

The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

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November 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

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From the East

Brethren Greetings from the East,

Hello Brethren, as we pack away Halloween and try to avoid eating too much candy, I ask that you take a moment to pray and think about our nation's Veterans and our nation's war fighters on this Veterans Day! I personally would like to thank all of my brothers who are Veterans who helped protect and defend our Freedoms and Liberties. With that being said, the next holiday coming up is Thanksgiving, so Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and as you gather with friends and family may enjoy the love and warmth while spending time together.

Back home at our Lodge we continued to work on and confer the Fellow Crafts Degree, the team of Brothers presenting this degree did a great job with it. We are currently working on and preparing to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on the 17th of November so if you would like to join us that evening, please come out and visit.

This coming Stated Meeting is a move-up night for our officers to get ready to be installed as your leadership team for next year. If you can, come out to the stated meeting for dinner and enjoy a fun meeting as your new officer's slate gets the feel for the positions that they will be in very soon.

Well, I have returned from Grand Lodge in Richmond where I represented our Lodge at Grand Lodge for the annual convocation this weekend. What a great weekend it was! Spending time with friends and Brothers from all over the state. I'm proud to announce that your Lodge has earned the new Hillman Gold award, it's the first and top level of a three-teared award for things that your lodge has accomplished in its year. Great job done by all! We also received the Levy award for top number of pints of blood donated. We are a Great Lodge with many irons in the fire serving our community and charities. You have all worked very hard this year and deserve these awards.

In closing I will leave you a thought "The greatest gifts you'll ever give, though with them never part, are simply these: A helping hand, a friendly smile, and a selfless, loving heart.

Worshipful Scott R. Lambert

Masonic Birthdays for the Month September

- Franco Aguillon 15 Years
- Alexander Bates 8 Years
- John Bowman 26 Years
- Abdallaha Khodadad 5 Years
- John Lambert 5 Years
- Jeremiah Medley 3 Years
- Robert Murdick 42 Years
- Philip Palmiero 19 Years
- Daniel Potter 18 Years
- Lige Shick 54 Years



Schedule

November 2026		
Date	**Time**	**Event**
1	1:00 pm	Bella Nova SEND OFF and Rehearsal
1	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
8	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
10	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 (Dinner 6:30pm & Meeting 7:30pm)
11	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
12	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
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
22	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
23	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
25	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting

December 2026		
Date	**Time**	**Event**
6	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
6	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
8	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 (Dinner 6:30pm & Meeting 7:30pm)
9	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
10	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
12	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
12	10:00 am	AS288 Officer Installation
16	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
20	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
20	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
23	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
28	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
31		Dues are due by today for next year!

January 2027		
Date	**Time**	**Event**
3	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
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
13	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
17	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
17	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
20	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
25	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
27	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
27	6:30 pm	Masters & Wardens Meeting
28	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
31	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus

February 2027		
Date	**Time**	**Event**
7	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
9	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting @ Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288
10	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
14	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
17	7:00 pm	Loudoun Scottish Rite Club
21	4:30 pm	Loudoun Rainbow Assembly Business Meeting
22	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
24	7:30 pm	Ashburn DeMolay Meeting
24	6:30 pm	Masters & Wardens Meeting
25	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
28	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
Secretary	Ralph Choueiri	Secretary@ashburnsterling288.org
Treasurer	Kevin Kelly	Treasurer@ashburnsterling288.org
Senior Deacon	Thomas Fields	Senior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org
Junior Deacon	Armon Manukyan	Junior.deacon@ashburnsterling288.org
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Senior Steward	Veselin Marinov	Senior.steward@ashburnsterling288.org
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?

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).**

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
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Jimmy L. Clifton	Luis Pages, PDDGM
Douglas R. Collins	Ivan R. Sumpter, PDDGM
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Thomas D. Feely, PM	Richard B. Wade, PM
William P. Fosdick	David L. Wang

Veteran Members
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Raymond F. Houser, Jr, PM
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Marvin M. Shoaf, PM
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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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