

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



Stated Communications
First Saturday of the month
10:00 A.M.

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January 2015

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

I am humbled and deeply grateful to have been trusted with the leadership of our great lodge. I would first like to thank our PM Rudy McCumber for his hard work and devotion in the two years he labored in the East. Also to PM Terry Royce for his tireless efforts above and beyond the call of duty. I am fortunate to have their continued service as my line officers.

My goal this year is to increase the attendance at our meetings. I plan to make our meetings interesting, educational and even fun. There will be guest speakers throughout the year and even open meetings with presentations that our wives can attend.

I intend to increase our presence in the community with charitable events and fundraisers. There will even be an event for our children and grandchildren with food and fun.

I love good ritual work and believe that every officer should perform his part with excellence and take pride in doing so. I plan for us to shine in that area. I'll need your full support, your ideas and your presence. Let's have a great year!

Marlon Curtis, WM

Message From The West

Brethren:

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season. I would like to wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. I am excited for what the New Year has to offer. I am honored to be elected as Senior Warden and to serve the members of Patuxent Lodge. Last year brought about many new changes which have made a huge improvement in the Lodge. I look forward to a successful year and I will support our WM in his endeavors of our lodge. Thank you and always keep our brethren in your thoughts and prayers.

Terry Royce, SW

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren:

First, I would like to humbly thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your Junior Warden for 2015. Please be assured that I will attempt to carry out the duties of my office to the best of my abilities and you will see that your faith in me has not been misplaced.

While I look forward to the upcoming challenges that being a Junior Warden entails and understand the hard work that I must put in as an individual, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that I cannot and will not succeed without the aid of you, the Brothers of Patuxent 218 working together.

Harold Saintelien, JW

“Don’t walk behind me; I may not lead. Don’t walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.”

Albert Camus

FROM THE SOUTH

Sick Report

Brooks Dodson, Jr. PM

Albert Fallin

Glynn Owens, HPM

Frank Wilburn, PM

Brenda Hamilton
(Wife of Don Hamilton)

Kyle Hamrick
(Grandson of Boris Tenner, PM
(Son of David Hamrick, PM)

Please keep the above listed in your thoughts and prayers.

Wishing you a speedy recovery!

*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*

The Bennie G. Owens Masonic Youth Scholarship Fund

This program is to establish a consistent source of funding for our Masonic Youth such as the Job's Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow Girls. You may donate a \$100.00 and become a "Sustaining Member" whereupon you will receive a certificate of contribution from the Grand Lodge and your name will be listed in the Free State Free Mason magazine as a contributor. Upon reaching \$1000.00 level, the contributor will receive a special Lapel pin or Pendant with a diamond. For each additional \$1000.00 contribution, another diamond will be added for maximum of Thirty Three diamonds. Donations are tax deductible. Send checks payable to the Grand Lodge at 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD 21030. Please note on your check Bennie G. Owens Masonic Youth Scholarship Fund.

THE TEST

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip and when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount." Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

Good men search for Freemasonry; Freemasonry makes them better.

Author: Unknown

Trestleboard for January 2015

- Jan. 01 Happy New Year
- Jan. 03 @3:00 PM Patuxent Lodge Open Installation of Officers
Dinner to follow Installation
Dinner cost \$10.00
- Jan. 15 @7:30 PM Joint reading of Article XVI of the Grand Lodge
Constitution. WM, SW and JW must attend.
- Jan. 29 @7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal.
All Officers are requested to attend.
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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 05 @7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction
Centennial Lodge No. 174
All Officers are requested to attend.
- Feb. 07 @10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts
Lunch to follow
- Feb. 19 @7:15 PM Grand Lodge Law School
Centennial Lodge No. 174
WM, SW and JW requested to attend.
- March 14 @8:00 AM Regional Meeting
Centennial Lodge No. 174
WM and Sec. must attend
Open to all Masons

Masonic Birthdays

January

Kenneth R. Rodeffer -55 Yrs.

Congratulations!!!

To our 60 and 50 Year Masonic Birthday Milestone Members

Albert Fallin - 60 Years

Arnie Williams - 50 Years

Dues Notice

Brethren:

Dues notices were mailed in November, 2014. Please take a moment to take care of this. Dues are due on January 1, 2015. You must be in good standing in your Blue Lodge to belong to other Collateral Bodies of the Masonic Fraternity.

If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact Mel Harrison, PM, Secretary of Patuxent Lodge at 301-758-8396 or you may email him at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com

DATES IN MASONIC HISTORY

January 2, 1901, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt received his 1st degree in Matinecock Lodge #806, Oyster Bay, New York.

January 7, 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 2nd degree

January 12, 1886 Quatuor Coronati Lodge #2076 was consecrated and constituted in London. It is considered by many to be the premiere Masonic research lodge in the world

January 26, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 1st degree.

THE RUG OF APPRECIATION

As a young man Sarkis H. Nahigian fled Armenia to escape persecution and arrived in the United States in 1890. He worked hard and became a successful businessman in Chicago and a devoted Mason. In 1948 he presented a priceless Oriental rug, 46½ feet long and 29½ feet wide, to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. In presenting the gift he said:

“I came to America believing in miracles. I say these words with gratitude, faith and pride. Gratitude — to the generations of hard-working and God-fearing men and women who came to this new country to make a home for freedom. Faith, in that the democracy they built will never die. Pride, in that my chance has come to show my appreciation for being an American. And believe me when I say there is no finer title, no higher position than to be a citizen of the United States.”

“Here we have freedom of thought, freedom of the press, and freedom of speech. One does not appreciate what these freedoms mean until one recalls what it was to be deprived of them. Now, again, in humble spirit, it gives me great pleasure to donate to our beloved George Washington Memorial Building, the largest Persian Royal Meshed carpet I have ever known. I donate this carpet in grateful appreciation of all the unlimited privileges and friendships and support I have enjoyed in this blessed United States of America, and not among the least of these is my privilege of being a Mason.”

COMMITTEES FOR 2015

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Terry Royce, SW - Chairman

Darryl Duty, Frank Wilburn, PM, Eric Gronbeck

Sickness and Distress

Harold Saintelien, JW - Chairman

Maryland Chip Program

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

By Laws Committee

William Hines, PM - Chairman

Marlon Curtis, WM; Rudy McCumber, PM

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

Audit/Budget Committee

Marlon Curtis, WM; Terry Royce, SW

Harold Saintelien, JW; Rudy McCumber, PM;

William Hines, PM; Melvin Harrison, PM;

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Harold Saintelien, JW - Chairman

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM - Chairman

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education Committee

Terry Royce, PM, - Chairman; Darryl Duty; Kenyatta Galbreth, SD

Lodge Trustees

Gerald Poe Jr., PM - 2015

George Baxter - 2016

David Amstutz - 2017

Temple Holding Corporation

Terry Royce Sr., PM President

Darryl Duty, Vice President

William Hines, PM Secretary/Treasurer

Honorary Members of Patuxent Lodge

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM

Maurice Rackey; Hilmer Krebs; James Seawell;

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.

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 PWGS
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 Glynn Owens #
1958 Flory Diehl * PRWSGW	2003-07-09-10 Melvin Mason PGI +
1959 Hector Gellerson *	2004 Frank Wilburn, PM
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	

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped