

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



September - October 2015

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

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brethren,

It certainly appears that most if not all of us had a great summer. I've seen pictures of some great catches by our lodge fishermen. Several of you took much needed vacations with your families and hopefully we all got some rest. I was very pleased to see that our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Brethren kept busy learning their catechism over the Summer and now comes the time for you to reap the rewards of your efforts.



I look forward to closing out the last quarter of our year with some very interesting programs, joint visitations, MD CHIP events, degree work and membership growth. Thanks to all who have and continue to help make these activities successful. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and because of you our lodge continues to be successful. I would like to close out our year with an increase in attendance at our meetings and other events. If you haven't made it to a meeting this year, we've missed you and long to see you among the brethren. My best wishes and prayers go out to each of you!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Marlon K. Curtis, WM

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

Message From The West

Brethren, Family and Friends,

Each week as I visit the residents of Bonnie Blink at the Maryland Masonic Home, words cannot express how proud I am to be a Maryland Mason. I have visited with residents who have been relocated from homes in other states and they are suprised at how nice their rooms are decorated and how well the grounds and facility are maintained. The staff also promotes and provides different programs such as ceramics, bingo, shopping excursions, morning coffee on the patio, happy hour, religious services in the chapel and so much more to allow the residents to live full lives.

As a 10-year Master Mason * **in good standing**, with membership in a Maryland Blue Lodge for the last 5 years (does not require current residence in Maryland). The following recipients are eligible to apply for Financial Assistance:

- Master Mason
- Widow of a Master Mason
- Never married daughter of a Mason
- Widowed/divorced mother of a **deceased** Mason

In order to meet the eligibility requirement stipulated above, the Mason **MUST** be current with all dues and have **NO INTERRUPTION** of dues payments.

* Example - If you are a thirty year Mason and you did not pay your dues at any time within the last 10 years, you would **NOT** qualify for admission. Once the Mason reestablished payments, **all seniority is lost (in terms of admission into the Homes only) and the Mason would no longer qualify as a 10-year Mason.**

The importance of remaining in good standing can also affect your extended family members as well. Although not eligible for Financial Assistance, the following relatives are qualified to be residents at Maryland Masonic Homes:

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- Grandparent, parent, daughter, son, step-daughter, step-son, sister, brother, mother in-law, sister in-law, son in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, half-sister and half-brother, and remarried widows.

So it is very important that dues are maintained as this will adversely affect not only the Mason, but any qualifying family members trying to obtain admission into the Homes.

Please feel free to contact Stacy Sedesse at (410) 527-1111 ext. 3268 for additional information or to arrange a tour of Bonnie Blink and the Maryland Masonic Home.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Terry Royce, PM
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Sick Report

Marlon Curtis, PM

Brooks Dodson, Jr. PM

Albert Fallin

Don Hamilton

Brenda Hamilton (Wife of Don Hamilton)

Urban Peters, PM

Gerald Poe, Jr. PM

Mrs. Nancy Royce (Mother of Belmont and Terry Royce, PM)

*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

Brethren,

Greetings to all as we wind down our summer activities and return from the dark. The year is quickly drawing to a close and while we have accomplished some notable milestones such as The Blue Slipper Presentation and MD - DC Brotherhood Night; as well as initiated several good men into the craft, we have many more excellent opportunities to fellowship and continue in our masonic labors.

But let us not forget that....."we are today what we have made ourselves in the past, and we may be assured that our future destiny is being molded by our present conduct and thought," (Robert Lomas).

Sincerely and fraternally,

Harold Saintelien, JW

Trestleboard for September

- Aug.17 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
EA & FC Catechism Return
FC Degree
Light Refreshments after the meeting
- Aug. 23 @ 3:00 PM Religious Service at Bonnie Blink Chapel
Join us as Patuxent Lodge hosts
the religious service for the residence
- Aug. 31 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Special Communication
FC Catechism. No other Lodge business
Casual Dress
- Sept. 03 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Special Communication
“Wardens Night”
The Wardens of Southern Maryland will confer
the Master Mason Degree.
6:30 PM Dinner - Donation requested
- Sept. 05 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Joint meeting with St. Alban Universal Lodge No. 233
Presentation by Kenyatta Galbreth
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts
Lunch served after the meeting
- Sept. 20 @ 12:00 PM Southern Maryland Masonic Family Picnic at
Gilbert Run State Park. Food served 2:00 PM
Hamburgers, Hot dogs, and cold drinks are provided
Please bring a covered dish or desert to share
Games, Door Prizes, Paddle boats, Food,
Fun and Fellowship
Open to all members of the Masonic Fraternity,
their families and friends
Bring the kids and grandkids
First Pavilion on right, after you enter the gate.
Parking at the Pavilion. Senior Citizens park free
Handicapped Accessible
Rain or Shine
Host Lodge: Laurel Wreath Lodge No. 149
Located at Gilbert Run Park - 13140 Charles Street
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
- Sept. 21 **No Stated Communication**
- Sept. 26 @ TBA Public Re-dedication Ceremony of the
George Washington Monument in Baltimore.

Trestleboard *(continued)*

Trestleboard for October

- Oct. 03 **No Stated Communication due to Harvest Home Day. Rescheduled for October 17, at Camp Springs Lodge No. 227**
- Oct. 03 @ 6-11:00 AM Harvest Home Day at Bonnie Blink.
Patuxent Lodge will not have a Stated Communication on this date due to Harvest Home Day
Drawing of Television Raffle at the conclusion of Harvest Home Day
- Oct. 10 @ 8:00 AM MD CHIP Event at Woodland Beach VFD
Join us for this community event
- Oct. 17 @ 3:00 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication at Camp Springs Lodge No. 227 Presentation by Mike Banagan, PM, Worshipful Master of Camp Springs
Camp Springs Lodge is located at 6311 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, MD 20748

Upcoming Events

- Nov.. 07 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Presentations by the Appendant Bodies
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts
Lunch served after the meeting
- Nov. 13 @ 6:00 PM Grand Masters Banquet
Grand Lodge Ballroom
Contact the Grand Lodge for tickets 410-527-0600
- Nov. 14 @ 10:00 AM 229th Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Contact the Grand Lodge for Lunch tickets 410-527-0600
6:00 PM Installation of Grand Lodge Officers
Open Installation of Officers
- Nov.. 16 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Presentations by JW Harold Saintelien
Light Refreshments after the meeting
- Dec.. 07 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Officer Elections
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts
Lunch served after the meeting

Patuxent Lodge LED Television Raffle Fundraiser

Brethren,

Patuxent Lodge is raffling a LG 55" LED Smart HDTV with LG Soundbar to assist with our many projects. We will draw the winning ticket at Harvest Home Day on October 3, 2015.

1080P - Intuitive WebOS 2.0 Interface

Magic Remote - 3 HDMI inputs - 3 USB ports

TruMotion - Energy Star Qualified

Need not be present to win. Drawing to held on Saturday October 3, 2015, at Harvest Home Day

Tickets are \$10.00 each. See any Lodge officer for tickets or contact the Lodge secretary Mel Harrison at 301-758- 8396

Winner must pick up TV

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Marlon Curtis

Worshipful Master

Freemasonry and Secrecy

From The Masonic Service Association of North America

People sometimes refer to Freemasonry as being a “Secret Society.” In one sense the statement is true. Any social group or private business is “secret” in the sense that its business meetings may be open only to its members. In Freemasonry, the process of joining is also a private matter, and its members are pledged not to discuss with non-members certain parts of the ceremonies associated with the organization.

Freemasonry does have certain handshakes and passwords, customs incorporated into later fraternities, which are kept private. They are means of recognizing each other—necessary in an organization which spans the entire world and which encompasses many languages.

The tradition of using handshakes and passwords was very common in the Middle Ages, when the ability to identify oneself as belonging to a building or trade guild often made the difference in getting a job or in obtaining help for yourself and family. Today, Freemasons make the same pledge to every member that he will be offered assistance if he, or his family, ever requests it.

Freemasonry can't be called a “secret society” in a literal sense. A truly secret society forbids its members to disclose that they belong to the organization, or that it even exists. Much of the Masonic ritual is in books called “Monitors” that are widely available, even in public libraries. Most Freemasons wear rings and lapel pins which clearly identify them as members of the fraternity. Masonic lodges are listed in public phone books, Masonic buildings are clearly marked, and in many areas of the country Masonic lodges place signs on the roads leading into town, along with civic organizations, showing the time and place of meetings.

In terms of what it does, what it teaches, who belongs, where it meets, there are no secrets in Freemasonry! It is a private fraternal association of men who contribute much toward the public good, while enjoying the benefits of the brotherhood of a fraternity.

Congratulations!!!
To our 60 & 50 Year Masonic Birthday
Milestone Members
Albert Fallin - 60 Years
Arnie Williams - 50 Years

Masonic Birthdays

September

Stephen Cumberland - 52 yrs.
Ancel Dolinger - 59 yrs.
Donald Gooding - 48 yrs.
Frank Kamm - 35 yrs.
William Kamm - 35 yrs.
John Lohman - 23 yrs.
Robert Wilburn, PM - 46 yrs.
Arnie Williams - 50 yrs.
Kenneth Windsor - 51 yrs.
Eugene Zamer Jr. - 30 yrs.

October

Ermon Branch - 3 yrs.
Kenneth Cooper - 4 yrs.
Herbert Haney. - 58 yrs.
Brian Lynch - 3 yrs.
John Pierce Jr., PM - 54 yrs.
Clinton Pritchett - 9 yrs.
Elmer Robinson. - 59 yrs.
George Stephenson - 51 yrs.

ON THIS DATE IN MASONIC HISTORY

September

September 4, 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Tennessee.

September 11, 2000, the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of D.C. and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. signed a ceremonial “proclamation” symbolizing their mutual recognition that had been voted on favorably by both Grand Lodges in 1999.

September 18, 1793, the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C. was laid in an elaborate, formal Masonic ceremony, with George Washington personally playing a key role and wearing Masonic regalia.

September 26, 1872, the Shrine of North America (AAONMS) was organized, in New York City.

September 30, 1949, Gerald R. Ford (U.S. President 1974-1977) received his 1st degree in Malta Lodge #465, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

October

October 11, 1911, Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. President 1933-1945) received his 1st degree in Holland Lodge #8, New York City

October 30, 1937, Lyndon B. Johnson (U.S. President 1963-1969) received his 1st degree in Texas.

2015 DUES REMINDER

We have a few remaining members who have not submitted their 2015 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

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
George Baxter - 2016
David Amstutz - 2017

Temple Holding Corporation

Terry Royce Sr., PM President; Steven Walls, 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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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	

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped