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The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

Chartered on February 15, 1906

May 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

From the East

Greetings from the East Brethren,

Well, another month has gone by, and we have been busy working in the quarry.

A quick thank you to Worshipful brother Dave Stoneburner for working hard and giving a lot of time to help with Catechism. This work and dedication allow for the Catechism to be returned and advancement of a brother.

This past month we conferred the Fellowcrafts Degree on Brother Bob. He is already working hard to continue to become a Master Mason.

Over the next thirty days we have more Fellow Craft Degrees and a Master Mason Degree to confer. This month stated meeting is Hawaiian Shirt Night! Rt. Worshipful Gregory Schwarz is giving the program for the evening.

I would like to make a few fraternal visits over the next month. In the district we will have a bowling outing at The Branch in Leesburg, Virginia, On Saturday May 31st from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. It would be great if we could pull a team together to attend this event, there will also be finger food provided.

If anyone would like to attend an Entered Apprentice degree this month Freedom Lodge is conferring it on May 20th. Next month your Lodge is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, June fourth from 1pm to 6pm. The Lodge gets credit for the donations, and they are giving handheld fans to the donors.

Finally, Brethren for my parting thought: "On the rough ashlar of our own character we labor not for perfection – but for progress; for every honest stroke of the working tools brings us closer to the light that we seek".

Worshipful Scott R. Lambert

DUES COUNTER

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Masonic Birthdays for the Month April

- Javier Amaya - 04 Years 5/22
- Russell Baneck - 43 Years 5/82
- Jason Banks - 18 Years 5/08
- James Drake - 40 Years 5/85
- John Jensen - 48 Years 5/77
- Gerald Jenkins - 35 Years 5/90
- Vadim Kulmatesky - 04 Years 5/22
- Charles Lipscomb - 41 Years 5/85
- Veselin Marinov - 01 Year 5/25
- Thomas Mitchel - 52 Years 5/73
- Xavier Santiago - 18 Years 5/08
- Jeff Sparrow - 12 Years 5/13
- Dave Stoneburner - 59 Years 5/66



Schedule

May		
Date	Time	Event
3	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
9	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
12	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 (6:30 Dinner & 7:30 Meeting)
13	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
14	7:00 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 Ritual Practice
16	8:00 am	Ashburn Assembly No. 11
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 Meeting
	6:30 pm	Masters & Wardens Meeting
28	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
30	8:00 am	Ashburn Assembly No. 11
31	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus

June		
Date	Time	Event
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	6:30 pm	Table Lodge / Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
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
	6:30 pm	Masters & Wardens Meeting
25	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave





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
	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
3	6:30 pm	Philosophical Study Group
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
	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
	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





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
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Junior Steward	Brandon DeLoatch	Junior.steward@ashburnsterling288.org
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Musician	(Vacant)	Musician@ashburnsterling288.org
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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?

COMMITTEE NAME	CONTACT	EMAIL
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).**

<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
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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
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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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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>



Central Park, NY, photo by Wor. James Simonetti.

