

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A.F. & A.M. Grand Lodge Of Maryland

Communications

Stated: Monthly - 1st Saturday 10 AM (*See exceptions below)

Sept. 1st: 10:00 AM

* Sept. 17th: 7:30 PM

No Meeting Oct 6th (Harvest Home Day)

* Oct. 15th: 7:30 PM

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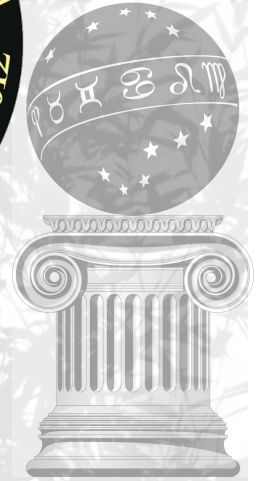
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Sept. - Oct. 2012



Such a Gentleman

"Why," you might be asking, "should I strive to become a gentleman?" Well, men who do enjoy life more when they act as gentlemen because they are soon regarded as such.

Freemasonry is highly regarded in the practice of this principle. Let's continue to use our utmost effort to preserve it for posterity and be true Gentlemen & Freemasons.

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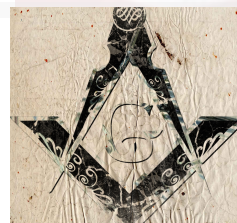


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FIAT LUX!
LET THERE BE LIGHT

CLEAR THINKING
CHIVALRY. LOVE. EDIFICATION. AND RESPECT.



Chartered May 10, 1927

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From the West



Worshipful Master, thank you for allowing me to bring the message this month from the West. Marlon Curtis, SW

To Our Worshipful Master and all Past Masters

Be it known that I'm making great strides in completing my requirements to exemplify and one day sit in the East. In doing so I wish you to know that my respect for each of you has increased tenfold. I now realize the effort, time, endurance and love for the craft you must have in order to achieve this goal. It's certainly not easy and it won't be done overnight. My hat is off to you who wear and have worn the top hat.

To the Brethren

Be it known that in striving to become your next Worshipful Master I have learned so much about myself, what it means to be a good Mason and a good man. What surprised me is where these revelations came from. Although I have learned a lot while excelling through the degrees, no lesson has been more profound than those I've learned while studying the 1st degree resume and lecture. It taught me that the most important part of my Masonic education was right there from the start. It contains a message with clear instructions on how to become a better man and how good Masons are made. There is no lesson more important in Masonry than the 1st degree and although the higher degrees will continue to enlighten you, they'll eventually steer you back to the beginning, only this time, you'll understand what has already been given to you. Take the time to go back to the beginning of your entrance into Freemasonry and focus on the words and lessons that were revealed to you. There lies the most important lesson of our craft. That is our corner stone to which to build upon, without which all else is fruitless.

Marlon Keith Curtis, Senior Warden.



FIAT LUX!

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Short Talks

invoking thought For Powerful Men and Freemasons

The meaning of FIAT LUX

"Let there be light" is an English translation of the Hebrew יְהיִי אוֹר (yehiy 'or). Other translations of the same phrase include the Latin phrase fiat lux, and the Greek phrase γεννηθήτω φς (or genēthēto phōs). The phrase is often used for its metaphorical meaning of dispelling ignorance.

The phrase comes from the third verse of the Book of Genesis. In the King James Bible, it reads:

1:1 - In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth. 1:2 - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 1:3 - And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 1:4 - And God saw the light, and it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

So mote it be

"So mote it be" is a ritual phrase used by Freemasons and Rosicrucianism. It means "so may it be", and may be said at the end of a prayer in a similar way to "Amen". The phrase appears at the end of the 14th century Halliwell or Regius Manuscript, the earliest known Masonic document.

Prayers

For Masons, families & Friends

In Search of Father,

IN OUR SEARCH for peace and serenity we must be careful not to distance ourselves from the human struggles that takes place on the streets around us, even if they unsettle the untroubled waters of our inner calm!

When faced with evil, we can learn to reflect the attitude of God. God accepts us without any "ifs" or "buts," discerns between the sinner and the sin, and desires that as much goodness as possible be injected into human life. As we follow God's example in these ways, we take this sinful world as it is and not as we would have it. If we are willing to try these things, it might even be that the headlines of our newspapers may one day look different.

- Trevor Hudson

Amen, So Mote It Be!

Rev. Dan Brewer, PM, Chaplain

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Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Norman Lynch - Chairman

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Terry L. Royce, PM, PWGP - 2013

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Terry L. Royce, PM, PWGP, Vice President

III. William D. Hines, PM, Secretary/Treasurer

Team Challenge

Chairman Gerald F. Poe, Jr., WM and All Officers

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Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Visitation

September/23 - 29/2012

December/2 - 8/2012

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Team Leads

Norman Lynch - Chairman

Terry Royce

BE SURE TO SIGN IN AT THE VOLUNTEER DESK!!!

Past Masters

Distinguished Gentlemen

1926 -27 U.D. J. L. Hofferbert *

1927 E. F. Roberson*

1928 E. F. Roberson*

1929 Thurston G. Brown*

1930 Floyd F. Martin*

1931 H. Raymond Wilburn*

1932 F. L. Wight, Jr.*

1933 H. W. Hotchkiss*

1934 Joseph E. Rawlings*

1935 Readus M. Frye*

1936 Carl E. Price*

1937 Edwin J. Staats*

1938 E. G. Gentle*

1939 F. R. Colmus*

1940 Edward H. Schmidt*

1941 L. N. Sylvester*

1942 Elza Job *

1943 Preston Tate*

1944 Edwin M. Fisher*

1945 Vernon Keafauber*

1946 C. H. E. Hoofring*

1947 Jules DuBost*

1948 Aubrey E. Amos*

1949 Charles M. Wilson*

1950 August A. Duchene*

1951 Norris C. Robinson*

1952 William T. Alvey*

1953 C. S. Hubbard~ *

1953 John E. Ball *#

1954 F. L. Freeman*

1955 G. Chester Towers*

1956 James W. Patterson

1957 Charles T. Glidden*

1958 S. Flory Diehl* PSGW

1959 Hector D. Gellerson*

1960 George W. Allen, Jr.

1961 Lloyd B. Bertholf*

1962 George J. McCullogh*

1963 Gordon W. Pearson~*

1964 Reidar Haug *

1965 Jesse J Ross*

1966 Joseph M. Harris *

1967 C. William McPherson*

1968 John E. Pierce, Jr.

1969 Boris Tenner* PGI

1970 Peter Cleland*

1971 Kenneth C. Hardesty

1972 Norman E. Abney~*

1973 Harry M. Cotton

1974 James K. Arnold*

1975 John E. Pierce, Jr. PM

1976 James H. Hollis*

1977 Chilton T. Walker~*

1978 James A. Davis*

1979 Raymond A. Williams, Jr.*

1980 William D. Hines PGI

1981 Richard T. Price~

1982 Wilburn H. Jones PGI*

1983 Gerald R. Rapson*

1984 Rudy McCumber

1985 Urban T. Peters

1986 Terry L. Royce

1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr.~

1988 Richard H. Gould*

1989 John F. Sullivan~

1990 Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.

1991 David N. Hamrick \$

1992 Boris Tenner*PM PGI PSGS

1992 William H. Thomas+

1993 Melvin E. Harrison PGI PWGT

1994 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*

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1996 Urban T. Peters PM PGI

1997 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*

1998 John R. Gluth PM+*

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2000-03 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*

2001 R. Frank Wilburn +

2003 Glynn H. Owens #

2004 R. Frank Wilburn PM

2005 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*

2006-08 Urban T. Peters PM PGI

2008 James W. Cloud, Jr. + PM

2009 Rev. Grover D. Brewer PM

2010-11 Terry L. Royce PM, PWGP

** Deceased ~ Demitted +Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped*

218 Corner

A few choice words from a few good men.

Brethren,

I hope each of you had an enjoyable summer and that you were able to spend time with your family and friends. I hope you can join us for at least one meeting or an event during the second half of the year. We are here to help everyone feel comfortable in their lodge. Now is the time my Brothers, to attend lodge and enjoy all that Masonry has to offer. Brother Al Fallin had in-out surgery and is doing well. If you know of a member who is ill, please notify me.

Terry L. Royce, PM, PWGP, Patuxent Lodge No. 218

THC Meeting NOTICE

The 218 Temple Holding Corporation will hold a special membership meeting following the stated Patuxent Lodge meeting on Saturday, November 3, 2012. This Corporation membership meeting is being held to address subjects of interest, including the matter of the Corporation paying Lodge member dues. All members of the Corporation are invited and encouraged to attend. David E. Amstutz, President, 218 Temple Holding Corporation.

Illustrious. David Amstutz, THC President, Patuxent Lodge No. 218

The Builders Trade

Don't mistake the silence of the forest for the lack of activity, and don't mistake the lack of public acknowledgment of your shenanigans as the lack of understanding and of intent to dismantle them! You see, Rome was not built in a day, but it WAS Built! The pyramids were not built in an hour, but they WERE Built, the cathedrals of yesteryear were not built in an instant, but they WERE BUILT; change is never easy, but inevitable...with the right men, the right way, on the right day or night, all things are possible, for as hard as it may try, darkness can't survive among the light. Let's Build Brothers, Let's Build! Fiat Lux!

Rev. Gerald F. Poe Jr., W.M. Patuxent Lodge No. 218

Understanding that humanity is more blind than bad, Freemasonry seeks to bring the blind into the light. If one were asked to sum up the meaning of Masonry in one word, the only word equal to the task is - light! From its first lesson to its last lecture, in every degree and every symbol, the mission of Masonry is to bring the light of God into the life of man. It has no other aim, knowing that when the light shines the truth will be revealed. Thus our gentle Masonry, seeks to "Bring Men to Light," not simply symbolically but morally and spiritually, and is trying to lift the shadow of evil, ignorance and injustice off the life of man. Let's continue to bring light my brethren, for darkness can NOT survive the light and can only survive in the darkness and loneliness of its own existence. Fiat Lux my brothers, Let's Build!

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Communications

- Sick and Distressed

All, If you know of someone sick or in distress Please contact Terry Royce, JW at [3014258584](tel:3014258584), or Rev. Dan Brewer. Remember always to keep the sick and distressed in your most earnest prayers.

- Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Maryland 2012 School of Law

will be held Saturday, Sept. 8th and Saturday, Sept. 22nd at Grand Lodge for Wardens. The school will run from 9am until noon. Please bring the Constitution. All jurisdictions may attend.

- Harvest Home Day

Harvest Home day is Saturday, Oct. 6th at 6am. The Corn Husking begins at 7:30am. A \$5 donation will be collected at the gate.

- !! 2nd and 3rd Degree Conferral !!

GL will be conferring the FC & MM degrees on Saturday, Oct. 13th at 8:30am

- Grand Lodge Oktoberfest

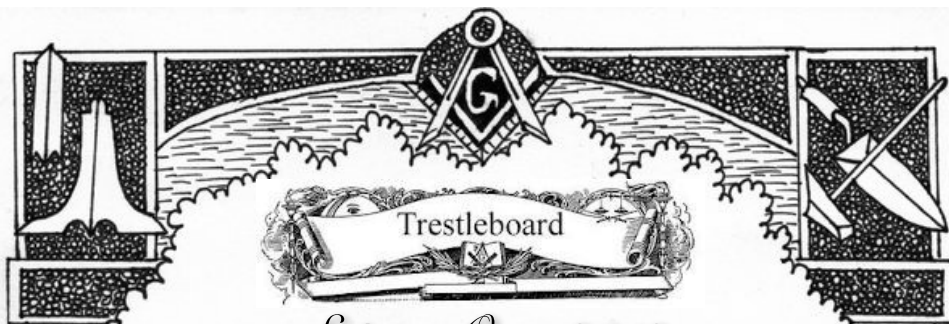
will be held at Grand Lodge on Oct. 13th from 6:30pm to 10:00pm. Cost is \$40 for adults, \$18 for children ages 5 to 13 and children up to 4 are free. Get menu & make reservations with Bro. Rolf Sorg, tel: 410-252-1386 or 410-804-5173.

- Memorial Services

Memorial services will be held at the grave sites of PGM's Shryock & Seipp on Oct. 20th. The services begin at 11:00am at Lorraine Park Cemetery in Baltimore. Grand Lodge officers & Masons are invited; regalia will be worn.

- President's Event

A Conversation with General Jackson and Lady Rachel will be held @GL on **Oct. 25th**. - Free to Masons, their guests and the public, but reservations are required. *Reservations must be made by Oct. 14th. At 6pm, preceding the **7pm** performance, a reception will be available at \$25 per person. The reception will include fruit, cheese, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks. Contact Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600 for reservations.



Sept. - Oct. 2012

Sept. 1st @ 10:00am. 218 Stated Communication

- Vote on 2 petitions:

Brian David Lynch & Ermon Silas Branch

- Address any regular business (WM Take up GMW)

- A welcome back message from our WM, SW & JW

* *Presentations & Photos, Lunch will be served, join us!*

Sept 17th @ 7:30pm. 218 Stated Communication (3rd Mon)

- EA Degree on two candidates. (DGI take up GMW)

* *Photos and Light refreshments afterwards*

Sept 24th @ 7:30pm. Rehearsal 218. EA Degree

Sept 6th @ 7:30pm. District 8 Grand Lodge School of Instruction @ Camp Springs. FC.

Sept 16th @ Noon. Southern Maryland Masonic Family picnic at Gilbert Run Park in Charles County. Let's spend a day in fellowship!

Sept 20th @ 7:30pm. GL SM District Law School (@174)
Wardens should attend. Please bring GL Constitution.

***Oct 15 @ 7:30pm. 218 Stated Communication: (3rd Mon)**

Guest Speaker: Illustrious S. Brent Morris!!!!

Author: The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry

This is only open to Masons. Books will be onsite for purchase! Get them signed by Brent! Photo opportunities and Outstanding refreshments will be provided!

Oct 1st @ 7:30pm. Rehearsal 218: EA degree: SW qualifying in the EA degree. Officers please attend. Light Refreshments.

Oct 22nd @ 7:30pm. Rehearsal 218: MM degree: SW qualifying in the MM Resume, Lecture and Memorial service.
All officers please be in attendance. Light refreshments and fellowship!

No MEETING October 6th: Harvest Home Day

Continued Education

Further Light in Masonry

Notification and a Summons

One of the standard prerogatives gives an interesting distinction between a "Notification" and a "Summons." Let me quote:

"The distinction between 'Notification' and a 'Summons' is so great that it is strange how many overlook it. The former issues from the Worshipful Master or the Lodge, and is practically an Invitation. It is at the option of the Brethren receiving it to attend the meeting or not, as he pleased. But a 'Summons' comes directly under the province of his Order of Business, and for its neglect he may be disciplined and punished. To disobey a summons is a serious Masonic offense."

From our Worshipful Master

Getting back to yesteryear!

In the olden days the Operative Mason spent an apprenticeship of seven years in order to learn the principles of his Craft. Today, Speculative Masons spend a lifetime in perfecting the human temple through the development of character and personality. Training in such points as the above, is not to be achieved, I suppose, in a year, or two years, but it is an ideal to be pursued. I know of no place in a Mason's career that affords so perfect a training school as coming to lodge and being amongst your brethren. Not long ago a Past Grand Master said that one of the great dangers of the Craft lay in the self-complacency of its members. He was right. We are too content to sit idly by and let the other Brother bear the burden. All cannot be leaders, I understand that, but all can work, all can do something and above all each of us can have a firm reason for our Masonic membership. Let us not be self-complacent with regard to this important Masonic ceremony. All of us, particularly if we are line officers and Past Masters, should make it a point to be sure that all new MM are being properly invested with the Secrets of our art, so that they may be better enabled to display the beauties of holiness to the honor of Thy holy name...

"O Light that followeth all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze, Its day may brighter, fairer be" **Short talk bulletin.,1927(The same year Patuxent Lodge No. 218 was chartered)Fiat Lux! I so look forward to fellowshipping with you all soon!**

Rev. Gerald F. Poe Jr., W.M. Patuxent Lodge No. 218

Is it really education

In building upon our theme for this year, This article should help answer the question "is Freemasonry education", how to answer the question and what can be shared. Fiat Lux!



SO IS Freemasonry EDUCATION?

Yes. In a very real sense, education is at the center of Freemasonry. We have stressed its importance for a very long time. Back in the Middle Ages, schools were held in the lodges of stonemasons. You have to know a lot to build a cathedral -- geometry, and structural engineering, and mathematics, just for a start. And that education was not very widely available. All the formal schools and colleges trained people for careers in the church, or in law or medicine, and you had to be a member of the social upper classes to go to those schools. Stonemasons did not come from the aristocracy. As such, the lodges had to teach the necessary skills and information. Freemasonry's dedication to education started there.

It has continued. Freemasons started some of the first public schools in both Europe and America. We supported legislation to make education universal. In the 1800s Masons as a group lobbied for the establishment of state-supported education and federal land-grant colleges. Today we give millions of dollars in scholarships each year.

We encourage our members to give volunteer time to their local schools, buy classroom supplies for teachers, help with literacy programs, and do everything they can to help assure that each person, adult or child, has the best educational opportunities possible. Freemasonry supports continuing education and intellectual growth for its members, insisting that learning more about many things is important for anyone who wants to keep mentally alert and young. Freemasonry teaches some important principles. There's nothing very surprising in the list. Freemasonry teaches that:

Since God is the Creator, all men and women are the children of God. Because of that, all men and women are brothers and sisters, entitled to dignity, respect for their opinions, and consideration of their feelings. Each person must take responsibility for his/her own life and actions. Neither wealth nor poverty, education nor ignorance, health nor sickness excuses any person from doing the best he or she can do or being the best person possible under the circumstances.

Is it really education: Continued

No one has the right to tell another person what he or she must think or believe. Each man and woman has an absolute right to intellectual, spiritual, economic, and political freedom. This is a right given by God, not by man. All tyranny, in every form, is illegitimate.

Each person must learn and practice self-control. Each person must make sure his spiritual nature triumphs over his animal nature. Another way to say the same thing is that even when we are tempted to anger, we must not be violent. Even when we are tempted to selfishness, we must be charitable. Even when we want to "write someone off," we must remember that he or she is a human and entitled to our respect. Even when we want to give up, we must go on. Even when we are hated, we must return love, or, at a minimum, we must not hate back. Trust me...It isn't easy!

Faith must be in the center of our lives. We find that faith in our houses of worship, not in Freemasonry; but Freemasonry constantly teaches that a person's faith, whatever it may be, is central to a good life. It is important to work to make this world better for all who live in it. Freemasonry teaches the importance of doing good, not because it assures a person's entrance into Heaven -- that's a question for a religion, not a fraternity -- but because we have a duty to all other men and women to make their lives as fulfilling as they can be.

Honor and integrity are essential to life. Life without honor and integrity is without meaning. We have so many great examples of that among us!

Fiat Lux my brethren, 3 5 7!

