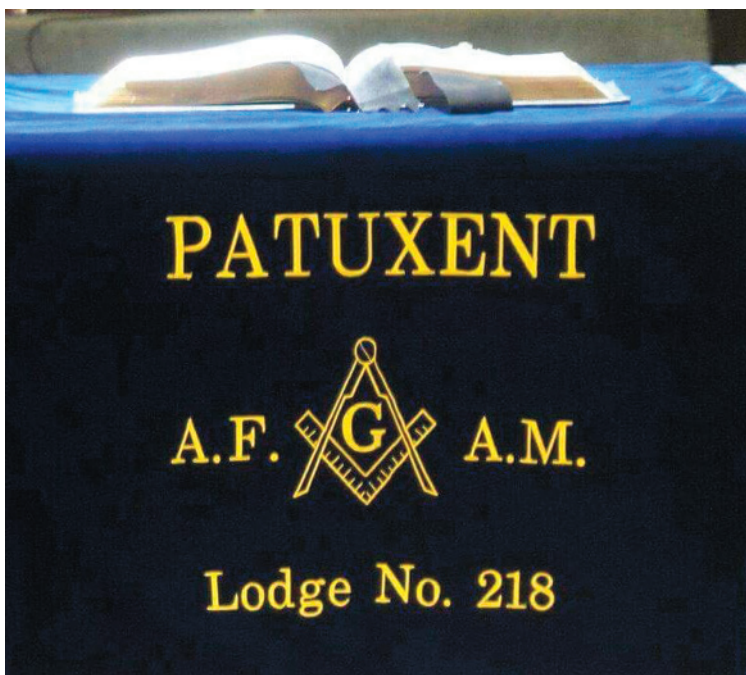


Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.

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November - December 2016

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First Saturday 10:00 A.M.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

As I bring to you what is to be my last message as your Worshipful Master, I find myself filled with mixed emotions. I feel an exhalation of joy in the completion of two consecutive terms. Both years served as a never-ending learning experience which I will forever appreciate and utilize throughout my lifetime. Looking back, the years passed rather quickly, though at the time I thought they'd never end. I can honestly say together we accomplished quite a bit.



We had some great events this past year, which were educational, entertaining and even inspirational. Our lodge membership increased this year with both new Masons and distinguished brethren who decided to join us. We had a full and effective calendar with the intention and goal of being recognized as a productive lodge on the rise. I think we were successful in that. I'm filled with so much pride for the job our officers did these past two years. I certainly thank you from the bottom of my heart. Of course I wish the attendance of our membership was better throughout the year, not just because you missed some great events but because I missed you even more. I truly thank each of you for giving me the honor of serving our lodge. Thank you for bearing with me and forgive me for any mistakes I might have made which directly affected you. Just know that I love each and every one of you. I am proud to now join the ranks of our Past Masters, who consistently serve in a supportive role and are ever ready to fill in where needed. They helped to make my job easier and I plan to pay it forward.

Marlon Curtis, PM
Worshipful Master

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

POST SCRIPT FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

During this election year many of us will passionately express our delight or detestation of political parties or politicians. We might be caught by surprise with the depth of some of the comments coming from the mouths of our fellow Masons. It's very easy for one to begin to look differently at a Brother simply based on his political views and how they are expressed. Remember that this is why politics is forbidden to be discussed in Lodge. It is a divisive topic IF YOU ALLOW IT TO BE! Subdue your passions and do not allow Masonic relationships to be diluted or dissolved based on politics. A Mason is, in most cases, a good man that will give you the shirt off his back and come running to relieve your distress. So look past the political expressions and continue to see your brother, on the level. SMIB!

Message From The West

Brethren,

This message from the west is as relevant now as it was when 1st cemented from our ancient brothers, time patience and perseverance can accomplish all things. Time is an asset that we can control, manipulate and utilize to our best means. Patience is that virtue that we as men and Masons exude in our everyday lives as we live with the superfluities of life that we must keep in due bounds. Perseverance is that Masonic skill set that's developed the second the door is opened to us as we go through the degrees. You can not become a Master Mason without it. The message here my brethren is that through all the "noise", these 3 tenants you can push through and accomplish many a great thing. Family, health, work, friends and leisure time can all create "noise" that's unavoidable, yet time, patience and perseverance will get you to your desired goals. So in life and your Masonic walk, keep this in mind as you evolve and develop to be the best version of your yourself to offer the world at large.

