



## From the East

Greetings from the East Brethren,

Well springtime has finally come and Virginia is in full bloom. It's time to get out and work on the gardens, yard and even those exterior household projects that couldn't be done during the cold months. I hope everyone had a good holiday season as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Your lodge has been very busy working on degrees, setting up a blood drive, and Loudoun Hunger Relief is underway. The Grand Master of Virginia made his official visit to the district on April 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a great evening of brotherhood, and our lodge had seven brothers plus my wife in attendance. It's a great honor as your Master to represent Ashburn Sterling Lodge when six other brothers are there showing their support. When I was introduced, I was very proud of who we are! That evening I also had the honor to present the Grand Master with a gift on behalf of the officers and members of our lodge.

At this month stated we will be having a presentation given by our brethren from Springfield Lodge on Cleopatra's Needle. This is a great presentation that is packed full of historical information. If you can please come out and join us for dinner that night we would love to see you.

On the second Saturday you can always get a good breakfast at lodge made by our wonderful youth groups and after you have eaten your breakfast you can move to the lodge room to the district school at 10:00 am to knock some dust off your ritual.

On the last Tuesday of this month, we are planning on conferring the Fellowcrafts Degree. Please come on out and show your support. We would love to see you!

Well in closing I have a little tradition of a closing thought: "The person you are on the inside is your true self. How you think and feel when you are all alone say more about what kind of person you are than anything anybody else could say"

Worshipful Scott R. Lambert

### **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):

Tuxedo

### **Members:**

Lodge Shirt, Business  
Casual, or Dark Suit  
and Tie

Degree Nights  
(Lodge officers &  
Members):

Navy Jacket, White  
Shirt & Khaki Slacks

**DUES COUNTER**

**46**



**Masonic Birthdays for the Month April**

- William Bennett - 18 Years 4/14/07
- Jeremy Chevrier - 06 Years 4/16/19
- Ralph Choveiri - 06 Years 4/30/19
- Robert Delaney - 02 Years 4/29/23
- Bradon Deloatch - 02 Years 4/29/23
- Thomas Fields - 02 Years 4/29/23
- Darrell Fleming - 69 Years 4/05/57
- Dustin Galegonya - 02 Years 4/29/23
- Bruce Lillegard - 14 Years 4/07/12
- Robert Minehart - 02 Years 4/29/23
- Victor Zack - 02 Years 4/29/23



**Schedule**

April		
Date	Time	Event
5	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
6	6:30 pm	Philosophical Study Group
8	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
9	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Ritual Practice
11	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
	9:00 am	Annual Lodge Spring Cleaning/Beautification Day
12	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
14	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 (Dinner 6:30pm & Meeting 7:30pm)
15	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
19	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
22	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
23	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
26	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
27	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88

May		
Date	Time	Event
3	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
4	6:30 pm	Philosophical Study Group
9	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
12	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
13	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
14	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Ritual Practice
17	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
18	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
20	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
27	2:00 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Officer Installation
28	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
31	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus





**Your 2026 Leadership Team - Your Lodge Officers**

<b>June</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
1	6:30 pm	Philosophical Study Group
4	9:00 am	Blood Drive (9:00am - 6:00pm)
7	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
9	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 (6:30 Dinner & 7:30 Meeting)
10	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
11	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Ritual Practice
13	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
14	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
17	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
21	12:00 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
22	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
24	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
25	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave





<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
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<b>Lodge Membership Officer</b>	Gregory Schwarz	scoutergs@aol.com
<b>Candidate Instruction Officer</b>	Bret Thomas Dave Stoneburner	ALIW@ashburnsterling288.org and LIW@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Assistant Candidate Instruction Officer</b>	Thomas Fields	Senior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org

#### TRUSTEES

Jason Matchet, PM

James Simonetti, PM

Timothy Dahlman, PM



**Do you want to get involved?**

<b>COMMITTEE NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
Social Committee	Bret Thomas	Junior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
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Scholarship Committee	Dave Wang	Senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
Welfare Committee	Tom Vojir	Chaplain@ashburnsterling288.org
Freemasons Help Kids Committee	Timmy Shrum	ts61416@yahoo.com
Widows Committee	Raymon Bachus	
Blood Drive Committee	Tom Vojir	Blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org
IT & Website Committee	Bret Thomas	LIW@ashburnsterling288.org
Loudoun Hunger Relief Committee	Carlos Fernandez	
Lodge Property Management Committee	Tim Fields	Senior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org
Finance Audit Committee	Dave Wang	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](mailto: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 (In person and Zoom meetings).**

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

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
- Allen E. Roberts





**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, 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	James G. Simonetti
Darrell R. Fleming, PDDGM	Jeffrey L. Sparrow
William P. Frosdick	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.
Ralph Choueiri	Joe E. Workman
James Simonetti	

**LMIP Members**

Raymon W. Bacchus	Charles A. Fritter Jr.
Russell L. Baneck, PDDGM	Stuart K. Harp, PDDGM
William B. Bennett Jr.	Brian M. King
Stanley B. Bowen	John F. Meehan, PM
Frederick H. Chandler	Robert J. Moran III
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Douglas R. Collins	Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM
James H. Davis	Adam J. Sutton
Lawrence R. Drewett	Terry Sutton
Thomas D. Feely, PM	Richard B. Wade, PM
William P. Fosdick	David L. Wang

**Veteran Members**

Bernard L. Bowers
Truman E. Cox
James A. Crosen
Darrell R. Fleming, PDDGM
Allen L. Gabriel
James C. Gore Jr., PM
Wendell D. Hansen
James C. Keys, PDDGM
Rosser B. Nance Jr.
Lige M. Shick
Robert L. Spindle, PM
David L. Stoneburner
Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM
John W. Wailes, PDDGM

**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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John W. Wailes, PDDGM
Charles R. Walk, PM
Gerald D. Jenkins, PM





**"Living Our Obligations"**

**The 180<sup>th</sup>  
Grand Master  
of Masons in  
Virginia  
(2025-2026)**

***MW Matthew Todd  
Szramoski***

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**District No. 2 Lodges & Masters**

Hamilton Thompson Lodge No. 37	Jonathan Herman
Olive Branch Lodge No. 114	John Rutan
Freedom Lodge No. 118	William Hohl
Herndon Lodge No. 264	Mathew Reider
Ashburn Sterling Lodge No. 288	Scott Lambert

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

District Deputy Grand Master	Mark Canter, DDGM
District Instructor of Work	Christopher Thompson, PDDGM
Assistant Instructor of Work	Ed Ziemba, PM
District Educational Officer	Eric Lehew, PDDGM
District Blood Coordinator	Francisco Aguillon
District Masonic Home Ambassador	James Cromer, PDDGM
District Membership Coordinator	Gregory Schwarz, PDDGM
District Lodge Services	Timothy Dahlman, PM
District Webmaster	

**Resident Bodies (Masonic & Non-Masonic)**

**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

**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**  
1st and 3rd Sundays 3pm

**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>