

# Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A.F. & A.M. Grand Lodge Of Maryland

## Communications

**Stated:** First Saturday of every month 10:00 A.M.

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*March - April  
2012*



### Longaberger Basket Bingo to benefit Kallipolis Grotto

Saturday, June 2, 2012  
Held at Centennial Lodge in Upper  
Marlboro, MD

Doors Open at 1 PM and Games Begin  
at 2 PM

\$15 per person - for 15 Games  
Specials and raffles are additional

Food & Refreshments available for  
purchase to benefit the Grotto

Tickets available by contacting  
Melissa Cloud @ (202)210-7688 or  
Nancy Royce @ (301)855-7933

## We're on the Web!

Please Visit Us Online At:  
[www.patuxentlodge218.com](http://www.patuxentlodge218.com)



Masters Pins: [www.patuxent218.info](http://www.patuxent218.info)

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# THINKING CLEAR

CHIVALRY. LOVE. EDIFICATION. AND RESPECT.

*Chartered May 10, 1927*



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# From the East



*Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit*  
*whom virtue has united, death shall not separate.*

Brethren, as a continuation on our theme this year of being CLEAR, working in fellowship with **C**larity, **L**ove, **E**dification **A**nd **R**espect, I felt it important to remind us in the most friendly manner of a few particular points of what we agree to do as Powerful men and especially Freemasons...

**We Agree To Avoid...** (Please read and burn again to your soul...)

*"We agree to avoid private piques and quarrels and to guard against intemperance and excess."*

**Our Ancient Charges and Regulations should influence us...**

To Guard against intrusions and personal quarrels between its members. These circumstances are among the greatest dangers to threaten Freemasonry and, indeed, all institutions where people come together for a common cause and the greater good. This is the reason we are enjoined to avoid discussions which pertain to our personal religious or political beliefs. By focusing on the things that unite us, we willingly learn humility, and to subdue our egos for the betterment of our families, craft and communities. Remember that Freemasonry is essentially a guide on the path that leads from physicality to spirituality and, like others, teaches us to walk a Middle Way, eschewing all extremes, emotional as well as physical. Let us continue to support each other and the practice of whispering good counsel in the most friendly manner; Your time, In time, Seriously Remembering... *'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.'* Not only does Brotherly Love 'cement us' together as a group, its very concept reminds us of our true relationship to God as our father and to humankind as brothers and sisters. The relief we offer is not just found in our charitable donations, but also when we try to lighten each other's burden, celebrate each other's strengths and accomplishments, right human suffering by our own correct living. Our truth is not the truth of any particular dogma or creed but that which supersedes all dogmas and all creeds: God is our Creator and we are all His children. Let us try to live so that *this* truth, at least, is self-evident.

Rev. Gerald F. Poe Jr., W.M. 2012

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## Distinguished Gentlemen Past Masters

1926 -27 U.D. J. L. Hofferbert \*  
1927 E. F. Roberson\*  
1928 E. F. Roberson\*  
1929 Thurston G. Brown\*  
1930 Floyd F. Martin\*  
1931 H. Raymond Wilburn\*  
1932 F. L. Wight, Jr.\*  
1933 H. W. Hotchkiss\*  
1934 Joseph E. Rawlings\*  
1935 Readus M. Frye\*  
1936 Carl E. Price\*  
1937 Edwin J. Staats\*  
1938 E. G. Gentle\*  
1939 F. R. Colmus\*  
1940 Edward H. Schmidt\*  
1941 L. N. Sylvester\*  
1942 Elza Job \*  
1943 Preston Tate\*  
1944 Edwin M. Fisher\*  
1945 Vernon Keafauver\*  
1946 C. H. E. Hoofring\*  
1947 Jules DuBost\*  
1948 Aubrey E. Amos\*  
1949 Charles M. Wilson\*  
1950 August A. Duchene\*  
1951 Norris C. Robinson\*  
1952 William T. Alvey\*  
1953 C. S. Hubbard \*  
1953 John E. Ball \*#  
1954 F. L. Freeman\*  
1955 G. Chester Towers\*  
1956 James W. Patterson  
1957 Charles T. Glidden\*  
1958 S. Flory Diehl\* PSGW  
1959 Hector D. Gellerson\*  
1960 George W. Allen, Jr.  
1961 Lloyd B. Bertholf\*  
1962 George J. McCullogh\*  
1963 Gordon W. Pearson~\*  
1964 Reidar Haug \*  
1965 Jesse J Ross\*  
1966 Joseph M. Harris \*  
1967 C. William McPherson\*

1968 John E. Pierce, Jr.  
1969 Boris Tenner\* PGI  
1970 Peter Cleland\*  
1971 Kenneth C. Hardesty  
1972 Norman E. Abney~\*  
1973 Harry M. Cotton  
1974 James K. Arnold\*  
1975 John E. Pierce, Jr. PM  
1976 James H. Hollis\*  
1977 Chilton T. Walker~\*  
1978 James A. Davis\*  
1979 Raymond A. Williams, Jr.\*  
1980 William D. Hines PGI  
1981 Richard T. Price~  
1982 Wilburn H. Jones PGI\*  
1983 Gerald R. Rapson\*  
1984 Rudy McCumber  
1985 Urban T. Peters  
1986 Terry L. Royce  
1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr.~  
1988 Richard H. Gould\*  
1989 John F. Sullivan~  
1990 Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.  
1991 David N. Hamrick \$  
1992 Boris Tenner\* PM PGI PSGS  
1992 William H. Thomas+  
1993 Melvin E. Harrison PGI WPGT  
1994 Oswald L. Lockard+PM\*  
1995 Oswald L. Lockard+PM\*  
1996 Urban T. Peters PM PGI  
1997 Oswald L. Lockard+PM\*  
1998 John R. Gluth PM+\*  
1999 John R. Gluth PM+\*  
2000-03 Oswald L. Lockard+PM\*  
2001 R. Frank Wilburn +  
2003 Glynn H. Owens #  
2004 R. Frank Wilburn PM  
2005 Oswald L. Lockard+PM\*  
2006-08 Urban T. Peters PM PGI  
2008 James W. Cloud, Jr. + PM  
2009 Rev. Grover D. Brewer PM  
2010-11 Terry L. Royce PM, WPGP

\* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped





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**March 3rd @ 8:30am. Coffee, Pastries**  
**10:00am. Stated Communication**

- Voting on the Petition of: George Baxter
- Voting on the Affiliation of: Kenneth Cooper
- (Program: Life testimonials, Penalties of our obligation - Fortifying the weakest link)*
- Lunch and Fellowship will Follow
- Lodge Audit

**March Rehearsal Schedule:** Rehearsal (MM)  
March 5th @7pm - Rehearsal  
March 19th @7pm - MM/SW Exemplification  
March 26th @7pm - Rehearsal EA

**April 7th @ 8:30am. Coffee, Pastries**  
**10:00am. Stated Communication**  
*(Program: Life testimonials, Nobility, Courage & Loyalty)*  
*(Prog: TALE Bearer, The whispering scandal monger)*  
- Lunch and fellowship will Follow

**April Rehearsal Schedule:** Rehearsal (EA)  
April 7th @7pm - Rehearsal  
April 21st @7pm - Rehearsal  
April 28th @7pm - Rehearsal

Stay Tuned to our website and/or Facebook page!

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## Short Talks

*For Powerful Men and Freemasons*

### ***On the Level***

To a Freemason, on the level means just that — all Freemasons are Brothers who meet on the same level, regardless of their social or economic status outside the lodge.

### ***On the Square***

When a stonemason cuts a block to use in the construction of a building, it must be perfectly shaped so that it will support the other blocks that surround it. Freemasons use the term on the square to describe their trust in each other. A man who is on the square is honest and reliable, and is a strong part of the whole community around him.

### ***Are we a Racist organization?...Absolutely NOT!***

This is a bit of a sore point today. Sadly, there have been cases of racist Masonic Lodges. BUT, That said, as many emancipated slaves escaped the tyranny of the Southern US a hundred years ago, many Masonic lodges gave them refuge and acted as points of Light along the underground railroad. The history here is mixed unfortunately. That is, sadly, a reality. Today, however, it is a very different picture, one which continues to display the beauties of Holiness to the honor of His Holy name...We have come a long way; Let's continue to keep an eye on the past as we continue to correct the Future, Push Forward through adversity and stand together as distinguished Gentlemen, Men of true conviction, continuing the good fight for what's Just, True, Honorary and Right!. :)

### ***Are we a Christian Only organization?***

Any religion is welcome and there are many Freemasons from a number of religions. Again, Freemasonry is not a religion. Never has been, never will be.

## Prayers

*For Masons, families & Friends*

### ***Forgiveness***

Father,

Through the power of your Spirit, go back into my memory as I sleep. Every hurt that has ever been done to me. ...heal that hurt. Every hurt that I have ever caused to another person. ...heal that hurt. All the relationships that have been damaged in my whole life that I am not aware of... heal those relationships. But Father, if there is anything that I need to do...if I need to go to a person because he is still suffering from my hand, bring to my awareness that person. I choose to forgive, and I ask to be forgiven. Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, GAOTU, and fill the empty spaces with your Love. Thank You God and Father of us ALL!

Amen, So Mote It Be!

Rev. Dan Brewer, Chaplain

### ***Health, Healing and Wellness***

Father,

We come before you today in need of your healing hand. To Heal our bodies from the pain, our minds from depression, our hearts from heartache. We know father, that in you all things are possible! Hold our hearts within yours, and renew us- mind, body, and soul. Give us the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for us. Guide us towards better health, healing and give us the wisdom to identify those you've placed around us to help us get better. In your exalted name We pray, Amen. So Mote It Be!

## COMMITTEES FOR 2012

### Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Marlon K. Curtis, SW - Chairman

Rev. Dan Brewer, PM - Chap; Darryl Duty; Frank Wilburn, PM

### Sickness and Distress

Terry L. Royce, PM, WPGP, JW- Chairman

### Brother-to-Brother Program

Marlon K. Curtis, SW - Chairman – Assisted by all officers

### Maryland Chip Program

Rudy McCumber, PM-Chair; Terry Royce, PM, WPGP

### By Laws Committee

William D. Hines, PM - Chairman

Marlon K. Curtis, SW; Rudy McCumber, PM, JD

Melvin E. Harrison, PM, Sec.; James W. Cloud, Jr., PM

### Audit/Budget Committee

Gerald F. Poe, Jr., WM; Marlon K. Curtis, SW;

Terry L. Royce, PM, WPGP; William D. Hines, PM;

Melvin E. Harrison, PM, WPGT; Dan Brewer, PM

### Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Norman Lynch - Chairman

### Widows' Program

William D. Hines, PM - Chairman

### Rehearsal/Catechism/Education Committee

Terry L. Royce, PM, WPGP-Chairman; Darryl Duty; Marlon Curtis, SW

### Lodge Trustees

Terry L. Royce, PM, WPGP - 2013

Rudy McCumber, PM - 2012

David E. Amstutz - 2014

### Temple Holding Corporation

David E. Amstutz, President

Ray Wilburn, Vice President

William D. Hines, PM, WPGT, Secretary/Treasurer

### Team Challenge

Chairman Gerald F. Poe, Jr., WM and All Officers

## Honorary Members of Patuxent Lodge

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, MWGM of Maryland,

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM

Sam Sullivan, Maurice Rackey; Hilmer Krebs, James Seawell, Harold Taylor, PM,  
Ralph W. Moore, PM, PGI, Jesse Villarreal, MWPGM of DC, Bayani Casanova, PGI

## Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Visitation

February/26 - March/3 May/6 - 12/2012 July/15 - 21/2012

September/23 - 29/2012 December/2 - 8/2012

### Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Team Leads

Norman Lynch - Chairman

Terry Royce, PM, WPGP

**BE SURE TO SIGN IN AT THE VOLUNTEER DESK!!!**

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## Communications

### - Sick and Distressed

All, If you know of someone sick or in distress Please contact Terry Royce, JW at [3014258584](mailto:3014258584). or Rev. Dan Brewer. Brethren, Remember always to keep the sick and distressed in your most earnest prayers.

### - Grand Lodge Table Lodge

In celebration of the Grand Lodge's 225 Anniversary. Tuesday, April 17th in the Grand Lodge ballroom at 7:00p. MM only. Attire: Lodge officers: tux, apron and jewel. Other brethren: dark suits. Cost is \$30 which includes dinner & souvenir charging glass.

### - Grand Lodge Gala 225th Anniversary Banquet

Friday, May 18th in the Grand Lodge Ballroom at 6:30p. Attendees: brethren, ladies & guests. Dress: formal. Cost:\$140 per couple or \$80 per individual. Reservation deadline: May 4th. Brethren in attendance will receive a 225th Anniversary Medal. There will be Fireworks for this event!

### - Semiannual Communication

Saturday, May 19th. Agenda:

10:00a	GL opens/Corinthian Rm
12:00	Lunch
1:30p	Business meeting continues
2:00p	Election of GL officers
5:00p	GL closes communication

*A panoramic photo of everyone in attendance will be taken of this historic assemblage and will be available for sale.*

Lunch: \$30 which will includes the Commemorative 225 Medal

**\*\*Reminder...**If you received a medal at the Gala Banquet, you can not receive another. Reservation deadline for lunch is May 11th. See you there!

### - Mason of the Term Nominations!

For the brother who has contributed greatly to the lodge and the community. Nominations in by March 31st!

**- Special Thanks To Darryl Duty for your Continued support of 218 and the Craft!**

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LINE OFFICERS