Enjoy the changing of the leaves
Kenyatta M. Galbreth, SW

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

As we enter the final months of 2016, I myself look back and wonder where has the time gone? But despite the steady passage of time and always feeling as if there isn't enough of it, I look forward to the next two months. Your lodge has labored tirelessly under the leadership of WM, Bro. Marlon Curtis and we have accomplished and exceeded many goals. But we can't rest on our laurels yet. There is still plenty of work to be done and it will require the efforts of all our brethren.

As we marvel at the changing leaves and impending snows of the changing seasons, I ask each one of you to not think of the time lost, but of the joys gained in that time. Many a poet and scholar have sought to explain our relationship to time but I have found none more fitting than the words of the Lebanese Author, Khalil Gibran.

On Time

And an astronomer said, "Master, what of Time?" And he answered: You would measure time the measureless and the immeasurable. You would adjust your conduct and even direct the course of your spirit according to hours and seasons. Of time you would make a stream upon whose bank you would sit and watch its flowing. Yet the timeless in you is aware of life's timelessness, And knows that yesterday is but today's memory and tomorrow is today's dream. And that that which sings and contemplates in you is still dwelling within the bounds of that first moment which scattered the stars into space. Who among you does not feel that his power to love is boundless? And yet who does not feel that very love, though boundless, encompassed within the center of his being, and moving not from love thought to love thought, nor from love deeds to other love deeds? And is not time even as love is, undivided and placeless? But if in you thought you must measure time into seasons, let each season encircle all the other seasons, And let today embrace the past with remembrance and the future with longing.

The Prophet

by Kahlil Gibran

Brethren, one and all, Please try and 'find' the time to come fellowship with your lodge.

Respectfully,

Bro. Harold Saintelien, JW

Sick Report

Brooks Dodson, Jr., PM

Albert Fallin

Donald Hamilton

Brian Lynch

Urban Peters, PM

Frank 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

Trestleboard for November 2016

Saturday, November 5th - 10:00 am

Stated Communication

EA Degree (initiation of one candidate)

Lunch to follow

Monday, November 7th - 7:30 PM

Friendship Night Dinner

Program: Famous Masons and Masonic History

Meet and greet potential candidates

Dinner served at 6:30 PM

Friday, November 18th - 6:00 PM

The Grand Master's Banquet held in the Grand Lodge Ballroom

A reception will begin at 6:00 PM,

Dinner to be served at 7:00 PM

Appropriate dress is formal

Cost for the banquet is \$57.00 per person

Saturday, November 19th - 10:00 AM

230th Grand Lodge of Maryland Annual Communication

Communication commences at 10:00 AM

Men's Luncheon in the Grand Ballroom at 12:00 Noon

Luncheon cost is \$20.00 per person

The Annual Communication reconvenes at 1:00 PM

Dinner service at 5:00 PM in the Grand Ballroom

Dinner cost is \$27.00 per person

Menu: Hot Roast Beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetables, rolls, cake and beverage

The Open Installation of Officers will be held in the Grand Ballroom starting at 7:00 PM

Monday, November 21st - 7:30 PM

Stated Communication

Program: Presentation by Col. Robb Mitchell, U.S. Army,

Topic: U.S. Army Present and Future

Action to be taken on the petition for Affiliation

on Bro. Robert Carhart

Refreshments to follow

Trestleboard for December 2016

Saturday, December 3rd - 10:00 AM

Stated Communication

Election of 2017 Officers

Presentation by SW Kenyatta Galbreth

Lunch to follow

Saturday, December 10th

Visitation with our local widows by lodge officers

Saturday, December 17th - 6:30 PM

Southern Maryland Past Master's Dinner at 6:30 PM

followed by a Past Master's Meeting at 7:30 PM

Monday, December 19th - 7:30 PM

Ladies and Widows Night

A presentation by First Lady Debbie Curtis

Dinner at 6:30 PM

DUES NOTICE

Brethren,

If you have not paid your dues, please do so right away!

Remember that our budget is based on your dues being paid on time. Please help support your lodge.

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 melepingit@verizon.net. Your dues should be mailed to:

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IN MEMORIAM



***Above:** Brother Elmer B. Robinson being presented his 60 year service award by the Grand Inspector.*

***To the Right:** WM Marlon K. Curtis congratulates Brother Robinson on his years of service.*

Brethren,

I am sad to have to inform you of the passing of our Brother Elmer B. Robinson. He put away his working tools on Tuesday, October 18th. He received his 60 year service award on January 15, 2016. The family did not wish a Masonic Memorial Service.

Please keep the widow, Annie, and the entire Robinson family in your prayers.

Obituary:

<http://www.raymondwood.com/obits/obituary.php?id=622423>



Masonic Birthdays

November

Harry M. Cotten - 52 Yrs.
Charles L. Dean - 48 Yrs.
William W. Ellin - 42 Yrs.
William G. Hinton III - 25 Yrs.
Byron L. Jones - 46 Yrs.
Blaine W. Massey - 30 Yrs.
Thomas E. Murphy - 44 Yrs.
Howard L. Simons, Jr. - 24 Yrs.

December

Laurence A. Ben - 5 Yrs.
David H. Boggs - 56 Yrs.
Daniel G. Brewer - 28 Yrs.
Wayne M. Deen - 39 Yrs.
Kenyatta M. Gilbreth - 5 Yrs.
William I. Heath, Jr. - 67 Yrs.
William H. Houchens - 28 Yrs.
Jeffrey X. Johnson - 24 Yrs.
Kenneth R. Jordan - 47 Yrs.
Rudy E. McCumber - 37 Yrs.
Robert E. Micer - 49 Yrs.
James H. Powell - 40 Yrs.



Congratulations to Past Master Melvin Harrison who presided in the East for the first time since he was WM in 1993. He did a splendid job from beginning to end and provided us with an excellent presentation.



MWGM Kenneth Wyvill, Jr. and the Grand Line attended Patuxent Lodge No. 218 as they honored the Maryland Masons of Law Enforcement. MWPGM Jack Biggs, MD State Trooper Captain retired was the guest speaker. The GM also proclaimed that day “Law Enforcement Appreciation Day” for the jurisdiction.

COMMITTEES FOR 2016

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Melvin Mason, PM - Chairman; Dan Brewer, PM;
Larry Stoner, SS; William Sudduth, SD, PM; Kenyatta Galbreth, SW

Sickness and Distress

Harold Saintelien, JW - Chairman; Dan Brewer, PM

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;
Harold Saintelien, JW; Emanuel Salazar

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

George Baxter - 2016

Larry Stoner - 2017

Rudy McCumber - 2018

Temple Holding Corporation

Terry Royce Sr., PM President; Steven Walls, PM, Vice President
William Hines, PM Secretary/Treasurer

Scholarship Committee

Kenyatta Galbreth, SW - Chairman; Rudy McCumber, PM;
Harold Saintelien, JW; Marlon Curtis, PM, WM; Alex Falanga

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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LIVING PAST MASTERS

1960 George W. Allen, Jr.

1968 & 1975 John E. Pierce, Jr.

1973 Harry Cotten

1980 William D. Hines PGI, PWAGT

1981 Richard T. Price ~

1984, 2013 & 14 Rudy McCumber, PJGS, GI

1985 & 1996, 2006 & 2008 Urban T. Peters, PGI

1986, 2010 & 2011 Terry L. Royce, PWGP, VPGL, RWJGW

1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr. ~

1989 John F. Sullivan ~

1990 Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.

1991 David N. Hamrick \$

1992 William H. Thomas + *

1993 Melvin E. Harrison PGI, PWGT

2001 + & 2004 R. Frank Wilburn

2005 Leonardo Proden, MWPGM (DC) +

2002 & 2003 Thomas Mason, PGI +

2003, 2007, 2009 & 2010 Melvin Mason, PGI +

2008 James W. Cloud, Jr. +

2009 Grover D. Brewer

2011 Ricky Thompson +

2012 Gerald F. Poe, Jr., PAGC (DC)

2012-13 Steven W. Walls, PM, PJGS, GI +

2015 Marlon Curtis

~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped

HONORARY

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Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM

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Jesse Villareal, MWPGM (DC)