

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



February 2016

Stated Communications
First Saturday 10:00 A.M.
Third Monday 7:30 P.M.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

At the beginning of my term as Worshipful Master last year, I decided that I would implement a Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Mason of the Year Award. The criteria to receive this award was based on several things, many of which have been done by several of you. The recipient of this award for 2015 has consistently dedicated himself to aid and support me as the Worshipful Master and the lodge in more ways than I can count. His hard work and willingness to fulfill any request of any task is without measure. I honestly can't say enough about how valuable he has been to our lodge and I'm sure you'll agree.



I am therefore proud to announce that the recipient of the 2015 Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Mason of the Year Award is Brother Terry Royce, PM.

Please join me in extending to him well deserved Congratulations!

Fraternally,

Marlon Curtis, PM, WM

"As the man becomes better so too does the world" - MKC

Masonic Birthdays

February

William D. Goodman - 52 Yrs.

Lindsey J. Hammonds - 33 Yrs.

Salvatore C. Tammaro - 52 Yrs.

Message From The West

Greetings from the west.

Brothers, as we are officially in the midst of winter lets bear in mind there are those who may be less fortunate & may need a helping hand. Along with the internal strength that Masonry provides there's an additional amount of pride that accompanies that strength. Meaning, those in need may need some "brotherly love" from us who are more capable so let each of us initiate a phone call & check to ensure none of our brethren are distressed. Also keep Saturday, February 27th circled on your calendar. This is the date of the Grand Lodge regional (being held at Centennial Lodge 174 @ 9am). The significance of this meeting is to map out the Grand Lodge plans for 2016 and how they directly correlate to Patuxent 218 & it's individual members. It speaks to benefits, options & growth within the craft. Also, it's a very strong fellowship opportunity amongst brethren. I look forward to seeing you there. Remember, There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet. -Author Unknown

Fraternally,

Kenyatta M. Galbreth, SW



Congratulations to Brother Elmer Robinson
who was presented with his 60 Year Masonic Service Award.

FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren,

I would like to address '*motivation.*' The word motivation implies movement and is defined by Webster as '*causing or having the power to cause motion; an impulse from within.*'

You were motivated to become a Mason and you moved towards a brother to ask for light; from within your heart. But now it seems that many are wondering '*what has my lodge done to inspire deeper involvement and increased attendance?*' So, I humbly ask each and every brother to ask, himself, and the lodge...what do you want from your Masonic experience.

I understand that times have and are continuing to change, but I do not want to see our Great Fraternity succumb to inactivity. The few can only support the weight of the lodge for so long.

I look forward to seeing you all in lodge in the coming months.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Harold Saintelien, JW

Sick Report

Brooks Dodson, Jr., PM

Albert Fallin

Don Hamilton

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

Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Visitation Dates for 2016 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home

April 10th - 16th, July 24th - 30th & November 6th - 12th

CHVH Visitation List

Sign in the Volunteer Book (as Masons to visit brother Masons & Friends) at the welcome desk. Check the brothers' names and room numbers.

Ira Pigg-Rm B105-Perserverance Lodge
Paul Kaplan-Rm B128-Friend of Masons
Ed Wagner- Rm B303B-Glen Bernie #213
Bill Olsen- Rm C307-St Columba #150
(Chaplain)

John Meyers-Rm C206

Bob Luerson (friend of Dave Schneider) -
Rm D156

Leon Goliboski-Rm D305-Friend of Masons

Larry de Angeles- Rm B106-Camp Springs
Levi Friday- Rm D354-PHA Mason
Bill Townsend-Rm C308-Friend of Masons
Al Thomas-Rm D340-St Columba #150-
Raised'02

Vince Gutowski-Rm D342-Millington
#166-Raised'52

Dave Lott-Rm A110-Friend of Masons

Trestleboard for February 2016

- Feb 01 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal - EA Degree
- Feb 04 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction
Centennial Lodge No. 174
- Feb 06 @ 10:00 AM Stated Communication
Presentation: "The Cabletow"
Lunch to follow
- Feb 15 @ 7:30 PM Stated Communication
Entered Apprentice Degree
Refreshments to follow
- Feb 22 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal - FC Degree
- Feb 27 @ 9:00 AM **Grand Lodge Regional Meeting**
Centennial Lodge No. 174
WM, Wardens and Secretary must attend
Lunch served after meeting
- Feb 29 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal - FC Degree

Upcoming Events

- Mar 03 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction - FC Degree
Centennial Lodge No. 174
- Mar 05 @ 10:00 AM Stated Communication
Program: "Masonic Etiquette"
Lunch to follow
Lodge Audit to follow lunch
- Mar 07 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal - FC Degree
- Mar 10 Capture the Traveling Gavel
Fraternal Visit to Birmingham Lodge No. 188
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Lodge at 7:00 PM
- Mar 14 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal - FC Degree
- Mar 21 @ 7:30 PM Stated Communication
Program: "The Old Charges"
- Mar 28 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal - FC Degree

Congratulations!!!
To our 60 & 50 Year Masonic Birthday
Milestone Members

Harris Raymond Wilburn, Jr. - 50 Years

Melvin Frederick Tayman - 50 Years

Clarence Isaac Meiggs - 50 Years

Elmer Bernard Robinson - 60 Years



ON THIS DATE IN MASONIC HISTORY
February

- February 7th - On this date in 1981, the Grand Lodge of Alaska was organized.
- February 9th - On this date in 1909, Harry S. Truman received his 1st degree in Belton Lodge #450, Missouri
- February 11th - On this date in 1988, a group of masonic leaders met with the President Ronald Reagan; the Grand Master of DC presented him with a certificate, and the Scottish Rite and Shrine made him an honorary member of those bodies.
- February 18th - On this date in 1909, U.S. President William Howard Taft received his 1st degree in Kilwinning Lodge # 365, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- February 19th - On this date in 1811, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was formed in Washington, D.C.
- February 23rd - On this date in 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 2nd degree.
- February 24th - On this date in 1853, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was formed.

PATUXENT LODGE NO. 218 PAST MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Brethren each year our Lodge has personally awarded at least two \$500 scholarships to local high school students headed to college. We have always selected very dedicated and hardworking students worthy of this award. This year, in order for us to continue this worthwhile tradition, we're going to need your assistance. We have created the *Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Past Master's Scholarship Fund* with the goal of raising \$1000. Your contribution will determine how many students we can grant an award and just how much that scholarship will be. Please help us to continue this wonderful tradition by making a donation to this fund and ease a worthy student's burden.

DUES NOTICE

Brethren,

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 patuxentlodge218@gmail.com. Your dues should be mailed to:

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IDEAL OF A FREEMASON

If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who, without blemish, fulfills his duty as a man, a subject, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellowman without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger;

The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity; who in nature sees the finger of the Eternal Master; who feels and adores the higher destination of man; to whom faith, hope and charity are not mere words without any meaning; to whom property, nay even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defense of truth;

The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbor; who endeavors to oppose errors without arrogance, and to promote intelligence without impatience; who properly understands how to estimate and employ his means; who honors virtue though it may be in the most humble garment, and who does not favor vice though it be clad in purple; and who administers justice to merit whether dwelling in palaces or cottages.

The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, can do, or will do, but where need is will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, and then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good!

If you, my Brethren meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.

Excerpted from "The History of Freemasonry" by Otto Klotz, *The Canadian Craftsman*, March 15, 1868. M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz was an honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

DID YOU KNOW?

On his famous solo flight over the Atlantic in 1927 Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh wore the square and compasses on his jacket as a good luck emblem. He was a Mason at the time.

When Bernt Balchen, explorer and air pioneer, flew over the North Pole and the South Pole with Brother Richard E. Byrd, they dropped Masonic flags on both Poles. In the 1933-35 expedition over the South Pole, Brother Balchen also tossed his Shrine fez on the Pole.

Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., famous astronaut, on his 22 orbit flight carried a Masonic coin in his pocket as well as a blue Masonic flag which he later presented to his mother lodge, Carbondale No. 82, Carbondale, Colorado.

On August 23, 1879, Lodge No. 239 of France held a meeting in a balloon flying over Paris, at which time a Brother was initiated.

The inventors of the first balloon were Joseph Montgolfier, Michel Montgolfier, and Jacques Etienne; all were members of the Nine Sisters Lodge in France.

Brother Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I air ace, was a devoted Mason for many years.

Dr. Charles H. Mayo, one of the founders of the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, was a Mason. His son Charles W., who also was a Mason, became governor of the Clinic, which began in the Masonic Temple building in Rochester. The Grand Lodge on Minnesota for years has maintained a representative at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester to assist Masons planning to come there and to make their stay pleasant.

James Hoban was the architect who designed and supervised the construction of the White House. When the British destroyed this building during the War of 1812, he designed the one replacing it. James Hoban was a Mason. He was probably present when the cornerstone was laid by Maryland Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown on October 13, 1792, with Masonic ceremony. He was also a devout Roman Catholic.

During President Truman's term of office it was necessary to rebuild the White House. In 1952, while the work was in progress, Brother Truman discovered that some of the original stones contained traditional "Mason's marks". He directed that these stones be preserved and delegated the duty to Major General Harry H. Vaughan, Brother Renah F. Camalier, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. These stones were distributed to the Grand Lodges of the United States and to certain territories and foreign governments. On February 22, 1966, the last stone was presented to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association for display in the Temple on Shooter's Hill.

COMMITTEES FOR 2016

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

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

Sickness and Distress

Harold Saintelien, JW - Chairman

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

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 Saintelein, JW; Marlon Curtis, WM; William Sudduth, SD

Lodge Trustees

Gerald Poe Jr., PM - 2015

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

Terry Royce, PM - Chairman; Rudy McCumber, PM;
Kenyatta Galbreth, SW; Harold Saintelien, JW

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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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 *	2003-07-09-10 Melvin Mason PGI +
1958 Flory Diehl * PRWSGW	2004 Frank Wilburn, PM
1959 Hector Gellerson *	2004 Glynn Owens * #
1960 George Allen, Jr.	2005 Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1961 Lloyd Bertholf *	2006-08 Urban Peters, PM PGI
1962 George McCulloch *	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	2015 Marlon Curtis, PM

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped