
Rosser B. Nance Jr.
Thomas O. Mitchell
Lige M. Shick
Robert L. Spindle, PM
Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM
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Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM
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William B. Bennett Jr.	John F. Meehan, PM
Stanley B. Bowen	Robert J. Moran III
Frederick H. Chandler	Luis Pages, PDDGM
Jimmy L. Clifton	Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM
Douglas R. Collins	Adam J. Sutton
James H. Davis	Terry Sutton
Lawrence R. Drewett	Richard B. Wade, PM
Thomas D. Feely, PM	David L. Wang
Charles A. Fritter Jr.	

Honorary Members

William S. Buckler, Jr. PM
Walter O. Harrison, PDDGM
Raymond F. Houser, Jr, PM
Thomas E. Krouse, PDDGM
Kenneth O. Shelton, Sr., PDDGM
Marvin M. Shoaf, PM
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**"Freemasonry: Faith,
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District No. 2 Lodges & Masters

Hamilton Thompson Lodge No. 37	Larry Brissing
Olive Branch Lodge No. 114	Alex Fogelson
Freedom Lodge No. 118	Wes Hirschhorn
Herndon Lodge No. 264	Matt Hamill
Ashburn Sterling Lodge No. 288	James Simonetti

District No. 2 Leadership Team (www.vamasonicdistrict2.org)

District Deputy Grand Master	Eric LeHew, PM
District Instructor of Work	Christopher Thompson, PDDGM
District Educational Officer	Rhey Solomon, PDDGM
District Blood Coordinator	Francisco Aguillon
District Masonic Home Ambassador	James Cromer, PDDGM
District Membership Coordinator	Gregory Schwarz, PDDGM
District Webmaster	Phil Brooks, PDDGM

Resident Bodies (Masonic & Non-Masonic)

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

Ashburn Chapter Order of the DeMolay

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

Ashburn Rainbow Assembly

1st and 3rd Sundays 4:30pm

Loudoun Scottish Rite Club

3rd Wednesday of the month except November and December
7:00 pm

Bella Nova Chorus

Sundays 1:00pm-4:00pm

Ancient and Honorable Order of the Turtles

Contact Right Worshipful Raymon W. Bacchus and visit them often!
<http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/fraternalism/turtles.htm>

**Youth Schedule of Events (Duplicates Removed)**

Rainbow Assembly, Contact ashburnrainbow11@gmail.com

July 4th - Hot Dog give away with Hamilton-Thompson Lodge

July 5th:

-Ashburn DeMolay Fundraiser Breakfast (8:30-10:30am); suggested \$10 donation

Flyer Link: <https://www.ashburndemolay.org/events/upcoming-event-flyers/>

-Ashburn DeMolay - U.S. Capitol Tour

July 6th Pottery Painting at Clay Cafe in

Paint a ceramic figurine, small mug, plate or bowl and enjoy pizza and snacks afterwards. Cost is \$20 per member & prospect, \$35 for adults & others who want to paint an item.

Jul 10: Hunters Lodge presentation 6pm We've been asked to give a presentation to a Lodge in Blacksburg, VA. They will serve us hot dogs and hamburgers and wear hawaiian shirts. Please let Mom Janae know if you can join them to spread the word about Rainbow. We'd love to be able to build assemblies in Southwest Virginia!

Jul 12: Manassas Assembly Installation 3pm, flyer attached

At Manassas Lodge - 9810 Cockrell Rd Manassas VA

Jul 26:

-Richmond Assembly Installation 11am, flyer attached

-Rainbow University - virtual; 1-4pm ET

-DeMolay Conclave Banquet & Dance - Registration for the banquet has ended but the dance is free.

Aug 2: Ashburn Assembly Installation 2pm

At Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

DeMolay Chapter, Contact info@ashburndemolay.org

July 9th @ 7:30 pm - Formal Meeting

[Ashburn-Sterling Lodge #288, 43881 Waxpool Rd, Ashburn, VA 20146](#)

Open to: (Lodge and Chapter) Members and Parents

Attire: Formal/Suits

July 18th @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Carolina Brothers Pit BBQ Fundraiser

[20702 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147](#)

Open to: Everybody.

Details: Come out and enjoy some great barbeque and support DeMolay at the same time.

Flyer Link: <https://www.ashburndemolay.org/events/upcoming-event-flyers/#bbq>

July 19th @ 8:00 am - Trip to Hershey Park Membership Event

[Hershey Park, 100 Hershey Park Dr, Hershey, PA 17033](#)

Open to: Everybody

Details: Join us for a fun day at Hershey Park. They have the most coasters in the Northeast, an expansive waterpark (so don't forget your swimsuit), and an 11 acre zoo! We will be leaving from Olive Branch Lodge in Leesburg. ([108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176](#)) at 8:00 am and carpool up.

Cost: \$65 per person (Please RSVP ahead of time by replying to this email so we can figure out the transportation.) Prospect's with parent going are free.

**July 23rd @ 7:30 pm - Casual Meeting**

[Ashburn-Sterling Lodge #288, 43881 Waxpool Rd, Ashburn, VA 20146](#)

Open to: (Lodge and Chapter) Members and Parents. (Prospects and Pledges are welcome in the social hall)

Attire: Business Casual for Members

Details: Prospects and Pledges are also welcome. We will have a fun activity for any prospects and pledges.

Cost: Free

July 24th-27th - Virginia Conclave

[Newport News Marriott at City Center, 740 Town Center Dr, Newport News, VA 23606, USA](#)

Open to: (Lodge and Chapter) Members and Parents

Details: Schedule of Events and Competitions are coming soon. Registration is at 4:00 PM on the 24th. Please plan on getting there before 4:00 as the sports competitions start that evening.

Flyer Link: <https://www.ashburndemolay.org/events/upcoming-event-flyers/#conclave>

August 9th @ 8:30-10:30 am - Ashburn Monthly Breakfast

[Ashburn-Sterling Lodge #288, 43881 Waxpool Rd, Ashburn, VA 20146](#)

Open to: Everybody

Attire: Casual

Cost: \$10 donation recommended

August 9th @TBD - X-Cal Range Membership Event

[XCAL Shooting Sports and Fitness, 44950 Russell Branch Pkwy, Ashburn, VA 20147](#)

Open to: Everybody.

Details: Details to be announced.

August 10-16th @ TBD - Food Prep for Dulles South Food Kitchen

[Ashburn-Sterling Lodge #288, 43881 Waxpool Rd, Ashburn, VA 20146](#)

Open to: Everybody.

Details: Details and exact date/times to be determined.

August 13th @ 7:30 pm - Formal Meeting

[Ashburn-Sterling Lodge #288, 43881 Waxpool Rd, Ashburn, VA 20146](#)

Open to: Members and Parents.

Attire: Formal/Suits

August 16th @ 2:00 pm - Ashburn DeMolay Installation of Officers

[Ashburn-Sterling Lodge #288, 43881 Waxpool Rd, Ashburn, VA 20146](#)

Open to: Everybody

Attire: Formal/Suits

August 27th @ 7:30 pm - Casual Meeting

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Open to: (Lodge and Chapter) Members and Parents. (Prospects and Pledges are welcome in the social hall)

Attire: Business Casual for Members

Details: Prospects and Pledges are also welcome. We will have a fun activity for any prospects and pledges.

Cost: Free