

Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A.M.



March/April 2019

STATED COMMUNICATION

First Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Honorary Members

Miguel Banagan, Jr., PGI, RWPJGW; Ron Block, DGL PGI, PGM; Bayani Cassanova, PGI; Hilmer Krebs; Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM; Maurice Rackey; Jesse Villareal, MWPGM (DC)

Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren, Family and Friends,

Wow, what an exciting end to January with the Open Installation of Officers and the presentation of Service Awards. The Lodge was packed with family members and friends and I would like to thank everyone that attended the installation. I commend all the officers for 2018 and 2019 for a fantastic installation.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard P. Naegele presented a 50 Year Masonic Service Award to Brother James Spicer at the installation.

Brother Rudy McCumber, PM was honored for his generous donation to the Bennie G. Owens Masonic Youth Scholarship Fund.

The Grand Master presented Brother Rick Mubarak, Senior Deacon and Brother Jose' Cruz, Sr., Senior Warden with a beautiful certificate --Honorary Degree of Pillar of the Craft from the Maryland Masonic Academy.

Honorary member Brother Hilmer Krebs, who is 104 years young and a 72 Year Master Mason closed the Open Installation of Officers for MWGM Richard P. Naegele

MWGM Richard P. Naegele and several Lodge and Grand Lodge Officers presented a 70 Year Masonic Service Award to Brother George Allen, Past Master, and honored him for being a Senior DeMolay from the Robert LeBruce Chapter.

Brother William Hines, Past Master, was honored by DeMolay International for 65 Years as a Senior DeMolay.

You can see pictures of these presentations on the Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A. M. Facebook page or on the lodge website at www.patuxentlodge218.org

In March, Brother Paige Johnson, will be our guest speaker, his topic will be on The Masonic Creed. Brother Jose' Cruz, SW will be in the East. Please come out and support him and the line officers.

Several programs are planned for the upcoming months. We will travel to Charlotte Hall on May 13 to Honor our Veterans.

On Friday, May 31, we will raise several brothers at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Finally, we are here to serve you – please let us know if you or someone in your family has an illness or if you have news to share with the members of your Lodge. If you have not attended Lodge in a while, please contact us so we can assist you in making you comfortable again in joining us at Lodge.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Terry Royce, PM
Worshipful Master,
Patuxent Lodge No. 218



Brother Bill Hines, PM, being honored by DeMolay International for 65 Years as a Senior DeMolay

From the West

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Brethren,

What an awesome January it truly was! For our installation of officers, Patuxent Lodge No. 218 gave an excellent performance at every station, for the elected and appointed officers. The Grand Lodge represented by having our MWGM Richard P. Naegele sitting in the East along with his Grand Line conducting the installing of us all. This is a feature that I nor any of our members should soon forget!

As I reflect on my short journey in the Craft thus far in addition that I am turning 50 years young this month, I can honestly say that this is nothing short of fantastic! This year will continue to build and chisel on this rough ashlar with focus, guidance and the fellowship this historic institution of ours has shown me.

But now starts the process of getting down to the business at hand; and to once again propel our lodge to the top by building on what we have done in 2018.

“Perfect Attendance”, “Food Bank”, “National Night Out”, “Bonnie Blink”, and many more functions that we as a lodge are involved in are just the precept of what we must continue to do. However, that continues as we focus on supporting one another. Calling to check on a fellow Brother is something we need to continue to do. Even if it is just to say hello, do you need anything, do you need a ride to lodge or to just talk.

I am so proud to serve as your Senior Warden for Patuxent Lodge No. 218 and I will make every effort to do more to uplift the lodge to make us all proud as I hope to make myself!

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Bro. José Cruz Sr.
Senior Warden

From the South

I am or have been a member of several lodges in several jurisdictions as well as appendant bodies. By far, Patuxent Lodge is the most satisfying and rewarding. We do a lot in lodge and many activities in our community. Our Lodge is growing.

I have been to many Masonic Memorial's and Funerals lately. I had to stop and ask myself, "when was the last time I talked to this person?" The refrain we hear so much; "Be not slow to visit the sick", resonates as I witness the final good byes.

We are good at visiting the sick when they tell us they are sick. More often we don't know when they were sick until the notice of death comes out.

I for one will make an effort to periodically contact those I haven't heard from lately to see how they are and that they are remembered.

Can you try the same?

Sick Report

Doug Cohen

Marlon Curtis, PM

Don Hamilton

Brenda Hamilton

(Wife of Don Hamilton)

If you or someone you know is sick or injured, please let me know. Conversely, if you know of a positive event such as a birth of a child, marriage, etc. please let me know that as well.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Melvin Mason, Jr., PM,
Junior Warden



MWGM Richard P. Naegele presented Brother Rick Mubarak, SD and Brother Jose' Cruz, Sr., SW their Honorary Degree of Pillar of the Craft

Congratulations!!!

