

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



March-April 2016

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

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

Brotherly love was exemplified in our Lodge yesterday as we conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on our newest member, Bro. Emmanuel Salazar. The wonderful periods of fellowship began way before the meeting and well into the night after the meeting. Visiting Brethren from seven different lodges and two jurisdictions came out to meet us and support our new brother. The pride and hard work was well reflected in the exemplary performance of the ritual put on by our officers. They did us proud! There were four sitting Worshipful Masters present this night and even a few visiting Past Masters. Our new EA was, without a doubt, extremely impressed. New friendships and bonds were formed. Old acquaintances were reunited. Future plans were established for mutual fraternal visits. This is what our wonderful Craft is all about. What a great way to begin ones Masonic journey.



Fraternally,

Marlon Curtis, PM,WM

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



Congratulations to Bro. Ray Wilburn who received his 50 Year Masonic Service Award from our Grand Inspector WB Mike Banagan.

Message From The West

Brethren,

As the calendar turns and we look toward Spring. I contemplate the activity of my lodge brothers to ensure the craft continues to grow. The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master have impressed upon the lodges the importance of retention and continued interest and WM Curtis is absolutely doing his part. I submit to my brothers that if you haven't attended a Masonic meeting in 2016 to have the intestinal fortitude to add one more activity to your cable tow. If you haven't been to lodge, open arms await you. If you haven't traveled with your brethren or the MWGM, there are calendars full of continuous events to attend. I'm meeting fascinating men and learning so much about myself as a man and as a Mason by doing so. I invite you all to enjoy the experience. Thank you for supporting your lodge and I look forward to continued fellowship with each of you soon.

Kenyatta M. Galbreth, SW

*"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal" -
Bro. Albert Pike*



Congratulations to our newest member of the Craft, Brother Emanuel Salazar.

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

The new year is moving rapidly and the lodge is making great strides. Congratulations to our newly initiated Brother, Emmanuel Salazar. As we welcome him, and hopefully many others, into our beloved fraternity, let us remember that it is our collective duty to bring him into further light in Masonry.

As always, I look forward to seeing my Brethren for fellowship at our next stated communication.

Fraternally,
Harold Saintelien, JW

Sick Report

Brooks Dodson, Jr., PM
Albert Fallin
Don Hamilton
Elmer Robinson

*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*

Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Visitation Dates for 2016 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home

April 10th - 16th, July 24th - 30th & November 6th - 12th

CHVH Visitation List

Sign in the Volunteer Book (as Masons to visit brother Masons & Friends) at the welcome desk. Check the brothers' names and room numbers.

Ira Pigg-Rm B105-Perserverance Lodge

Paul Kaplan-Rm B128-Friend of Masons

Ed Wagner- Rm B303B-Glen Bernie #213

Bill Olsen- Rm C307-St Columba #150
(Chaplain)

John Meyers-Rm C206

Bob Luerson (friend of Dave Schneider) -
Rm D156

Leon Goliboski-Rm D305-Friend of Masons

Larry de Angeles- Rm B106-Camp Springs

Levi Friday- Rm D354-PHA Mason

Bill Townsend-Rm C308-Friend of Masons

Al Thomas-Rm D340-St Columba #150-

Raised'02

Dave Lott-Rm A110-Friend of Masons

Trestleboard for March 2016

- .Mar 03 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction
Our SW will exemplify the FC Degree
- Mar 05 @ 10:00 AM Stated Communication
Program: **“Masonic Etiquette”**
Lunch to follow
Lodge Audit to follow lunch
- Mar 06 @ 9:00 AM **Lodge Visit to VA Church Service**
VA Hospital, Washington, DC
- Feb 15 @ 7:30 PM Stated Communication
Entered Apprentice Degree
Refreshments to follow
- Mar 07 @ 7:30 PM Officer’s Rehearsal - **FC Degree**
- Mar 10 @ 7:30 PM **Fraternal Visit** to Birmingham Lodge No. 188
10800 Edmonton Rd. Beltsville, MD
- Mar 13 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- Mar 21 @ 7:30 PM Stated Communication
Program: “Point Within A Circle”
Light Refreshments to follow
- Mar 24 @ 7:30 PM **Fraternal Visit** to St Alban Universal Lodge No. 233
13801 Old Stage Road, Bowie, MD
EA Degree Conferral
- Mar 28 @ 7:30 PM Officer’s Rehearsal - FC Degree
Officers Advance Stations

Trestleboard for April 2016

- Apr 02 @ 10:00 AM Stated Communication
Program: **The Altar of Freemasonry**
Take up the GMW
Lunch to follow
Temple Holding Corporation Meeting after lunch
- Apr 04 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal - FC Degree
Officers Advance Stations

Trestleboard for April 2016 (Continued)

- Apr 07 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction
Topic: Deacons and Stewards
Master Masons Only
- Apr 09 @ noon **Open House**
Friendship Dinner and Kids Day/MDCHIP
Noon to 4 PM
- Apr 18 @ 7:30 PM Stated Communication
Program: SW Presentation
Officers will Advance Stations
- Apr 25 @ 7:30 PM Stated Communication - **FC Degree**

IMPORTANT EVENTS!!

