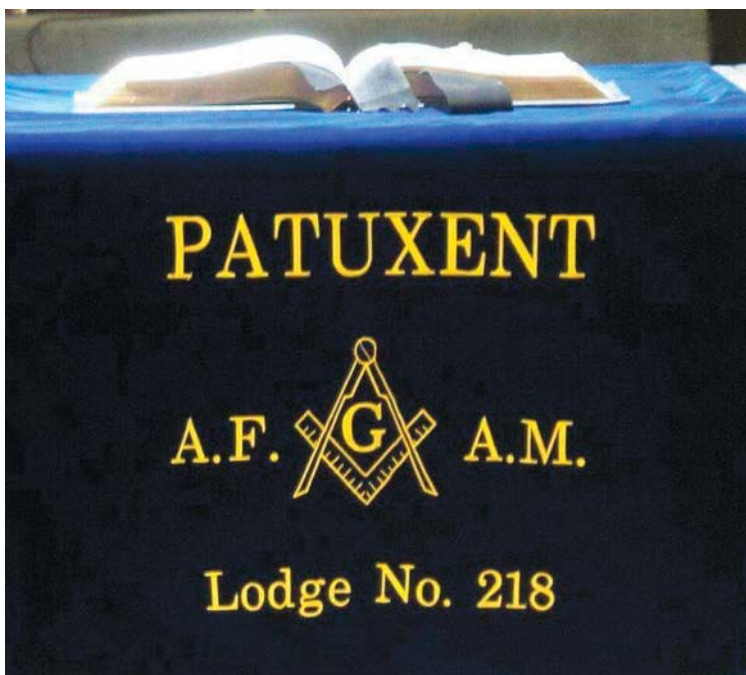


Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.

Chartered May 10, 1927



September-October 2016

Stated Communications

First Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Third Monday 7:30 P.M.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

With the exception of the day I was initiated into Freemasonry, I have never been more excited about being a Mason than I am right now. As the end of my 2nd term as Worshipful Master draws near, I'm excited about the wonderful programs that have yet to come this year. I'm excited because I've gotten to meet and make new Masons this year and are scheduled to meet with a few more in the coming days. I'm excited because I've had the strong support of some great men who have served diligently as officers of our lodge. Our progress and success would not have been possible without them. I'm excited because I got to share Masonic education with the Brethren and in turn learned a lot myself. I got to see our Senior Warden serve in the East and perform the ritual to make a new Mason and oh how excited that made me. I had the honor of visiting many lodges, in and out of our jurisdiction, to serve as an ambassador to our Lodge. Each time, I made new friends, saw old ones and experienced the brotherly love of our Craft. I found that the job of Worshipful Master doesn't end when the gavel falls to close the meeting. It extends throughout the week, the month and sometimes throughout the night. That too, excites me, because it keeps me in touch with my brethren and often allows us to mutually share a part of our lives beyond the lodge. I'm excited because the members have given me one of their most valuable commodities, their trust and I've continued to try and earn it everyday. I've experienced the respect from men far greater than mere me, who allowed me to lead them. You have no idea how exciting that can be. I am blessed to be a part of a very diverse lodge, which, in spite of the turmoil in the world today, left the chaos and confusion outside the door and out of our relationships, because we were more excited to be Brothers. I'm looking forward to reuniting with those who have not been able to make it so far this year. You won't want to miss what's ahead. So come on back and share in the excitement. Freemasonry is alive and well in your Lodge.



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,

As the summer is winding down hopefully each of us had significant time enjoying the weather (while staying cool) and time with the family well spent. This ties into my message which is "laudable undertakings". One of the most difficult things to balance as you take your Masonic journey is growing in the craft yet not losing scope of your personal priorities. The EA charge states not to let Masonry interfere with those priorities. Yet, we all know that the amount of qualitative activities the craft provides, can fill up your calendar quickly, especially if you're in an officers position. I submit we all take a strong look in the mirror (Masonically and personally) and grab a balancing hold on both. What tends to happen is we end up on the one or the other extreme end of the spectrum. Either we are totally engulfed in the craft, schedule wise or we are absent for long periods of time. A wise woman, my grandmother, may her soul rest in peace, told me "too much of anything isn't healthy". So Masonically, not being in lodge for long periods isn't healthy for the education becomes stunted. Yet, spending all of your time in the craft doesn't necessarily promote enough quality of life with family and life long friends. As I continue my education as SW, I wanted to deliver a piece of my conscience as I know all of us as Masons have been in this juxtaposition. Keep this close my brethren. Balance is key. I look forward to seeing you all in lodge as we kick off the second half of this prosperous year.

"A wise Mason is a balanced Mason"

FIAT LUX!!!!

Kenyatta Galbreth, SW

FROM THE SOUTH

Welcome back friends and brethren all! I trust that you have all had a fun-filled, exciting summer and are eager to return to the work of the lodge. As we embark through the waning months of 2016, let us remark on the words of Charles Dickens, *'Every traveler has a home of his own, and he learns to appreciate it the more from his wandering.'*

I find this passage especially striking because, for me, it sums it up succinctly and encapsulates some of the very tenets of our profession. We are always seeking that familiar place, that home. It is perhaps because of the sense of longing and nostalgia for the past that a great irony presents itself. If one is continually revisiting the past to avoid the present, new experiences are not being formed; and that's a problem. The inherent danger of nostalgia comes from a refusal to move on to new things.

When we stop creating new memories because we're too busy thinking about the past, this creates a cycle where one is not doing new things, making new memories, enjoying time with new people, or learning new lessons.

If nostalgia acts as a store of positive memories to call back on when you're feeling down, then come out, get involved and enjoy some fellowship so that you can create new ones before that storage runs out.

It's easier to fall back on old times, but breaking out of that comfort zone is well worth the trouble. See you in your lodge!

Fraternally,

Harold Saintelien, JW

Sick Report

Brooks Dodson, Jr., PM

Albert Fallin

Don Hamilton

Brian Lynch

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

Both Stated Communications for September and October, normally scheduled for the 1st Saturday have been moved to the 2nd Saturday due to the Labor Day holiday weekend and Harvest Home Day.

Trestleboard for September 2016

Saturday, September 10th -10:00 am

Stated Communication

Program: Honoring Jobs Daughters

Lunch to follow

Saturday, September 17th - 7:00 PM

Grand Lodge Open Table Lodge-Grand Lodge Ballroom

The Grand Lodge Table Lodge is a perfect opportunity to bring a male friend and introduce them to Freemasonry in Maryland. Dinner will begin at 7:00 PM with toast throughout the evening.

Dress: Tux, Apron and Jewel for Lodge Officers. Coat and Tie for members and guest

Cost: \$35 per person and will include a commemorative firing glass.

Reservations by Friday, September 9, 2016.

RSVP by Friday, September 9, 2016

Contact the Grand Lodge for tickets at 410-527-0600

Sunday, September 18th -12:00 PM

Southern Maryland Masonic Family Picnic at Gilbert Run Park

Lunch served at 2:00 PM

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and drinks provided

Everyone asked to bring a covered dish to share

Host Lodge: St. Columba Lodge No. 150

Games for the kids, Door Prizes, Boat Rides and Horseshoes

Gilbert Run Park is located at 13140 Charles St. La Plata, MD 20646

Parking at the pavilion. All Lodges asked to participate. Open to all.

Monday, September 19th -7:30 PM

Sizemore-The Admirals Story

Illus. Bros. WG "Gene" Sizemore and WG "Bill" Sizemore, II present the story of their Naval and Masonic careers. Open to the public.

Light refreshments to follow.

Dress is business casual. No lodge meeting will be held.

RSVP required to: bromarloncurtis@aol.com.

Saturday, September 24th

Western MD Music Festival

Trestleboard for October 2016

Saturday, October 1st - 8:00 AM

Harvest Home Day

Grand Lodge of MD

Saturday, October 8th - 10:00 AM

Program: Past Master Melvin Harrison to preside and present a lecture to the lodge.

Lunch to follow

Monday, October 17th - 7:30 AM

Program: Honoring our MD Masons of Law Enforcement

Guest Speaker: Retired MD State Trooper, MWB Jack Biggs

Light refreshments to follow

GRAND LODGE 230th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Brethren:

- ♣ The Grand Master's Banquet is to be held on Friday, November 18, 2016 in the Grand Lodge Ballroom with a Reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Appropriate dress is formal. **Cost for the banquet is \$57.00 per person**
- ♣ 230th Grand Lodge of Maryland Annual Communication, Saturday, November 19, 2016 Communication will commence at 10:00 a.m.
- ♣ Men's Luncheon to be held in the Grand Lodge Ballroom at 12:00 Noon
Luncheon cost is \$20.00 per person
- ♣ Annual Communication will reconvene at 1:00 p.m.
- ♣ Dinner to be held in the Grand Lodge Ballroom at 5:00 p.m. followed by Open Installation of Officers at 7:00 p.m. **Dinner cost is \$27.00 per person**
Dinner to include Hot Roast Beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetables, rolls, cake & beverage

Please include this information in your Lodge Trestle Board

Anyone interested in attending must have a reservation. No one will be admitted without a paid luncheon or dinner ticket. **Reservations must be received prior to November 10, 2016**

Make checks payable to the
Grand Lodge of Maryland, mail to:
304 International Circle, Cockeysville,
Maryland 21030

CREDIT CARDS CAN BE ACCEPTED

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR



Nine Worshipful Brethren of Patuxent Lodge No. 218 were honored at our Past Masters Night and Lodge anniversary meeting. Each received a PM cap embroidered with our lodge name on the back.



Brotherly Love Prevailed! Congratulations to Bro. Marikhande Sissoko, our newest EA. Many thanks to the Brethren who came from 5 different lodges to support and assist in the degree work, including 3 visiting WMs. A very good job was done by our SW, Bro. Kenyatta Tally Galbreth who served as WM and conferred the entire degree.

Masonic Birthdays

September

Stephen Cumberland - 53 Yrs.

Ancel Dolinger - 60 Yrs..

Alex Falanga - 1 Yr.

Donald Goodling - 49 Yrs..

Frank Kamm - 36 Yrs.

Benjamin Kamm - 36 Yrs..

John Lohman - 24 Yrs..

Larry Stoner - 1 Yr..

Wes Sudduth - 1 Yr..

Zachary Waterfield - 1 Yr.

Robert Wilburn - 47 Yrs.

Arnie Williams - 51 Yrs.

Kenneth Windsor - 52 Yrs.

Eugene Zamer, Jr. - 31 Yrs..

October

Kenneth Cooper - 5 Yrs.

Herbert Haney - 59 Yrs.

Brian Lynch - 4 Yrs.

John Pierce - 55 Yrs.

Elmer Robinson - 60 Yrs.

George Stephenson - 52 Yrs..



Brethren,
Join me in congratulating
Brother Wes Sudduth who is
a proud Grandpa once again
with a future brother of our
lodge!!!

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:

P.O. Box 1507

Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732-3202



**"DON'T GET ME WRONG BROTHER.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. JUST TRY
NOT TO BE SO OBVIOUS AS TO
WHY YOU ARE HERE"**

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

David Amstutz - 2017

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.

On Facebook at Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A. M.

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. ~
1988 Richard H. Gould*
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 +
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
2012-13 Steven W. Walls, PM, PJGS, GI +
2015 Marlon Curtis

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped

HONORARY

Ron Block, DGL, PGI
Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM
Bayani Cassanova, PGI
Jesse Villareal, MWPGM (DC)

Brethren,
Please try to make time in your busy schedule
to attend this inspirational and informative
gathering at our Lodge.

Feel free to bring family and guests but
don't forget to RSVP via Email.
See the bottom line for the Email address.

Masonic Admirals **The Sizemore Story**



Patuxent Lodge No. 218 presents an evening with the Admirals

**Illus. Bros. William G. "Gene" Sizemore and William G. "Bill" Sizemore II share the story of their
Naval and Masonic careers**

Monday, September 19th at 7:30 pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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RSVP REQUIRED (email bromarloncurtis@aol.com)