70 Year Masonic Birthday Milestone Members

George W. Allen, Jr. PM

William Heath, Jr.

50 Year Masonic Birthday Milestone Members

Kenneth Jordan

James Spicer

Robert Wilburn, PM

Masonic Birthdays

March

George Allen, Jr., PM – 70 Yrs.

James Cloud, Jr., PM – 15 Yrs.

Dean Howard – 66 Yrs.

Michael Liller – 33 Yrs.

Urban Peters, PM – 43 Yrs.

Marikhande Sissoko – 2 Yrs.

April

Raul Azcueta – 24 Yrs.

George Baxter – 7 Yrs.

Timothy Chandler – 6 Yrs.

Kenneth Massey – 35 Yrs.

Clarence Meiggs – 53 Yrs.

Johnny Powell – 10 Yrs.

Donald Rogers – 45 Yrs.

Belmont Royce – 36 Yrs.

Melvin Tayman – 53 Yrs.

Joe Varnadore – 44 Yrs.



**Brother Rudy McCumber, PM, being honored by the Grand Lodge for
his generous donation to the Bennie G. Owens Masonic Youth
Scholarship Fund**

March Trestleboard

Mar. 02, 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Guest Speaker: Paige Johnson
Topic: The Masonic Creed

Mar. 07, 07:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction

Mar. 18, 07:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication

April Trestleboard

Apr. 04, 07:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction

Apr. 06, 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Guest Speaker: Mike Banagan
Topic: Is the Legend of Hiram Abiff True?

Apr. 06, 09:00 AM Grand Lodge Leadership Program

Apr. 15, 07:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication

Upcoming Events

May 13, 10:30 AM Celebrating Veterans at Charlotte Hall
Veterans Home

May 18, 10:00 AM Grand Lodge Semi Annual Communication

May 31, 07:00 PM Master Mason Degree at George
Washington Masonic National Memorial

June 01, 11:00 AM Grand Lodge Family Fun Day

2019 Dues Notice

Brethren,

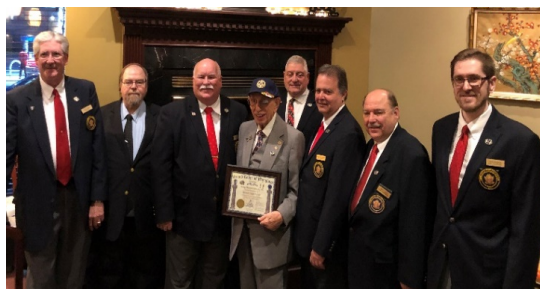
The 2019 dues notice was mailed in November. If you haven't remitted your dues, please do so. If you have not received your dues notice, please contact the Secretary, Melvin Harrison, PM at 301-758-8396.

Light is an important word in the Masonic system. It conveys a far more mystical meaning than it is believed to possess by the generality of readers. It is fact the first of all the symbols presented to the apprentice, and continues to be presented to him in various modifications throughout all his future progress in his Masonic career. It does not simply mean, as some might be supposed, truth or wisdom, but it contains within itself a far more abstruse allusion to the very essence of Speculative masonry, and embraces within its extensive signification all other symbols or the order. Freemasons have been called "the sons of light," because they are, or at least entitled to be, in possession of the true meaning of the symbol; while the profane or uninitiated who have not received this knowledge are, by a parity of expression, said to be in darkness

The connection of material light with this emblematic and mental illumination, was prominently exhibited in all the ancient systems of religion and cryptic mysteries. If we proceed to an examination of the other systems of religion which were practiced by the nations of antiquity, we shall find that light always constituted a principal object of adoration, as the primordial source of knowledge and goodness, and that darkness was with them synonymous with ignorance and evil. As light was thus adored as the source of goodness, darkness, which is the negation of light, was abhorred as the cause of evil, and hence arose that doctrine which prevailed among the ancients, that there were two antagonistic principals continually contending for the government of the world.

In fact, in all the ancient systems, this reverence for light, as an emblematic representation of the Eternal Principal of Good, is predominant. In our mysteries, the candidate passed during his initiation through scenes of utter darkness, and at length terminated his trials by gaining that intellectual illumination that would dispel the darkness of his mental and moral ignorance, and he was said to have attained pure and perfect light, and where he received the necessary instructions which were to invest him with that divine truth which had been the object of all his labour.

