



From the East

Brethren Greetings from the East,

Happy Independence Day! 250 Years and going strong.

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

Well, I was told by many Past Master's that my year as Master will fly by, but I didn't believe them. The truth be told I can't believe it is July and my year as Master is over halfway completed. There is so much work to do in the quarry as they say but never enough hands or time to get it done.

Over the last month your Brothers have been busy we hosted a blood drive where we collected 40 pints of blood to put towards saving lives. We will be having another blood drive in September, so if you are able to donate, please keep an eye out for the date and donate. The Northern Virginia area hospitals are experiencing an extreme shortage of blood.

At our last stated meeting we conducted a table Lodge with forty Brothers who signed up, we had thirty-six who attended. The evening was a great success and fun event. We had plenty of food consisting of NY strip and chicken with a ton of side dishes that several of our wives provided followed by dessert from some brothers. The program was provided by Wor. Matt Dulley on the St. Johns. All the proceeds after food costs are being donated to the Loudoun Hunger relief program so they can purchase items that they do not get donated on a regular basis.

This month is already starting and moving fast. We have one of our founding fathers of our country (Ben Franklin) coming to our Stated to give a presentation while celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country. For this stated meeting I would like all brothers to wear patriotic or colonial attire, it will probably be hot so we can have fun with this meeting and be comfortable.

On July 11th our Rainbow Girls will have their Breakfast fund raiser followed by our district school of work. Followed by an installation of officers on the 18th open to all, so if you haven't witnessed how beautiful the ceremony and our girls are, then come on out show support.

In closing I leave you with this month's thought from Thomas Paine 1777; "the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem to lightly, Tis the dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods, and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as Freedom should not be lightly rated".

Worshipful Scott R. Lambert



Masonic Birthdays for the Month April

- Dave Anspaugh 7/18 - 08 Years
- Vissal Awan 7/11 - 14 Years
- Diaz Joeseph 7/08 - 17 Years
- Elvan Rivera 7/25 - 01 Years
- Michael Stewart 7/22 - 04 Years
- Thomas Vojir 7/18 - 08 Years



Schedule

July		
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
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
17	2:00 pm	Ashburn Assembly No. 11 Setup
18	2:00 pm	Ashburn Assembly No. 11 Officer Installation
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
27	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
29	6:30 pm	Masters & Wardens Meeting

August		
Date	Time	Event
2	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
2	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
8	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
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
16	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
16	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
19	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
24	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
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	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
Senior Warden	Dave Wang	Senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
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Assistant Tiler	(Vacant)	Tiler@ashburnsterling288.org
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Assistant Lodge Instructor of Work (ALIW)	Bret Thomas	ALIW@ashburnsterling288.org
Lodge Blood Coordinator	Tom Vojir	Blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org
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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?

COMMITTEE NAME	CONTACT	EMAIL
Social Committee	Bret Thomas	Junior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
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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).**

<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.
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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. Crosen
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Allen L. Gabriel
James C. Gore Jr., PM
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Raymond F. Houser, Jr, PM
Thomas E. Krouse, PDDGM
Kenneth O. Shelton, Sr., PDDGM
Marvin M. Shoaf, PM
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Charles R. Walk, PM
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(2025-2026)**

***MW Matthew Todd
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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 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>

