

Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A. M.



January/February 2018

STATED COMMUNICATION

1st Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Patuxent Lodge No. 218

Officers for 2018

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| Terry Royce, Sr., PM rolls88@aol.com | Worshipful Master 301-452-8540 |
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| Melvin Mason, PM melvin.mason@gmail.com | Junior Warden 301-325-1248 |
| Melvin Harrison, PM melepingit@verizon.net | Secretary 301-812-0202 |
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Grand Lodge Officers Assigned to Patuxent Lodge No. 218

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| Rafael Rodriguez, PM rodralph@msn.com | Grand Inspector 301-233-0075 |
| Ron Block, PM, PGI, PGM blockntackle@comcast.net | Deputy Grand Lecturer 410-279-0849 |

Honorary Members of Patuxent Lodge

Miguel Banagan, PM, PGI, RWJGW; Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM; Bayani Casanova, PM, PGI; Hilmer Krebs; Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM of Maryland; Maurice Rackey; Jesse Villareal, MWPGM of DC;

Worshipful Master's Message January – February 2018 From the East

Brethren, Family and Friends -

Thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me, electing me as the Worshipful Master for 2018. I am looking forward to a successful year with activities involving our families and friends. I would also like to congratulate the elected and appointed officers. Together, we look forward to moving Patuxent Lodge forward as all Worshipful Masters and officers of this Lodge have done before us.

Please join us on Saturday, January 6, 2018, for the Open Installation of Officers with dinner at 6:15 PM and the Installation beginning at 7:30 PM. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

February, our guest speaker will be Brother John LeRoy, PM and his presentation on Brother George Washington.

March, we will confer the Entered Apprentice degree. Brother Bob Parsley, SW, will be in the East for the degree, please come out and support Brother Parsley and the line officers.

April, Brother Charles Matulewicz, Dean of the Maryland Masonic Academy will be our guest speaker.

May and June will be very busy with events planned including Patuxent Lodge Brotherhood Day, Honoring Veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home followed by our Strawberry Night in June.

Each month, we will honor our brethren on their Masonic Birthdays in the bulletin. Attend Lodge during your Masonic Birthday and let us honor you.

Plans are underway for an Open Table Lodge for Southern Maryland this summer! This is a great way to introduce someone to the Masonic Fraternity. Stay tuned for more details.

You and your family are welcome to join our facebook page at Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A. F. & A. M. and check out our web page at www.patuxentlodge218.org to keep up-to-date with current events of the lodge and the lodge calendar.

I would like to thank Kenyatta Galbreth, PM for his tenure as Worshipful Master of Patuxent Lodge in 2017.

Finally, we are here to serve you -- please let us know if you or someone in your family has an illness or if you have good news to share with the members of your Lodge. If you have not attended Lodge in a while, please contact us so we can assist you in making you comfortable again in joining us at Lodge. I encourage all members to join us and continue supporting our younger brothers as they move through the degrees. Remember, a Lodge that's alive is worth the drive.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Terry Royce, PM
Worshipful Master
Patuxent Lodge No. 218

From the West

I would like to start off by saying thank you to the officers and members of Patuxent Lodge No. 218 for nominating and electing me as your Senior Warden.

I am humbled and honored to be elected as your Senior Warden for the 2018 year. I am truly excited to begin work as the Senior Warden and will give my utmost effort in assisting the Worshipful Master in moving our lodge forward during the coming year. I believe with the collective efforts of the officers and members we can become one of if not the best lodge in the state. We are charged from the beginning to converse with well-informed brothers so that we might improve in masonry. We are fortunate to have one of the most informed brothers in Maryland masonry as our elected Worshipful Master. I fully intend to absorb as much information from him as possible and encourage each brother in the lodge to do the same and we will become an extremely dynamic lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Robert Parsley
Senior Warden-Elect

From the South

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” — Marcel Proust

Brethren, I am indeed grateful for being elected as your Junior Warden for the ensuing term. I see good and great things in Patuxent Lodge's future. Our officers, elected and appointed, are a continuation of the excellence that our lodge continually strives for. I am indeed proud, honored and humbled to be a part of this.

I look forward to being at labor and refreshment with the Brothers of Patuxent Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Melvin Mason, PM
Junior Warden-Elect

Sick Report

Brother Don Hamilton
Sister Brenda Hamilton

Good News!

Brother William Heath, Jr. informed us he is
doing well for being 90 years young.

If you or someone you know are sick or injured; please let me know. Conversely, if you know of a
positive event (birth of a child, marriage, etc.) please let me know that as well.

Melvin Mason - JW

Trestleboard for January

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| Jan. 06, @ 7:30 PM 6:15 PM | Open Installation of Officers Dinner \$10 Donation requested Installation open to members their family and Friends |
| Jan. 28- Feb 3 | Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Visitation Program Patuxent Lodge will visit the Veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home during our assigned week for visitation at Charlotte Hall |

Trestleboard for February

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| Feb. 01, @ 7:30 PM | Grand Lodge School of Instruction Entered Apprentice Degree Host Lodge: Patuxent Lodge No. 218 EA, FC and MM's welcome Centennial Lodge No.174 All officers are requested to attend |
| Feb. 03, @ 10:30 AM 9:00 AM | Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Coffee and Donuts Business: Regular, Ballot on Petitions Guest Speaker-John W. LeRoy, Sr. PM Presentation on George Washington Celebrate Masonic Birthdays Lunch after the meeting |
| Feb. 24, @ 9:00 AM 8:30 AM | Grand Lodge Regional Meeting Coffee and Donuts WM, SW, JW and Sec. requested to attend Members welcome to attend Dress: Business Casual Lunch after the meeting |

Trestleboard for March

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| Mar. 03, @ 10:00 AM 9:00 AM | Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Coffee and Donuts Business: Conferral of Entered Apprentice Degree 218 Temple Holding Corporation Annual Meeting Lodge and Corporation Audits after the Corporation Meeting Scholarship Committee will review scholarship applications |
| Mar. 19, @ 7:30 PM | Officer Rehearsal Fellowcraft Degree |
| Mar. 22, @ 7:30 PM | Fraternal visit to St. Alban-Birmingham Lodge 233 Dinner – 6:15 PM Lodge 7:30 PM |

Upcoming Events

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| Apr. 07, @ 10:00 AM | Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Guest Speaker-Charles Matulewicz |
| May 05, @ 10:00 AM | Patuxent Lodge “Brotherhood Day” |
| May 14, @ 10:30 AM | Honoring Veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Guest Speaker- Simon LaPlace, MSA Executive Secretary |
| June 18, @ 7:30 PM | Strawberry Night, Casual Dress Join us for a great night of Fellowship Open to family and friends |
| July | Southern Maryland Open Table Lodge Open to all Masons, family and friends Great way to introduce a Non-Mason to the fraternity |
| To Be Determined | Southern Maryland Brotherhood Day Baysox Stadium – Bowie, MD |

****Please Note****

Patuxent Lodge may hold a second communication on the third (3rd) Monday of the month at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft are welcome to attend all Stated Communications

Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Masons and their families are welcome to attend all open Lodge events.

Congratulations!!!

To our 50 Year
Masonic Birthday Milestone Member
Charles Dean

Masonic Birthdays

January

Kenneth Rodeffer - 58 Yrs.

February

William Goodman - 54 Yrs.

Lindsey Hammonds - 35 Yrs.

Petition for Affiliation

Rodney Ballance
Age 45
Upper Marlboro, MD
Amtrak

Petition for Degrees of Masonry

Marc Hunter
Age 38
Upper Marlboro, MD
Special Assistant

Conrado Taguba
Age 52
Upper Marlboro, MD
Transportation

A LESSON FOR FREEMASONS OR, A SERIES OF MORAL
OBSERVATIONS ON THE INSTRUMENTS OF MASONRY.

From "The Spirit of Masonry" - 1843

The various instruments which we of this profession make use of, are all emblematical or picturesque of the conduct of life we ought to persevere in.

The RULE directs us to observe punctually every gospel duty; to press forward in the right path, neither inclining to the right nor left hand, for the sake of any transient amusement or gratification whatsoever; it forbids us to give into the least inclination or propensity into the curve of life, and reminds us to beware of the least tendency to a circle, either in religion or morals! - not to mind (because they have seldom any other than selfish views) neither outs, or ins in politics; and to have in all our conduct eternity in view.

The LINE should make us pay the strictest attention to that line of duty which has been given us, or rather which was marked out to us, by our great Benefactor and Redeemer. It teaches us to avoid all kinds of double-dealing, both in conversation and actions; it points out the direct but narrow path that leads to a glorious immortality; and that sincerity in our profession will be our only passport thither. This line, like Jacob's ladder, connects heaven and earth together; and, by laying hold of it, we climb up to that place where we shall change this short line of time for the never-ending circle of eternity.

The PLUME-LINE admonishes us to walk erect and upright in our Christian vocation; not to lean to a side, but to hold the scale of justice in equal poise; to observe the just medium between temperance and voluptuousness; to fathom the depth of our limited capacities, and to make our several passions and prejudices of education fall plumb in, or coincide with, our line of duty.

Compass Points:

To stay updated on events at the Grand Lodge and around the state, sign up for the e-newsletter "Compass Points" emailed by the Grand Lodge. Go to www.mdmasons.org at the bottom of the home page on the left side to join the email list. *Your wife may sign up to receive this e-newsletter as well.*

2018 Dues Notice and Contact Information

Brethren,

The 2018 dues notice was mailed in December. Patuxent Lodge constantly strives to keep our contact information on the membership updated. A form was included with your notice, requesting you to update your information to include phone, email and current mailing information. Please complete fill this form and return it to the secretary. If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact the Secretary, Melvin Harrison, PM at 301-812-0202.

Annual Meeting of the Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation

Brethren,

The annual meeting of the Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation will be held immediately following Lodge on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Join us on Facebook:

- @ Patuxent Lodge No. 218 (this is an open page to the public)
- @ Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A.M. (Masons and their family members)
- @ Grand Lodge of Maryland (Masons and their family members)
- @ Freemasons of Maryland (this is an open page to the public)
- @ Maryland Masonic Ladies – Brethren, please inform your ladies this is a Facebook page just for them.(This is a closed group page to the ladies)

Join us on Twitter:

www.twitter.com/patuxent218/

Join us on Instagram:

www.instagram.com/patuxent218/

Behavior

By William R. Fischer

Masonic behavior is a subject, if taken into the Lodge for debate, could take up a lot of time. Behavior changes with attitude and the ever-shifting social structure.

In the old charges behavior was divided into six sections:

1. Behavior in Lodge.
2. Behavior after Lodge with members who did not attend.
3. Behavior when brethren meet outside the Lodge.
4. Behavior in the presence of non-members.
5. Behavior at home and in your neighborhood.
6. Behavior toward a strange brother.

Behavior is generally affected by two means:

1. By those around you
2. By age

Normally, we are respectful of the people around us, more now than when we were younger. We also have much more tolerance, mainly because of those who tolerated and respected us.

Our behavior is a reflection of who we are and as a Mason this image either improves or taints our institution. To be a considerate member of the Lodge and our brethren is easy. To be a person of integrity to strange brothers, non-members, and even those who would seek to discredit the fraternity, is the most important act of brotherly love one could do for his Lodge and its members.

A Lodge is only as good as its worse member, therefore strive to be a better person.

COMMITTEES FOR 2018

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Robert Parsley; Melvin Mason, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.;
Rick Mubarak; Melvin Harrison, PM

Sickness and Distress

Melvin Mason, PM; All Officers

Maryland CHIP Program

Rudy McCumber, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Robert Carhart, Jr.; Wes Sudduth

By-Laws Committee

Melvin Harrison, PM; William Hines, PM; Rudy McCumber, PM; Wes Sudduth

Audit/Budget Committee

Robert Parsley; William Hines, PM; Melvin Harrison, PM; Melvin Mason, PM;
Robert Carhart, Jr.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Wes Sudduth; Robert Parsley;

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM

Membership

Melvin Mason, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Rick Mubarak

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education

Wes Sudduth; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Rick Mubarak

Lodge Trustees

Rudy McCumber, PM-2018; Marlon Curtis, PM-2019; Kenyatta Galbreth, PM-
2020

Scholarship Program

Robert Parsley; Rudy McCumber, PM; Harold Saintelien

To go paperless and receive the bulletin and updates by email contact us at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com Check the calendar at www.patuxentlodge.org for stated meetings; rehearsals; Grand Lodge Schools and other Masonic events. Find us on Facebook at Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A. M.

Past Masters

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| 1926- 27 | U.D.J. Hofferbert * | 1970 | Peter Cleland* |
| 1927 | E. Robertson * | 1971 | Kenneth Hardesty* |
| 1928 | E. Robertson * | 1972 | Norman Abney ~ * |
| 1929 | Thurston Brown * | 1973 | Harry Cotton |
| 1930 | Floyd Martin * | 1974 | James Arnold * |
| 1931 | Raymond Wilburn * | 1975 | John Pierce, Jr. PM * |
| 1932 | F. Wright, 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 | Eliza Job * | 1986 | Terry Royce |
| 1943 | Preston Tate * | 1987 | Charlie Smith, Jr. ~ |
| 1944 | Edwin Fisher * | 1988 | Richard Gould * |
| 1945 | Vernon Keafauber * | 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 * | 1993 | Melvin Harrison |
| 1950 | August Duchene * | 1994-95 | Oswald Lockard, PM + * |
| 1951 | Norris Robinson * | 1996 | Urban Peters, PM PGI |
| 1952 | William Alvey * | 1997 | Oswald Lockard, PM + * |
| 1953 | C. Hubbard ~ * | 1998-99 | John Gluth PM + * |
| 1953 | John Ball * # | 2000-03 | Oswald Lockard, PM + * |
| 1954 | F. Freeman * | 2001 | Frank Wilburn + |
| 1955 | Chester Towns * | 2002-03 | Thomas Mason PGI + |
| 1956 | James Patterson * | 2003-07-09-10 | Melvin Mason PGI + |
| 1957 | Charles Gidden * | 2004 | Frank Wilburn PM |
| 1958 | Flory Diehl * PRWSGW | 2004 | Glynn Owens * # |
| 1959 | Hector Gellerson * | 2005 | Oswald Lockard, PM + * |
| 1960 | George Allen, Jr. | 2006-08 | Urban Peters, PM PGI |
| 1961 | Lloyd Bertholf * | 2008 | James Cloud, Jr. + |
| 1962 | George McCullogh * | 2009 | Grover Brewer |
| 1963 | Gordon Pearson ~ * | 2010-11 | Terry Royce, PM PWGP |
| 1964 | Reidar Haug * | 2012 | Gerald Poe, Jr. |
| 1965 | Jesse Ross * | 2012-13 | Steven Walls, PM PJGS GI + |
| 1966 | Joseph Harris * | 2013-14 | Rudy McCumber, PM PJGS PGI |
| 1967 | William McPherson * | 2015 | Marlon Curtis |
| 1968 | John Pierce, Jr. * | 2016 | Marlon Curtis, PM |
| 1969 | Boris Tenner * PGI | 2017 | Kenyatta Galbreth |

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped