



The TRESTLEBOARD of ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO. 288

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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

Brethren Greetings from the East,

Over the last thirty days we have been very busy. Your ritual team has been working to confer the Master Mason's Degree for two Brothers, and by the end of last month we raised two more Brothers to the Third Degree in Masonry. The team is now working on getting ready to confer the Fellow Crafts Degree on September 22nd. We have had a few brothers joining the team and learning new parts, if this is something you would like to do please come and join us practice on Tuesday nights, it's painless.

On September 8th for our stated we will be having a Lodge of Low Vale at the Balls Bluff Battlefield in Leesburg, Va. Dinner is at 6:30 served picnic style and the meeting will start at the normal time for business. Come with a lawn chair, bug spray and be comfortable. The theme is Masons and the Civil War and the attire is thrown back to Founders, so wear your polo or Civil War stuff or farm clothes, coveralls, whatever just be comfortable for a relaxing night fire side with ritual and brothers. Looking forward to seeing you all!

We have our annual Ken Shelton School on September 12th all officers and brethren are encouraged to attend, this is a good school and fun time. Breakfast that day will be served by our Masonic youth groups, so come out grab breakfast and attend school for an hour or so.

Grand Lodge weekend is fast approaching so if you plan to attend, it's time to start planning. At the October Stated I will be honoring an individual as our Community Builder and giving out several other awards. Fasten your seat belts and join me on the adventure as it's speeding up towards the end of my time in the East

As always in closing I will leave you with a thought to ponder! The trials and temptations that we all face show the world what kind of person we are. It's the attitude you have when things go wrong that proves whether you're a person who is willing to work hard and try again, or one who gives up too easily!

Worshipful Scott R. Lambert

DUES COUNTER

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Masonic Birthdays for the Month September

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| - David Ansphaugh | 8 Years | - Roy Shultz | 8 Years |
| - James Cravotta | 49 Years | - Brian Short | 11 Years |
| - Fred Kellner | 8 Years | - Adam Sutton | 28 Years |
| - Brian King | 15 Years | - Chris Thompson | 29 Years |
| - Anthony Montgomery | 3 Years | - Joe Vitale | 8 Years |
| - Randell Quiambao | 14 Years | - Michael Washington | 18 Years |



Schedule

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



November

Date	Time	Event
1	1:00 pm	Bella Nova Chorus
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
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
26	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave

December

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
12	8:30 am	Youth Breakfast (8:30-10:30)
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
24	6:30 pm	Piedmont Commandery No. 26 - Knights Templar Conclave
28	7:30 pm	Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88
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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
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Chaplain	Tom Vojir	Chaplain@ashburnsterling288.org
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Junior Steward	Brandon DeLoatch	Junior.steward@ashburnsterling288.org
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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. Wilmschurst
- 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. Crosen
Darrell R. Fleming, PDDGM
Allen L. Gabriel
James C. Gore Jr., PM
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James C. Keys, PDDGM
Rosser B. Nance Jr.
Lige M. Shick
Robert L. Spindle, PM
David L. Stoneburner
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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 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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MASONIC BLOOD DRIVE

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 INOVA BLOOD DRIVE

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Your participation is exceptionally important!

Strong turnout helps keep Inova bringing a blood-drive crew.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Scan the QR code to schedule your donation appointment.

You may register as a guest.

An Inova account is not required.



TWO IMPORTANT STEPS WHEN YOU DONATE

1

USE MASONIC DONOR CODE

#8257

Give Inova our Masonic Donor Code so your donation is credited to our Masonic Blood Program.

2

REPORT YOUR DONATION

Email after donating:

blood.coordinator@ashburnsterling288.org

Include your name, donation date, and type of donation.

HOW YOUR DONATION HELPS OUR LODGE

WHOLE BLOOD

1

PINT

DOUBLE RED

10

PINTS

PLATELETS

20

PINTS

PLASMA

30

PINTS

BROTHERS, LET'S FILL THE APPOINTMENT BOOK!

Bring a Brother, family member, friend, or neighbor.

Our participation matters not only to patients whose lives depend on donated blood, but also to continued Inova support.

Every donor helps our Lodge and our community.

INOVA MASONIC DONOR CODE **8257**

REPORT DONATIONS

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