



The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

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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

From the East

Brethren Greetings from the East,

The last thirty days have flown by since we celebrated the 250th anniversary of our Federal Republic, USA. I hope everyone had a safe gathering with their friends and loved ones.

At our stated meeting last month, we had the privilege of being visited by Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1749 Benjamin Franklin. What a great night, we heard about his early adult years growing up, learning the trades and he talked about several of his experiments. During a questioning period, we learned of the appointments to the Ambassadors positions and his assignments during the buildup of uniting the colonies and the ousting of the King and his taxation.

We also discussed the property next door to the lodge using 10 parking spaces at the lodge for people visiting them for overnight stays. They will pay the lodge and maintain the spots and signage. We have not acted on this as of yet and we will bring it to the floor at this month's stated meeting for further questions and input. After that I will be appointing a committee to move forward and hold a meeting with our neighbors to negotiate our members' concerns. The committee will return a report at the September stated meeting where we can act on it.

This month stated meeting is the MAHOVA presentation, and we will pass the clip board around for donations towards the Morlock Award. I ask that you consider a twenty-dollar donation, do the best you can. Our Lodge has a strong and long history of supporting the Morlock Award. On August 29th at 8:00 in the morning we have our annual SLOT training, and this year's topics will be the laws, rules and edicts of the Grand Lodge.

My parting thought is; One ship drives east, and another drives west, with the selfsame winds that blow; tis the set of the sails, and not the gails which tells us the way to go. Like the winds of the sea are like the ways of fate as a voyage along through life: "Tis the will of the soul that decides the goal and not the calm or the strife".

Worshipful Scott R. Lambert

DUES COUNTER

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Masonic Birthdays for the Month April

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|---------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| - Stanley Bowen | 8/87 | - David Laver | 8/15 |
| - Timothy Clark | 8/25 | - Sidney Marmol | 8/17 |
| - Corey Cox | 8/15 | - Shawn Mitchell | 8/17 |
| - Truman Cox | 8/72 | - Andrew Mulikin | 8/16 |
| - James Davis | 8/08 | - Jeffery Schalk | 8/18 |
| - Aristos Dimitriou | 8/18 | - FeroKh Sepahpour | 8/08 |
| - Javier Gil | 8/08 | - Bret Thomas | 8/15 |



Schedule

August		
Date	Time	Event
2	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
4	7:00 pm	MM Practice Night
8	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
8	11:00 am	Springfield Assembly Rainbow Officer Installation
9	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
11	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 (Dinner 6:30pm & Meeting 7:30pm)
12	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
13	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Ritual Practice
15	6:00 pm	Ashburn Rainbow Assembly No. 11
16	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
18	7:00 pm	MM Degree Practice
19	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
24	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
25	7:00 pm	Master Mason Degree
26	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
26	6:30 pm	Masters & Wardens Meeting
27	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
28	2:00 pm	Ashburn Chapter (DeMolay) Setup
29	8:00 am	SLOT Training
29	2:00 pm	Ashburn Chapter (DeMolay) Officer Installation
30	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus


September

Date	Time	Event
2	7:00 pm	District School (Olive Branch No 114
6	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
8	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 (6:30 Dinner & 7:30 Meeting)
9	7:30 am	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
10	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Ritual Practice
12	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
13	7:30 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
16	7:30 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
20	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
23	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
24	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
28	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88

October

Date	Time	Event
4	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Rehearsal
4	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
10	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
10	9:00 am	Masonic Family Day at the Masonic Home of Virginia (Richmond, VA)
11	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Ritual Practice
13	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
14	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
17	9:00 am	Annual Lodge Fall Cleaning/ Beautification Day
18	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Rehearsal
18	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
21	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
22	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
26	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
28	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
28	6:30 pm	Masters & Wardens Meeting



Your 2026 Leadership Team - Your Lodge Officers

TITLE	NAME	EMAIL
Worshipful Master	Scott Lambert	worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org
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Lodge Blood Coordinator	Tom Vojir	Blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org
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Lodge Education Officer	Gregory Schwarz	scoutergs@aol.com
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Lodge Membership Officer	Gregory Schwarz	scoutergs@aol.com
Candidate Instruction Officer	Bret Thomas Dave Stoneburner	ALIW@ashburnsterling288.org and LIW@ashburnsterling288.org
Assistant Candidate Instruction Officer	Thomas Fields	Senior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org

TRUSTEES

Jason Matchet, PM

James Simonetti, PM

Timothy Dahlman, PM



Do you want to get involved?

<u>COMMITTEE NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
Social Committee	Bret Thomas	Junior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
Community Awards Committee	Dave Wang	Senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
Masonic Relief Committee	Dave Wang	Senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
Scholarship Committee	Dave Wang	Senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
Welfare Committee	Tom Vojir	Chaplain@ashburnsterling288.org
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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**

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).**

Also, notable podcasts on YouTube, include:

- The Masonic Roundtable
- Whence Came you?

Notable authors include:

- Manly P. Hall
- W.L. Wilmschurst
- Albert Mackey
- Albert Pike
- Allen E. Roberts

<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

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
Jimmy L. Clifton	Luis Pages, PDDGM
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
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Honorary Members

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Walter O. Harrison, PDDGM
Raymond F. Houser, Jr, PM
Thomas E. Krouse, PDDGM
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Marvin M. Shoaf, PM
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Charles R. Walk, PM
Gerald D. Jenkins, PM



"Living Our Obligations"

**The 180th
Grand Master
of Masons in
Virginia
(2025-2026)**

***MW Matthew Todd
Szramoski***

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)

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

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 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>

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