



The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

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February 2026



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
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From the East

Greetings from the East,

I hope that everyone is safe and warm, while we work our way through this polar vortex that we are living in. (If anybody needs assistance dealing with the snow and ice please give me a call so that we can get some Brothers out to help). The month of January has gone by fast, and I believe I was out doing something Masonic related every evening. We had a very busy month; we conferred the Degree of Master Mason on four new Brothers. Welcome Brethren! The District Deputy Grand Master of our district made his official visits to all the Lodges in the district, while he did that our Lodge followed in order to show support and we as a Lodge made five fraternal visits. During these visits I had the great honor of representing all of you and our Lodge, so I presented each Worshipful Master with a special Masonic pocketknife as a small token of "Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love". It has been great fellowship visiting the Lodges in our district.

I wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day, it's the month of February. This month at Lodge we will have at our stated communication a presentation from our District Instructor of Work, with dinner at the usual time please come out and join us for the evening. As the rest of the month plays out, we will start working on the Entered Apprentice Degree in order to confer the Degree by the end of the month on three worthy candidates. It continues to be very busy at Lodge, with a lot of projects kicking off like our blood drive, hunger relief, and other community outreach programs. If you're interested in helping out in any of the projects or committees, please let me know so that I can get you connected and involved. The DELC will be held at the George Washington Memorial on February 7th at 9:00 am and is a great experience at a great place.

I leave you this month with my closing thought "the greatest gifts you will ever give, though with them we should never part, are simply these: a helping hand, a friendly smile, and a selfless loving heart"

Scott Lambert Worshipful Master



Masonic Birthdays for the Month (February)

- Scott Lambert – February 18, 1988 – 38 Years
- Doug Mason – February 3, 2009 – 17 Years
- Jason Matchett – February 21, 2010 – 16 Years
- Farley Warner – February 23, 2009 – 17 Years



Schedule

February		
Date	Time	Event
1	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
2	6:30 pm	Philosophical Study Group
7	9:00 am	DELC at the George Washington Memorial
8	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
11	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
12	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Ritual Practice
14	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
15	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
18	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
21	2:00 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Officer Installation
22	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
23	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
25	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
26	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
March		
Date	Time	Event
1	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
	4:30 pm	Rainbow - Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
2	6:30 pm	Philosophical Study Group
10	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 (6:30 Dinner & 7:30 Meeting)
11	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
12	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Ritual Practice
14	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
15	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
18	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
23	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
25	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
26	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
29	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus



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)
12	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
	7:00 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



Your 2026 Leadership Team - Your Lodge Officers

TITLE	NAME	EMAIL
Worshipful Master	Scott Lambert	worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org
Senior Warden	Dave Wang	Senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
Junior Warden	Bret Thomas	Junior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
Secretary	Ralph Choueiri	Secretary@ashburnsterling288.org
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Junior Steward	Brandon DeLoatch	Junior.steward@ashburnsterling288.org
Marshal	Carlos Fernandez	Marshal@ashburnsterling288.org
Musician	(Vacant)	Musician@ashburnsterling288.org
Tiler	James Simonetti	Tiler@ashburnsterling288.org
Assistant Tiler	(Vacant)	Tiler@ashburnsterling288.org
Lodge Instructor of Work (LIW)	Dave Stoneburner	LIW@ashburnsterling288.org
Assistant Lodge Instructor of Work (ALIW)	Bret Thomas	ALIW@ashburnsterling288.org
Lodge Blood Coordinator	Tom Vojir	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	(Vacant)	Blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org
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
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

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).**

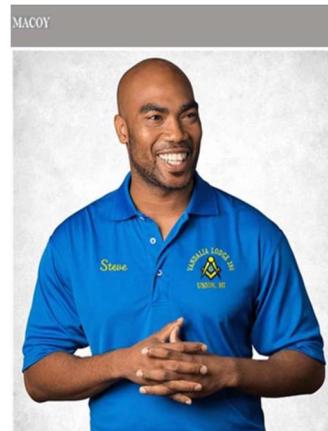
Also, notable podcasts on YouTube, include:

- The Masonic Roundtable
- Whence Came you?

Notable authors include:

- Manly P. Hall
- W.L. Wilmshurst
- 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
Truman E. Cox
James A. Cosen
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
Christopher C. Thompson, PDDGM
John W. Wailes, PDDGM
Charles R. Walk, PM
Gerald D. Jenkins, PM



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**The 180th
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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)

District Deputy Grand Master	Mark Canter, DDGM
District Instructor of Work	Christopher Thompson, PDDGM
Assistant Instructor of Work	Ed Ziembra, 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>

**EVENTS PHOTOS****Masonic Visits and Events from January 2026****Freedom Lodge no. 118 - Lovettsville****Olive Branch Lodge no. 114 - Leesburg****Hamilton-Thompson Lodge no. 37 - Purcellville****MLK Walk****Ashburn Assembly No. 11 Officers Installation**