



## **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**

Greetings from the East Brethren,

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Your Lodge has had a very busy month over the last twenty-eight days; we had our District Education Leadership Conference with ten officers and brethren in attendance at the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria. It was conducted on a very cold windy day but whenever we get together as a group of Masons the weather doesn't matter, and it always seems to warm up. After the DELC we gathered at a restaurant for some late lunch and brotherhood. We had the opportunity to make a couple more fraternal visits and one of the visits was conducted while including a presentation given by Rt. Worshipful Greg Schwarz on George Washington. Your Lodge has been very busy conferring degrees and working on our memorization of ritual and catechism.

Springtime is getting closer every day, and the hours of sunlight are getting longer so hopefully we will see some warmer weather soon. The month ahead we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on two candidates and then we will be focusing on several Fellowcrafts Degrees. This month stated meeting is our Past Masters Night! I always look forward to this night when all the chairs are filled by our Past Masters, its guaranteed to be a fun evening. The theme for the meeting St. Patrick's and wearing something green.

We are currently working with the community food stores where we are looking for donations since one of our charities this year is to focus on hunger relief here in Loudoun County. You will soon see a box at the lodge for donations of canned foods like tuna fish. Brother Carlos Fernandez is hard at work with Brother Victor Zack and the food banks to find out what is needed.

The Grand Master of Masons of Virginia's visit to our district will be held at the Lovettsville game club on Berlin Turnpike on April 7th the cost of the meal is twenty-five dollars, so if you plan to attend please RSVP with the District Deputy.

In closing I will leave you with a parting thought "An average man is complacent when he does only his best, but a champion does his best and then he does a little more!

Worshipful Scott R. Lambert



**Masonic Birthdays for the Month (February)**

- Melvin Woolf - 53 Years
- Roy Linquist - 52 Years
- William Fletcher - 16 Years
- Daniel Sislo - 16 Years
- Martin Gruszka - 15 Years



**Schedule**

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	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
18	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
21	12:00 pm	Loudoun Rainbow
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)
	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>TITLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Scott Lambert	worshipful.master@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Dave Wang	Senior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Bret Thomas	Junior.warden@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Secretary</b>	Ralph Choueiri	Secretary@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kevin Kelly	Treasurer@ashburnsterling288.org
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<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Armon Manukyan	Junior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Chaplain</b>	Tom Vojir	Chaplain@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Senior Steward</b>	Veselin Marinov	Senior.steward@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Junior Steward</b>	Brandon DeLoatch	Junior.steward@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Marshal</b>	Carlos Fernandez	Marshal@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Musician</b>	(Vacant)	Musician@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Tiler</b>	James Simonetti	Tiler@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Assistant Tiler</b>	(Vacant)	Tiler@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Lodge Instructor of Work (LIW)</b>	Dave Stoneburner	LIW@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Assistant Lodge Instructor of Work (ALIW)</b>	Bret Thomas	ALIW@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Lodge Blood Coordinator</b>	Tom Vojir	Blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Lodge Masonic Home Ambassador</b>	Shawn Mitchell	Mahova@ashburnsterling288.org
<b>Lodge Education Officer</b>	Gregory Schwarz	scoutergs@aol.com
<b>Assistant Lodge Education Officer</b>	(Vacant)	Blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org
<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
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](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
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
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





“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>



## EVENTS PHOTOS

Masonic Visits and Events from February 2026