LIGHT - A SOURCE OF POSITIVE HAPPINESS



**Brother George Allen, PM,
70 Year Masonic Service Award**



**Brother James Spicer
50 Year Masonic Service Award**



**Brother Kenneth Jordan
Wearing his 50 Year Masonic Grand Lodge Cap**



**Congratulations to Brother George Whitehead, Patuxent
Lodge's newest Entered Apprentice**

COMMITTEES FOR 2019

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Melvin Mason, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Rick Mubarak; Melvin Harrison, PM

Sickness and Distress

Jose' Cruz, Sr.; Melvin Mason; PM; All Officers

Maryland CHIP Program

Rudy McCumber, PM; Mark Manapul; Alejo Nefalar

By-Laws Committee

Melvin Harrison, PM; William Hines, PM; Rudy McCumber, PM; Carlos Nocentelli

Audit/Budget Committee

Jose' Cruz, Sr.; William Hines, PM; Melvin Harrison, PM; Melvin Mason, PM; Alejo Nefalar

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Wes Sudduth; Harold Santelien; Rodney Balance;

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM; Rick Mubarak; Rodney Balance;

Membership

Rick Mubarak; Rodney Balance; Mark Manapul; Alejo Nefalar

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education

Rick Mubarak; Rodney Balance; Conrado Taguba; Mark Manapul

Lodge Trustees

Marlon Curtis, PM-2019; Kenyatta Galbreth, PM-2020; Rudy McCumber, PM-2018

Scholarship Program

Rudy McCumber, PM; Harold Saintelien; Melvin Mason, PM;

Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation

Rudy McCumber, PM – President

William Hines, PM – Secretary/Treasure

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Contact us at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com Check the calendar at

www.patuxentlodge218.org

for stated meetings; rehearsals; Grand Lodge Schools of Instruction
and other Masonic events.

Find us on Facebook at Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A. M.

****Please Note****

Patuxent Lodge may hold a second communication on the third (3rd) Monday of the month at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Catechism examination may be returned at any stated communication. Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft are welcome to attend all Stated Communications. Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Masons and their families are welcome to attend all open Lodge events.

Past Masters

1926- 27	U.D.J. Hofferbert *	1971	Kenneth Hardesty*
1927- 28	E. Robertson *	1972	Norman Abney ~ *
1929	Thurston Brown *	1973	Harry Cotton
1930	Floyd Martin *	1974	James Arnold *
1931	Raymond Wilburn *	1975	John Pierce, Jr. PM *
1932	F. Wright, Jr.*	1976	James Hollis *
1933	H. Hotchkiss *	1977	Chilton Walker ~ *
1934	Joseph Rawlings*	1978	James Davis *
1935	Readus Frye *	1979	Raymond Williams, Jr. *
1936	Carl Price *	1980	William Hines PGI, PWAGT
1937	Edwin Staats *	1981	Richard Price ~
1938	E. Gentle *	1982	Wilburn Jones PGI *
1939	F. Colmus *	1983	Gerald Rapson *
1940	Edward Schmidt *	1984	Rudy McCumber
1941	L. Sylvester *	1985	Urban Peters
1942	Eliza Job *	1986	Terry Royce
1943	Preston Tate *	1987	Charlie Smith, Jr. ~
1944	Edwin Fisher *	1988	Richard Gould *
1945	Vernon Keafauver *	1989	John Sullivan ~
1946	C. Hoofring *	1990	Brooks Dodson, Jr. *
1947	Jules DuBost *	1991	David Hamrick \$
1948	Aubrey Amos *	1992	Boris Tenner * PM PGI PWSGS
1949	Charles Wilson *	1993	Melvin Harrison, WPGT PGI
1950	August Duchene *	1994-95	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1951	Norris Robinson *	1994	Leonard Proden + MWPGM-DC
1952	William Alvey *	1996	Urban Peters, PM PGI
1953	C. Hubbard ~ *	1997	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1953	John Ball * #	1998-99	John Gluth PM + *
1954	F. Freeman *	2000-03	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1955	Chester Towns *	2001	Frank Wilburn +
1956	James Patterson *	2002-03	Thomas Mason PGI +
1957	Charles Gidden *	2003-07-09-10	Melvin Mason PGI +
1958	Flory Diehl * PRWSGW	2004	Frank Wilburn PM
1959	Hector Gellerson *	2004	Glynn Owens * #
1960	George Allen, Jr.	2005	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1961	Lloyd Bertholf *	2006-08	Urban Peters, PM PGI
1962	George McCullogh *	2008	James Cloud, Jr. +
1963	Gordon Pearson ~ *	2009	Grover Brewer
1964	Reidar Haug *	2010-11	Terry Royce, PM PWGP
1965	Jesse Ross *	2012	Gerald Poe, Jr.
1966	Joseph Harris *	2012-13	Steven Walls, PM PJGS GI +
1967	William McPherson *	2013-14	Rudy McCumber, PM PJGS PGI
1968	John Pierce, Jr. *	2015	Marlon Curtis
1969	Boris Tenner * PGI	2016	Marlon Curtis, PM
1970	Peter Cleland*	2017	Kenyatta Galbreth
		2018	Terry Royce, RWPJGW

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped