

# Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



April-May 2015

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

**Centennial Lodge No. 174**  
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### WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

To my Brothers

When I got home from the meeting the other day, I realized I had left my briefcase behind. The next day, on a quiet Sunday morning, I returned to the lodge to retrieve it. When I walked into the quiet lodge room, all alone, I was immediately overcome with an awe inspiring feeling. It actually felt like the room was packed with brethren and there was a warmth one feels when he arrives at home. Although I had been in that room many, many times, in that moment this place seemed more majestic. I realized that although I had seen every individual thing in that room before and found them impressive, I had never actually absorbed those parts as one complete whole and what it actually represented. I thought of the hundreds of Masons that had sat there over the years. I had a sense that some were there with me, at that moment, as the feeling of brotherly love began to overtake me. I looked at the chairs of the officers and was reminded of the countless number of men who were made Masons there by two lodges rich in tradition and history. Distinguished men have filled these seats and continue to do so. Good men have become better in this place through fellowship, good counsel, mentoring and brotherly love. Lifelong friendships originated and were consecrated here. The altar, though bare at the time, stood and remains in the center of the room as God remains in the center of our lives. It served to remind me that in this place I will never be alone nor will I ever be again when I leave it. This is the Masonic Lodge that I will henceforth understand it to be. I hope you'll come and take a closer look too.



Marlon K. Curtis, WM

*“As the man becomes better so too does the world”*

## Message From The West

Brethren,

Our lodge has many events planned for the upcoming months. Some of these events include the 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon for our Lodge. We will be honoring our Masonic Veterans at Charlotte Hall on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Brotherhood Night at the Bowie Baysox baseball game on June 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 PM. Please mark your calendars! I look forward to having you join us for these programs.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Terry Royce, PM  
Senior Warden

## Message From The South Announcements

Brethren,

Our year is off to an outstanding start! We have seen our attendance at our Stated Communication steadily increase...and we have been very pleased to welcome back many friends.

Our "Blue Slipper" presentation was a great success and we would like to continue to build on the momentum created thus far but we have many more educational, fun and exciting events planned for the remainder of the year. But I must emphasize that this is YOUR lodge and your participation is key to its success; please don't be shy in providing your ideas and inputs.

Therefore, as I close, I would like to leave you a bit of Masonic wisdom from the early 20th Century Author and Journalist, *Bro. Carl H. Claudy*:

*"Give the brethren a chance to do something, anything,.....a brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic."*

Sincerely and fraternally,

Harold Saintelien  
Junior Warden

## **FROM THE SOUTH**

### **Sick Report**

Chris Banagan  
(Wife of Mike Banagan, PM, GI)  
Harry Cotten, PM  
Brooks Dodson, Jr. PM  
Albert Fallin  
Glynn Owens, HPM  
Gerald Poe, Jr. PM  
Don Hamilton  
Brenda Hamilton  
(Wife of Don Hamilton)  
Kyle Hamrick  
(Grandson of Boris Tenner, PM  
(Son of David Hamrick, PM)  
Kelsey Royce  
(Granddaughter of Terry and Nancy Royce, PM)

### ***Wishing you a speedy recovery!***

*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*

## **2015 Dues Notice**

Brethren,

The 2015 dues notice was mailed in November 2014. We have a few members remaining who have not submitted their dues payment. This serves as a friendly reminder to please remit your dues as soon as possible. If you did not receive your 2015 dues notice, please contact the Secretary, Melvin Harrison, PM, at 301-812-0202.

## **Annual Meeting of the 218 Temple Holding Corporation.**

Brethren,

The annual meeting of the 218 Temple Holding Corporation will be held immediately following Lodge on April 4, 2015.

## **Patuxent Lodge Family Picnic on Saturday July 25, 2015**

Plans are underway for a Family Picnic on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at 12:00 NOON at Rosaryville State Park in Marlton, MD — (10 minutes from the Lodge). Family and Friends are invited to attend. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, macaroni salad, drinks and desserts will be provided. Clowns and games for the kids and the kid at heart. The MD CHIP (child identification program) will be provided. **We are currently surveying the membership and must hear from you before April 11th to confirm your interest in attending this event in order for us to proceed.** Please call Rudy McCumber, PM at 410-610-6094 or Marlon Curtis, WM at 202-702-5634 if you will be attending and how many would be attending with you.

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### **Celebrating Charlotte Hall Veterans**

Please join us as we honor our Masonic Brothers at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 10:00 AM in the multi-purpose room at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home located at 29449 Charlotte Hall Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Several Lodges in Southern Maryland are joining together to hold an open Masonic meeting at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

The staff has requested this meeting be over by 11:00 AM.

Dress: Business. We are requesting all Past Masters attending to wear their PM aprons.

We are optimistic that you will be able to join us for this special opportunity to Honor the Veterans who are Masonic residents of Charlotte Hall during Armed Forces Week.

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### **Star Wars Night at the 3rd Annual Southern MD Brotherhood Night at the Baysox**

Join us at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Maryland Brotherhood Night at the Bowie Baysox in Bowie, Maryland. This event is open to family and friends including non-masons.

We will attend the Baysox baseball game against the Preston Sea Dogs, AA team of the Boston Red Sox. The game is on Saturday June 13, 2015, with game time at 6:30 PM with fireworks after the game!

See Darth Vader, Storm Trooper and enjoy Laser battles. Have your picture taken with your favorite character.

Group rate tickets are \$11.00 each (kids 2 and under are free) we must have your reservation and money (cash) in full payment no later than June 6, 2015. Parking is free. For more information contact, Rudy E. McCumber at 410-610-6094, Jon Simpson at 301-802-4199, Terry L. Royce at 301-452-8540, or Marlon Curtis at 202-702-5634.

# Trestleboard for April 2015

- April 02 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction  
All Officers are requested to attend.
- April 04 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication  
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts  
Lunch served after the meeting  
**218 Holding Corporation Meeting following Stated Communication**
- April 06 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
- April 11 @ 9:00 AM State Wide Open House  
Invite a Non-Mason to tour the Lodge and receive information on the Masonic fraternity
- April 16 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge Law School  
WM, SW and JW to attend.
- April 20 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Meeting  
Fellowcraft Degree  
Light refreshments after the meeting
- April 26 @ 2:00 PM Bull and Oyster Roast  
Contact the Grand Lodge for tickets 410-527-0600

# Trestleboard for May 2015

- May 02 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication  
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts  
88th Anniversary Celebration of the Chartering of Patuxent Lodge  
Anniversary Luncheon to Follow
- May 04 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
- May 07 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction  
All Officers are requested to attend.
- May 14 @ 10:00 PM Celebrating Masonic Veterans at Charlotte Hall  
Join us as the Lodges of Southern Maryland Honor the Veterans at Charlotte Hall during Armed Forces Week
- May 16 @ 10:00 AM Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication  
Open to all Master Masons
- May 18 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
- May 21 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge Law School

# Upcoming Events

- June 06 @ 10:00 AM DC Brotherhood Day  
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts  
Join us as we Honor our Brethren of DC  
Lunch served after the meeting

## Upcoming Events *(continued)*

- June 06 @ 6:00 PM Grand Master's Ball - Grand Lodge  
Black Tie Event  
Contact Grand Lodge for Tickets - 410-527-0600
- June 13 @ 6:30 PM 3rd Annual So. MD Brotherhood Night at the  
Baysox. Star Wars Night. See Storm Troopers,  
Darth Vader. Tickets \$11.00 each, children 2 and  
under free. Free Parking. Fireworks after the game.  
Open to families and friends. Contact Rudy  
McCumber at 410-610-6094 for tickets
- June 27 @ 11:00 AM Family Fun Day at Bonnie Blink  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, sides and cold drinks.  
Games for Kids. Good food and fellowship.
- July 25 @ 12:00 PM Patuxent Lodge Family Picnic at Rosaryville State  
Park
- Aug. 23 @ 3:00 PM Religious Services at Bonnie Blink Chapel  
Patuxent Lodge host Lodge
- Sept. 20 @ 12:00 PM Southern Maryland Masonic Family Picnic at Gilbert  
Run State Park
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# GLOBES

By William R. Fischer

A question was asked, "If King Solomon's Temple was built in 967 B.C. and globes were placed on top of the pillars, how did they know the world was round?"

This question is quite pertinent because it was not until 1522 that Magellan proved the world was round. How could the men of King Solomon's period know the world was round? The answer is they did not know.

The contemporaries of Solomon believed the earth stood still, and was inside a hollow sphere with its inner surface dotted with stars revolving about the earth. This slow turning "celestial sphere" is the oldest theory of mankind observations of the "starry-decked heavens".

This could explain the globe on the pillar at the right, but what about the one on the left? Even if they knew the earth was round this globe could not be a good representation of it. They did not know about the Americas. They thought the earth was an oblong square or rectangle, so there should have been a rectangle on the top of the pillar.

What was there?

It is believed that the "globes upon the pillars" are a corruption of the lily-work of the Old Testament. The lily was apparently the Egyptian lotus which was in Egypt a symbol of the universe. Thus the symbol of the universe was placed atop the pillars and referred to, as centuries past, as globes because of their round hollow shape.



# Masonic Birthdays

## April

David E. Amstutz - 48 yrs.  
Ralph E. Greene - 56 yrs.  
Kenneth B. Massey - 31 yrs.  
Clarence I. Meiggs - 49 yrs.  
Richard F. Mizak - 31 yrs  
Donald F. Rogers - 41 yrs.  
Belmont J. Royce - 32 yrs.  
Melvin F. Tayman - 49 yrs.  
Joe F. Varnador - 40 yrs.

## May

Clarence H. Andrews - 54 yrs.  
Conan W. Barger - 16 yrs.  
Woodrow A. Critzer - 41 yrs.  
Marlon K. Curtis - 7 yrs.  
Luther M. Dean - 54 yrs.  
Melvin E. Harrison PM - 48 yrs.  
William D. Hines PM - 43 yrs.  
Charles A. Kamm - 20 yrs.  
John M. Knee - 54 yrs.  
Joseph H. Maurer - 51 yrs.  
Ralph E. Meiggs - 16 yrs.  
Seth K. Meiggs - 16 yrs.  
Gerald F. Poe, Jr. PM - 7 yrs.  
William E. Soper - 16 yrs.  
Harris R. Wilburn Jr. - 49 yrs  
Melvin Mason, Jr. - 16 yrs.  
Thomas R. Mason - 16 yrs.

# ON THIS DATE IN MASONIC HISTORY

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1778, Voltaire was initiated in “Les Neuf Soeurs” Lodge in Paris. His conductors were Benjamin Franklin and Count Gebelin.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1886, Rudyard Kipling received his 1st degree.

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1790, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was constituted.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1787, the Grand Lodge of Maryland was formed.

On this date (or April 18) in 1850, the Grand Lodge of California was formed.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1884, Pope Leo XIII issued a famous Papal Bull against Freemasonry, titled Humanum Genus.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** On this date in 1821 the Grand Lodge of Missouri was founded.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** On this date in 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 3rd degree.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt received his 3rd degree.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1738, Pope Clement XII issued the first Papal Bull attacking Freemasonry.

On this date in 1840, the Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** On this date in 1865, William McKinley (U.S. President 1898-1901) received his 1st degree in Hiram Lodge #21, Winchester, Virginia.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** On this date in 1886, Rudyard Kipling received is 2nd degree.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1821, the Grand Lodge of Missouri was formed.

On this date in 1821, the Grand Lodge of Illinois was founded.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1851, Andrew Johnson (U.S. President 1865-1869) received his 1st degree in Greenville Lodge #119, Tennessee.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1843, a national Masonic Congress was begun in Baltimore, sometimes referred to as the Baltimore Convention, to attempt to establish a uniform ritual for United States Grand Lodges.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1865, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was formed.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1932, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia, was dedicated in a very large ceremony, attended by thousands, including the President of the United States

On this date in 1931, Senator Barry Goldwater (candidate for U.S. President in 1964) received his 1st degree in Arizona Lodge #2, Phoenix AZ.

On this date in 1999, the Grand Lodge of D.C., under the leadership of Grand Master Dan L Frederick, voted to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1866, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was founded.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1921, High Twelve International was organized.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1959, Harry S. Truman (U.S. President 1945-1953) received his 50 year masonic award.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1901, Sir Winston Churchill received his 1st degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** On this date in 1957, Carl H. Claudy, Masonic author and playwright, D.C. Grand Master in 1943, Executive Secretary of MSA, died.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** On this date in 1801, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, “mother council of the world,” was established, in Charleston, South Carolina.

# COMMITTEES FOR 2015

## **Communication Committee** (telephone/web/mail)

Terry Royce, PM - Chairman; Rudy McCumber, PM;  
Darryl Duty; Frank Wilburn, PM

## **Sickness and Distress**

Harold Saintelien, JW - Chairman

## **Maryland Chip Program**

Rudy McCumber, PM - Chairman; Terry Royce, PM;  
Kenyatta Galbreth, SD; Ricky Thompson, PM

## **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; Terry Royce, PM; Bill Hines, PM

## **Widow's Program**

William Hines, PM - Chairman

Rudy McCumber, PM Chaplain; Maurice Rackey

## **Rehearsal/Catechism/Education Committee**

Terry Royce, PM Ritualist - Chairman; Kenyatta Galbreth, SD

Harold Saintelien, JW; Marlon Curtis, WM

## **Lodge Trustees**

Gerald Poe Jr., PM - 2015

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;

Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM of Maryland,

Bayani Casanova, PM, PGI; Jesse Villarreal, MWPGM of DC

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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 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