Our Open House Event on Saturday, April 9th will feature Moon Bounces, Elmo Mascot, Clown, cotton candy, sno-cones and balloons. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, sides and beverages all free. There'll also be MDCHIP computers on site for free child Ids. Please come out and bring your kids and grand kids. A steak dinner will be served to all prospective candidates who submits a petition with fee.

There will be a Temple Holding Corporation Meeting following lunch on Saturday, April 2nd



The Officers of Patuxent Lodge No. 218 traveled to Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142 for a wonderful fraternal visit and captured The Traveling Gavel.

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 were mailed in December 2015. Please take a moment to take care of this. Remember that our lodge depends on your dues alone for all its activities and donations. They were due on January 1st 2016. You must also be in good standing to visit another lodge and participate in any Collateral Body of our Masonic Fraternity. If you did not receive your notice, please contact Mel Harrison, PM, Secretary at 301-758-8396 or email him at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com. Your dues should be mailed to:

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OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY
APRIL 9, 2016
NOON - 4PM



FREE FOOD

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, sides and beverages will be served
cotton candy • popcorn • snow cones
Moon Bounces & Costumed Mascots

— MD CHIP —
FREE Maryland Masonic
Child Identification Program

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Bring a friend & the family and Enjoy!

Learn About the Greatest and Oldest Fraternity in the World

STOP IN ANYTIME THROUGHOUT THE DAY

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Freemasons try to live by the principles of **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice.**

The Masonic Order is the oldest and largest fraternal order in the world and is a rewarding and educational experience.

The Masonic fraternity is open to any male 18 years and older with certain restrictions.

Freemasonry has existed in Maryland for 228 years. Many of the leading citizens of our Country and of Maryland have been Freemasons.

Masonic Birthdays

March

George W. Allen, Jr., PM—67 Yrs.

James W. Cloud, Jr., PM—12 Yrs.

Albert I. Fallin—61 Yrs.

Dean D. Howard—63 Yrs.

Michael B. Liller—30 Yrs.

Urban T. Peters, PM—40 Yrs.

Richard D. Sapp—57 Yrs.

Charles W. White—54 Yrs.

April

David E. Amstutz—49 Yrs.

Raul S. Azcueta—61 Yrs.

George E. Baxter—4 Yrs.

Kenneth B. Massey—32 Yrs.

Clarence I. Meiggs—50 Yrs.

Richard F. Mizak—32 Yrs.

Johnny L. Powell—42 Yrs.

Donald F. Rogers—42 Yrs.

Belmont J. Royce—33 Yrs.

Melvin F. Tayman—50 Yrs.

Joe F. Varnadore—41 Yrs.

Masonic Trivia

As commanding General at the fall of Savannah, Brother John W. Geary placed federal troops around Solomon's Lodge #1 to save it from looting and damage.

As Master of his Lodge, President George Washington leveled the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

At one time, Golden Lodge #5, Stanstead, Canada occupied a lodge room which straddled the US and Canada border. There were entrances on both sides of the border. Ben Franklin published the first Masonic book in America in 1734, a reprint of Anderson's 'Book of Constitutions'.

Brother "Buzz" Aldrin, a member of Clear Lake Lodge #1417 in Texas, when he stepped onto the surface of the moon, carried a special deputation from his Grand Master to claim the moon as being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. And so it is.

Brother and General Thomas H. Benton, Grand Master in Iowa, 1860-1862, posted federal troops around Brother Albert Pike's Masonic Library at Little Rock, Arkansas to protect its valuable contents when that city was invaded during the Civil War.

By Ancient custom, the King was always covered while his subjects were never covered in his presence. The American custom of the Master of the Lodge wearing a hat as a symbol of his authority is apparently a result of that ancient custom.

Charles Stratton, a.k.a. Tom Thumb, was 24 inches high and weighed 16 pounds when raised in 1862.

Frederick A Bartholdi, a Freemason, designed the statue of Liberty in NY Harbor. Grand Lodge of NY laid the corner stone on Aug 5, 1885.

Hiram Abiff Boaz, born Dec. 18 1866 in Murray, KY. Received his degrees in 1922 before an usually large crowd and served as Grand Chaplin (TX) in 1953.

In 1860 in Limerick, Ireland, there was found in a small chapel a stone dated 1517 with the following inscription: "I will serve to live with love & care, upon the level, by the square."

In 1892 the world's tallest building was the Masonic Temple at Randolph and State Streets in Chicago.

In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.

In 1952, eighty-nine percent of the U.S. Supreme Court Justices were Freemasons.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan (not a Mason) was awarded honorary membership in the Scottish Rite Bodies and in the Shrine... Masonic Jurisprudence did not and does not condone these actions! Only Master Masons may hold membership in any Appendant body.

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 Sainteilein, 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 McCullogh *	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