

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



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Stated Communications
First Saturday 10:00 A.M.
Third Monday 7:30 P.M.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

I am once again deeply grateful and humbled to have your confidence to lead our Lodge for a 2nd term. The past year has been a wonderful experience for me. I've learned quite a bit about the government of a lodge, my fellow Brethren and myself. I was very fortunate to have the full support and guidance of several of our Past Masters who were tireless in their contributions of labor.

We had a very good year. We raised 4 new Master Masons and will soon be balloting on a new petition. Our new line of officers contains a perfect blend of the young, seasoned and diversity. They're all eager to learn and get to work. We had a very successful Lodge Raffle with plans to have another. We held a historic meeting which was attended by the Grand Representatives from 4 different jurisdictions, including 3 Grand Masters, which epitomized unity, fellowship and brotherly love. We saw several of our Brothers elevated to new heights within the Craft as they continue to make us proud. Many awards were earned and presented including one for our Lodge for having a great website. The coming year promises more of the same but with new exciting programs. As your WM I promise to make every meeting interesting and educational. Your time is valuable so I want to make it worth your coming to every meeting. Our Lodge is upward bound in every direction but I'm going to need your help to stay the course. Let's continue to put Patuxent Lodge No. 218 in a place of high regards in the jurisdiction and in the community. Let's continue, also, to become more unified, have more fun and raise the bar some more.



Fraternally,

Marlon Curtis, PM, WM

“As the man becomes better so too does the world” - MKC

Message From The West

Brethren and Family,

From the West I bring greetings and salutations for a wonderful and prosperous New Year. I would like to congratulate the officers of Patuxent Lodge 218 for the year 2016. As I'm progressing through the chairs, I'm enjoying getting to know my brethren more extensively as well as learning from them. This is slated to be a very strong year.

As we bring in the New Year, as men and as Masons, it's important to take a moment to be thankful for our family, friends and faculties. As the world is becoming more heightened in lieu of current world events, it's imperative that we keep our loved ones close, informed and prepared. Additionally, as men of the craft, we will be looked at even more so to stand tall and upright amongst the current world climate. So make it your duty to pay homage to deity, stay informed and continue being the light bearing brethren we are, so as to continue being part of the solution. It's important to remember we represent a fraternity that is much bigger than us as individuals. So represent the institution appropriately and as attributed to Peter Drucker let's keep our goals Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant & Timely (S.M.A.R.T.).

Fraternally,

Kenyatta M. Galbreth, SW



Congratulations to Terry Royce, PM who has been elected as the RWJGW for the 2016 Grand Line.

FROM THE SOUTH

Sick Report

Bayani Casanova, PM

Brooks Dodson, Jr., PM

Albert Fallin

Don Hamilton

Brenda Hamilton (Wife of Don Hamilton)

Ray Wilburn

Please keep the above listed in your thoughts and prayers.

If you or someone in your family is ill or if you have some good news to share with the Lodge, please contact me.

Harold Saintelien, JW

Brethren,

As we begin 2016, I want to thank you, Brethren all, for once again allowing me the honor to serve as your Junior Warden.

We've made strong strides towards increasing our membership and we have all been very pleased to see so many of the brethren attending our Stated Communications.

The Worshipful Master has begun putting together an impressive schedule for the upcoming year that brings more light to our members and help to grow the lodge. I look forward to the fellowship to come.

Yours fraternally,
Harold Saintelien, JW

In Memorium

Brother Kenneth C. Hardesty, PM

laid down his working tools on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

He served as our WM in 1971. Bro. Hardesty was 89 years old.

Trestleboard for January 2016

- Jan 01 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- Jan 02 @ 10:00 AM Stated Communication
Closed Installation of Officers
Lunch to follow
Lunch Cost - \$10.00
- Jan 04 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal
- Jan 18 @ 7:30 PM Stated Communication
Program: AF&AM vs F&AM
Light refreshments to follow
- Jan 21 @ 7:30 PM Reading of Article XVI
at Centennial Lodge No. 174
(All WM's and Wardens MUST attend)

Upcoming Events

- Feb 01 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal
- Feb 06 @ 10:00 AM Stated Communication
Program; EA Degree
Lunch to follow
- Feb 15 @ 7:30 PM Stated Communication
Program; Open Ladies Program
Lunch to follow
- Feb 22 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal
- Feb 27 **Grand Lodge Regional Meeting
at Centennial Lodge No. 174**

Masonic Birthdays January

Kenneth Rodeffer - 56 Yrs.

Congratulations!!!
To our 60 & 50 Year Masonic Birthday
Milestone Members

Harris Raymond Wilburn, Jr. - 50 Years

Melvin Frederick Tayman - 50 Years

Clarence Isaac Meiggs - 50 Years

Elmer Bernard Robinson - 60 Years

ON THIS DATE IN MASONIC HISTORY
January

- January 2nd - On this date in 1901, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt received his 1st degree in Matinecock Lodge #806, Oyster Bay, New York.
- January 7th - On this date in 1808, the Grand Lodge of Ohio was established.
On this date in 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 2nd degree
- January 8th - On this date in 1844 or 43, the Grand Lodge of Iowa was formed.
- January 12th - On this date in 1886 Quantuor Coronati Lodge #2076 was consecrated and constituted in London. It is considered by many to be the premiere masonic research lodge in the world. Dr S Brent Morris was its first American WM.
- January 13th - On this date (or January 12) in 1818, the Grand Lodge of Indiana was formed.
- January 17th - On this date (Or January 16 or 26) in 1865, the Grand Lodge of Nevada was formed.
On this date in 1872, the Grand Lodge of Utah was formed.
- January 26th - On this date in 1866, the Grand Lodge of Montana was formed.
On this date in 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 1st degree.

PATUXENT LODGE NO. 218 PAST MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Brethren each year our Lodge has personally awarded at least two \$500 scholarships to local high school students headed to college. We have always selected very dedicated and hardworking students worthy of this award. This year, in order for us to continue this worthwhile tradition, we're going to need your assistance. We have created the *Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Past Master's Scholarship Fund* with the goal of raising \$1000. Your contribution will determine how many students we can grant an award and just how much that scholarship will be. Please help us to continue this wonderful tradition by making a donation to this fund and ease a worthy student's burden.

DUES NOTICE

Brethren,

Dues notices will be arriving shortly. Please take a moment to take care of this. Dues are due on January 1, 2016. You must be in good standing in your Blue lodge to belong to other appendant bodies of the Masonic fraternity. If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact Melvin Harrison, PM Secretary of Patuxent Lodge No. 218 at 301-758-8396 or you may email him at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com

TRUE MASONIC STORIES

UP IN THE WORLD

The lodge with the highest meeting place on the globe is Roof of the World Lodge No. 1094, of Oroya, Peru. The elevation of the lodge room in the Andes Mountains is 14,167 above sea level. The closest competitor in the United States is Corinthian Lodge No. 35 at Leadville, Colorado elevation about 10,200 feet.

THE MASONIC OAK OF TEXAS

In 1835 a group of Masons met under a large oak tree in Brazoria, Texas, and took the first step to form Holland Lodge No. 1. The tree, known as the Masonic Oak, has continued to grow and is still in existence.

On May 15, 1966, the Masons of Texas made a pilgrimage to the Oak. There was singing, dinner, preaching and much fun. The Grand Master, H. W. Fullingim, dedicated the place by placing a Texas State Historical Marker near the Oak to commemorate the start of the lodge there.

ELEVATORS THAT RUN SIDEWAYS

In order to have unbroken floor space in the George Washington memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, the cars in two elevator shafts move sideways thirty-five feet. As the elevators rise 255 feet in two slanting hoist-ways from the main floor to the observation platform at the top of the building, it moves sideways 1 foot for approximately every 7.28 feet it ascends or descends.

NON-MASON DISCOVERS RARE MASONIC DOCUMENT

James O. Halliwell-Phillips, an English antiquarian and librarian, was not a Mason. While engaged in his work, he came across a manuscript in the British Museum catalogued as A Poem of Moral Duty. It was really a statement of the "Old Charges" in poetic form. It is believed to have been prepared in 1390, thus making it the oldest known Masonic document. Now called the Regius Poem, or the Halliwell Manuscript, it was published in 1840 in a brochure entitled On the Introduction of Freemasonry into England.

Masonic Humor

There is this lodge located in the backwoods of a small southern town where the brethren are faithful masons but lack knowledge of receiving brothers from other jurisdictions. During one of the meetings, the JD informs the WM that there was an alarm at the door where upon the WM replied "Attend the alarm and report your findings ". The JD opens the door and see's to his amazement, a brother impeccably dressed with an elaborate apron and jewels about his chest. The Tyler being somewhat slow to answer for the visiting brother, the visitor states; My name is John Smith, PM of my lodge, Past District Deputy of my district, Past Grand Master of my Grand Lodge, Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, York Rite Legion of Honor, Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, who humbly requests an audience with the WM. The JD upon hearing these words from the visiting brother and the elaborate apron and jewels upon his chest, immediately closes the door, returns to his post and informs the WM: "Worshipful Master, The Grand Architect of the Universe is at the door"!!!



A ragged tramp stopped a Mason on his way home from the lodge and asked him for money for food. "I'll do better than that!" said the Mason. "Come into the pub, and I'll buy you a drink!" "Thank you!" said the beggar. "But I've never drunk and I never will!" "Well, let me buy you some cigarettes then!" said the Mason. "No, thanks!" said the tramp, "I've never smoked and I never will!" "Okay", said the Mason. "Come back to the lodge with me and I'll see you get a meal!" "No, thanks", said the man. "I've never entered a masonic lodge and I never will!" "Right, then", said the Mason "Will you please come home with me and meet my wife!" "Why?" asked the tramp. "Well", said the Mason. "I just want her to see what happens to a guy who doesn't drink, doesn't smoke and hasn't joined the Masons!"



Two elderly Freemasons, Pat and Bill were discussing the inevitable day when they would join the Great Architect. "I wonder", said Pat, "if there are Lodges up there". "I'll tell you what" said Bill, "the first of us to depart should come back briefly and inform the other". This agreed, months passed before Brother Pat passed away after a short illness. Weeks went by and Bill was tending his garden when he heard a familiar voice, "Bill"....."Bill", "Is that you Pat"? asked Bill, "Yes" replied Pat. "Well, are there lodges up there", questioned Bill. "Oh yes" said Pat. "They're fantastic. Every meeting is fully attended, the festive board is awesome, our workings are always word perfect, but there is a sad point" "Whats that" inquired Pat. "Well next Wednesday we're conducting a Second Degree" "Why is that so sad" asked Bill. "Well" said Pat. "You're the Senior Deacon"

COMMITTEES FOR 2016

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Terry Royce, PM - Chairman; Rudy McCumber, PM;
Darryl Duty; Frank Wilburn, PM; Kenyatta Galbreth, SW

Sickness and Distress

Harold Saintelien, JW - Chairman

Maryland Chip Program

Rudy McCumber, PM - Chairman; William Sudduth, SD;
Alex Falanga, SS

By Laws Committee

William Hines, PM - Chairman

Marlon Curtis, WM; Rudy McCumber, PM;
Melvin Harrison, PM, Sec.; Melvin Mason, PM

Audit/Budget Committee

Marlon Curtis, WM; Terry Royce, PM;
Harold Saintelien, JW; Rudy McCumber, PM;
William Hines, PM; Melvin Harrison, PM; Kenyatta Galbreth, SW

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Grover Brewer, PM - Chairman; Jeffrey Johnson, JS

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM - Chairman

Rudy McCumber, PM Chaplain; Grover Brewer, PM

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education Committee

Steven Walls, PM, Ritualist - Chairman; Kenyatta Galbreth, SW
Harold Saintelein, JW; Marlon Curtis, WM; William Sudduth, SD

Lodge Trustees

Gerald Poe Jr., PM - 2015

George Baxter - 2016

David Amstutz - 2017

Temple Holding Corporation

Terry Royce Sr., PM President; Steven Walls, PM, Vice President

William Hines, PM Secretary/Treasurer

Scholarship Committee

Terry Royce, PM - Chairman; Rudy McCumber, PM;
Kenyatta Galbreth, SW; Harold Saintelien, JW

Honorary Members of Patuxent Lodge

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM

Maurice Rackey; Hilmer Krebs;

Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM of Maryland,

Bayani Casanova, PM, PGI; Jesse Villarreal, MWPGM of DC

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Check the calendar at www.patuxentlodge.org for stated meetings, rehearsals, Grand Lodge Schools and other Masonic events.

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PAST MASTERS

1926 -27 U.D. J. Hofferbert *	1970 Peter Cleland *
1927 E. Roberson *	1971 Kenneth Hardesty *
1928 E. Roberson *	1972 Norman Abney ~ *
1929 Thurston Brown *	1973 Harry Cotten
1930 Floyd Martin *	1974 James Arnold *
1931 Raymond Wilburn *	1975 John Pierce, Jr. PM
1932 F. Wight, 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 Elza 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 *	1992 William Thomas + *
1950 August Duchene *	1993 Melvin Harrison PGI PWGT
1951 Norris Robinson *	1994-95 Oswald Lockard, PM + *
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 Towers *	2001 Frank Wilburn +
1956 James Patterson *	2002-03 Thomas Mason PGI +
1957 Charles Glidden *	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 McCulloch *	2008 James Cloud, Jr. +
1963 Gordon Pearson ~ *	2009 Grover Brewer
1964 Reidar Haug *	2010-11 Terry Royce, PM PWGP
1965 Jesse Ross *	2011 Ricky Thompson +
1966 Joseph Harris *	2012 Gerald Poe, Jr.
1967 William McPherson *	2012-13 Steven Walls, PM PJGS GI +
1968 John Pierce, Jr.	2013-14 Rudy McCumber, PM PJGS GI
1969 Boris Tenner * PGI	2015 Marlon Curtis, PM

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped