

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



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Saturday 10:00 A.M.**

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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Happy New Year Brethren,

May you and your loved ones enjoy a prosperous 2017. I'm not sure if any

Worshipful Master is duly & truly prepared

once ascending to the east, yet the mantle has indeed been passed and I am humbled to be presiding over Patuxent Lodge No. 218 for the upcoming term. It is my pleasure to serve in this capacity my brethren and I will utilize my utmost effort to continue to move this lodge forward. I have assembled an experienced team of officers who have the experience as well as the vision to ensure the short and long term success of the lodge. I couldn't do any better than having two Past Masters as my principle officers. As Senior Warden, Gerald F. Poe, PM. will bring one word we will qualitatively connect to our craft: reverence. And with Melvin J. Mason, PM as Junior Warden, our ritual work as well as lodge presence will be in good hands. My 2017 platform brethren will build on what PM, Marlon K. Curtis has implemented over the last 2 years. As a lodge, we'll continue to make Masons and qualitatively implement the tenets of our institution in the process. I intend on having a joint meeting with a fellow lodge and learn from their process as they can from ours. There was a successful open house in 2016 that we will build on. We will continue to support our Jr. appendant Masonic bodies to be in sync with the Grand Masters message and with Masonic anniversaries in 2017, we have a couple of surprises in store as well. There are affiliate and 1st time lodge members who have joined the officer ranks and they have much to share as well in their experience as Masons. But first let's get through installation for when we have our 1st stated communication in February, we will have a FC degree to perform as well as establishing our committees for 2017. So as we hit the ground running, we will immediately work on the Patuxent Lodge Masonic Mantra for 2017; "Quality of, by and for mankind". Thank you again brethren for charging me with leading Patuxent Lodge No. 218 for upcoming year, I look forward to fellowshiping with each of you and hope to see you all in lodge. Happy New Year!!!!

Kenyatta M. Galbreth
Worshipful Master

MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

The most excellent tenets of our institution exclaim to us, that time, patience and perseverance accomplish all things. As the year 2017 is among us, I know that time will be a constant reminder and encouraging vessel which allows each of us to get to know each other a bit better and appreciate those qualities in each other which make us good men. Understanding that patience is more than endurance, patience makes possible, a personal spiritual symmetry which continues to yield respect and selflessness towards each other, and finally perseverance, which is that enduring factor of brotherhood and should remind us that in all things we are not alone and that with a brother by our side, we can truly stand tall and accomplish all things. I am so looking forward to this New Year and supporting our new Worshipful Master Elect, Kenyatta Galbreth, my colleagues in the service of our lodge and our brethren near and far. Faith and patience are companions my brothers, so are selfishness and impatience. Thus the veil stands-not to shut us out forever, but to remind us of God's tutoring and patient love for us all universally. So may we love and care for each other unconditionally; May brotherly love and affection distinguish our character as men and as Masons. May each of you find that preciousness of time, live long and patiently, stand righteously together in unity, persevering through all things. Powerful we are when united!

Rev. Gerald F. Poe Jr., PM
Senior Warden

MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH

“Treat others as you wish to be treated. Don't just be nice, but be kind to other people. That can be so rewarding.” — Mary Lambert

Rewarding it is indeed. It is more than just doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. It is more than the reciprocal of our lecture.

It helps us to be better.

2017 has started out on a positive note. We have several brothers in the degree steps and several more knocking at the door. Didn't someone say something about living in interesting times?

Refreshment of the holidays are over and the labor resumes. As a lodge the participation is good and seems to be picking up. I hope we can continue that trend.

As we travel on that level of time we do need to remember those brethren that are less fortunate than ourselves and those who are sick or in-firmed. When the necrology is read at installation, we will regret their passing and many of us will regret even more that we didn't visit. Forget not to visit the sick as we Masons espouse seems to be a lost art in the younger generations of Masons.

As we move the lodge forward with evermore success, let us revive the time honored tradition of visiting the sick. Visiting the sick will make us to be beloved and is so rewarding.

Melvin J. Mason, PM
Junior Warden

Please keep the brethren below 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.

Melvin J. Mason, PM, JW

Sick Report

Brooks Dodson, Jr., PM
Albert Fallin
Don Hamilton

Trestleboard for January 2017

Saturday, January 7th - 10:00 am

@ Centennial Lodge No. 174

Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Open Installation of Officers

Installation to be performed by the Grand Line

Lunch to follow – Donation \$10

Thursday, January 19th – 7:30 pm

@ Centennial Lodge No. 174

Joint Reading of Article XVI of the the Grand Lodge Constitution

Trestleboard for February 2017

Saturday, February 4th – 10:00 am

@ Centennial Lodge No. 174

Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Stated Communication

Agenda:

- Designation of Committees for 2017

- EA catechism by Rick Mubarak

- Fellowcraft Degree

- Temple Holding Company meeting to be held after lodge

Light breakfast refreshments before lodge. Lunch to be served afterwards.

Saturday, February 25th - 9am – 1pm

@ Centennial Lodge No. 174

Regional Meeting - All meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m., Host Lodge will serve coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m. and soup and sandwiches for lunch. All Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Secretaries are required to attend one Regional Meeting. Other Lodge members are welcome to attend. Dress code: Hogwarts for officers, business casual for attendees

Note: If you have not paid your dues, please do so right away!

The 2017 Patuxent Lodge budget is contingent on dues being paid in a timely fashion.. Please help and continue to support your lodge. Dues notices were mailed in December 2016.. So take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly. Keep in mind our lodge depends on your dues alone for all its activities and donations. They were due by December 31st 2017.

We as traveling Masons must also be in good standing to visit another lodge and participate in any Collateral Body of the Masonic Fraternity. If you haven't received your notice, please contact Mel Harrison, PM, Secretary at 301-758-8396 or email him at melepingit@verizon.net. Your dues should be mailed to:

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Masonic References in Comic Strips



#Thosewhoknowknow

Food for the Masonic Brain

The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination: Albert Einstein

If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading: Lao Tzu

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that: Martin Luther King, Jr.

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it: Edith Wharton

Masonic Word Search

Use your “Tools” to find the Tools.

In your leisure time brethren, pull out a pen and see how many Masonic Tools you are able to find.

ALTAR
APPRENTICE
APRON
BOAZ
BROTHER
CABELTOW
COLUMN
COMPASS
DUEGARD
EASTERNSTAR
GEOMETRY
GRIP
HAREMABIFF
HOODWINKED
JACHIN
KINGDAVID
KINGSOLOMON
KNIGHTSTEMPLAR
LODGE
MASTERMASON
PLUM
PRINCEHALL
ROYALARCH
SAINTJOHNS
SCOTTISHRITE
SHRINER
SPADE
SQUARE
SUPREMECOUNCIL
WORKINGTOOLS

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*Note: those receiving the bulletin electronically can print it to enjoy the wordplay

Masonic Accolades

At the Annual Communication this past November Patuxent Lodge #218 was one of the lodges awarded the 2016 Award of Merit for Outstanding Lodge Trestleboard. We were presented this beautiful certificate. This speaks for all of our good work brethren.



Congratulations to Hilmer Krebs, who was presented his 70 Year Service Award and Pin by WM. Dustin Rawlins and Secretary Rick Chandler of Wm. R. Singleton Lodge No. 7 in Washington, DC. Brother Krebs is an Honorary Member of Patuxent Lodge No. 218. Brother Rudy McCumber, PM William Hines, Terry Royce, PM and Grand Inspector Mike Banagan presented Brother Krebs a certificate and hat from the Grand Lodge of MD. to honor this special occasion. Brother Krebs will be celebrating his 102 birthday on Sunday, November 13, 2016. Special thanks to Rudy McCumber, PM for planning this special event for Brother Krebs.



Masonic Birthdays

January

Robert K. Rodeffer 56 years

February

William D. Goodman 52 years

Lindsey J. Hammonds 33 years

Masonic Committees

(Will be assigned at the February Stated Communication)

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Membership Committee

Sickness and Distress

Maryland Chip Program

By Laws Committee

Audit/Budget Committee

Marlon K. Curtis, PM; Terry Royce, PM

Harold Saintelien, JW; Rudy McCumber, PM

William Hines, PM; Melvin Harrison, PM,

Kenyatta M. Galbreth, WM-Elect

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Widow's Program

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education Committee

Lodge Trustees

Temple Holding Corporation

Scholarship Committee

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www.patuxentlodge.org for stated meetings, rehearsals, Grand Lodge
Schools and other Masonic events.
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LIVING PAST MASTERS

1960 George W. Allen, Jr.

1968 & 1975 John E. Pierce, Jr.

1973 Harry Cotten

1980 William D. Hines PGI, PWAGT

1981 Richard T. Price~

1984, 2013 & 14 Rudy McCumber,PJGS, GI

1985 & 1996, 2006 & 2008 Urban T. Peters, PGI

1986, 2010 & 2011 Terry L. Royce, PWGP, VPGL, RWJGW

1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr.~

1989 John F. Sullivan~

1990 Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.

1991 David N. Hamrick \$

1993 Melvin E. Harrison PGI, PWGT

2001+ & 2004 R. Frank Wilburn

2002 & 2003 Thomas Mason, PGI +

2003, 2007,2009 & 2010 Melvin Mason, PGI +

2005 Leonard Proden, MWPGM (DC) +

2008 James W. Cloud, Jr. +

2009 Grover D. Brewer

2011 Ricky Thompson +

2012 Gerald F. Poe, Jr., PAGC (DC)

2012 & 13 Steven W. Walls, PJGS, GI+

2015 & 16 Marlon Curtis

~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped

Honorary Members

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM Maurice

Rackey; Hilmer Krebs;

Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM

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