

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



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Bulletin for June - July 2017**

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

The Traveling Man:

One of the challenges in being a first time Worshipful Master is finding the appropriate message you want your lodge to glean. It can stymie you and it doesn't help that we have a couple of Past Masters in the principle officer chairs pulling from their extended experiences.

So I've learned to embrace their words and build upon it as a traveling Mason. Which ironically is this bulletins message. When I'm approached by potential brothers I'm usually told they would like their lodge to be close to their home. To limit their travel. That's when I smile and inform them that to truly learn, educate & grow in Masonry traveling will have to become second nature. Hence, the famous term "Traveling Man". It is impossible to receive all the beauties of Freemasonry by limiting your options based on what you would like. You have to be open to possibilities you wouldn't and couldn't imagine. That's one element. Next important step is you literally have to travel to receive these gifts. They will not arrive at your doorstep. And lastly I've pulled an appropriate quote to quantify in totality what the last and most vital meaning of what a traveling man is:

"A Master **Mason** is a traveler from west to east, as east is the where the sun comes up, hence the source of light. This is why the master sits in the East. Because it is the source of light. Thus being a **traveling man** represents our journey from darkness to Masonic light (enlightenment)."

Enjoy, embrace and be enlightened by these words brethren.
Fiat Lux!!!

Kenyatta M. Galbreth
Worshipful Master

MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

The fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons has members from every ethnic group and every continent in the world. Brotherhood is a primary teaching of Masonry. The words "my brother" can conjure in the mind a wide variety of subjects, connotations and truths, but today I wish to point my remarks to what we as Freemasons call "disinterested friendship". Yet Psalms 17:17 reminds us that a friend Loveth at all times yet a brother should be there for each other during times of trouble. It's so true my brothers! I applaud each of you for walking with each other, especially when the world attempts to have us walk alone. As a lodge, as we celebrate our 90th anniversary, I salute you, my most noble Masonic brethren and encourage you to continue to celebrate each other's victories and stand together in unity as the Grand Architect Of the Universe constantly reminds us in Psalms 133.

The greatest gift of this world is brotherhood, I know this, for I have received it and know there are comforting values. You see, walking with a brother in the dark is better than walking alone in the light, for it's a brother's responsibility. Let's continue to support each other through the darker hours of life so that we don't forget the illumination of better times. Freemasonry teaches us that real brotherhood walks in when the rest of the world walks out. I cannot even imagine where I would be today were it not for that handful of esteemed brothers who expressed to me and my family, where so ever dispersed, true brotherhood, relief and truth. One of the most beautiful qualities of true brotherhood is to understand and to be understood. I look at this Masonic institution and brotherhood as the friends AND siblings nature never gave us, but God definitely did! When we look at this world today, and we see the divisiveness, defensiveness and self-defeat of so many. There's nothing on Earth more to be prized and possessed than true masonic friendship, loyalty and brotherhood. A brother shows his love in times of trouble and happiness. Brotherhood is always a responsibility never just an opportunity.

"Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my brother." – Albert Camus

Another of the values of brotherhood I hold near and dear to my heart is that sometimes being a good brother means being a good friend and mastering the art of timing! You see there's a time for silence, a time to let go, a time to teach and a time to say no, a time to let a brother face the rough spots to allow himself to reach his own destiny, and a time to prepare to pick up all the pieces preparing for Hell to freeze over. So many men have come into our hallowed walls; if they have learned nothing else, they learned how to invoke knowledge and find a brother, how to treat, love and respect one another in this worldly fight of life, and indiscriminately but more especially, how to find a good brother in the dark as well as in the light.

Being a good friend and brother multiplies the good in life and protects us from the evil intentions of our enemies and yet supports us through the trials and tribulations which are part of life and assist us through this veil of tears. So let's continue to practice being good brothers, respect each other and understand each

other's feelings. Love each other anyway even through inevitable adversity. I would venture to say that true brotherhood is the only force capable of transforming suffering into success! One dedicated brother can be worth more than 10,000 relatives at times...our chosen family! The best way to support one another is to simply be a good brother.

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

So on this 90th anniversary of Patuxent Lodge No. 218, I say to you Happy 90th anniversary my brothers, stand tall in all you do and remember...a true brother is someone who is there for you when he could be anywhere else! :-) That is all...continue to be tolerant of each other, respect one another and hold each other dear. I ask you to consider and to practice that openness, tolerance and to express a genuine interest in your fellow Freemason, the man you call "My Brother".

Be a true Brother to him. Brethren - We make the difference!

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH

“Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”
— Buddha

Using candles as a metaphor for our members; a candle in the lodge illuminates the lodge and the members in it. Taking the candle out of the lodge and lighting the candles that are the less heard from or seen members does indeed shine more light with no diminishing of the original candle. The seemingly small act of lighting up the life of a brother can cause the conflagration that lightens their day, week or even month.

Take your candle and light more candles. You'll find that it doesn't diminish the candle and your heart and soul will increase many fold.

For 90 years now, Seat Pleasant then Patuxent Lodge has lit the candles of many candidates that became brothers. Lets keep the candles burning for all brethren.

Happy 90th Birthday, Patuxent Lodge.

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,
Junior Warden*

Sick Report

Marlon Curtis, PM
Albert Fallin/Don Hamilton

In Memorandum

Brooks Dodson, Jr, PM
October 23, 1926 - May 28th, 2017

A 37 year Mason, Brooks Dodson Jr. was initiated into Freemasonry on February 11th, 1980, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 23, 1980. He held the title of Worshipful Master for the year of 1990. We've kept him in our prayers as he has had health challenges over the past couple of years and on May 28th, 2017 the Supreme Architect of the Universe found it time to come join him in the Celestial Lodge above. May he rest in peace and please keep him and his loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. We as a lodge will honor his memory accordingly at our stated communication on Monday June 19th. He was 90 years young.

Trestleboard for June 2017

Saturday June 3rd

No Stated Communication due to Family Fun Day at the Grand Lodge.

Saturday June 10th, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Place: Myrtle Grove Wildlife Mgmt. Area 5625 Myrtle Grove Road La Plata, MD.

Range Day!

Rescheduled RANGE DAY! An afternoon of firearm practice at the gun range. This is for lodge members and friends. Bring your significant other as well. For those who haven't been to a gun range and are interested, we will have training on site. For those who have, bring your firearms and lets have some fun. Bring your own ammunition if you have for those who do not have there will be a purchase surcharge.

Monday June 19, 2017

Time: 7:30 p.m. - completion

Place: Patuxent Lodge No. 218

Stated Communication

Our monthly stated communication will take place. Formal lodge dress. Lodge business and fellowship. Maybe a Master Mason catechism. Dinner is served @ 6:30 p.m.. Gavel drops at 7:30p.m. There will also be a vote on the affiliate petition of Bro. Bob Parsley.

Saturday June 24, 2017

Time: 12 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place: Prince Frederick Lodge No. 174

Table Lodge

Patuxent Lodge No. 218 & Prince Frederick Lodge No. 174 will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the UGLE with at table lodge. We will have food and a surprise. Come fellowship with Southern Maryland on this momentous day. Price per plate to be determined and will be catered by Rick's NC BBQ The table lodge is open to all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons.

To go paperless and receive the bulletin and updates by email contact us at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com or www.patuxentlodge.org. Check the calendar for stated meetings, rehearsals, Grand Lodge Schools and other Masonic events.

Trestleboard for July 2017

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Time: Game time 6:20 PM

Place: 4101 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716

5th Annual Southern Maryland Brotherhood Night at the Baysox

Luau Night at the Baysox/Tickets \$10 PP Children under 2 Free

Tailgating – 5PM BYOB and snacks/Fireworks after the game. Free parking

Contact Jon Simpson at jon.simpson@comcast.net or 301-802-4199 or

Rudy McCumber at rudymccumber2013@gmail.com or 410-610-6094 or Terry Royce at 301-452-8540

Time: Tuesdays 7:00 PM

Place: Grand Lodge

Summer School of Instruction

Tuesday, July 11 – EA degree. EA's, FC's & MM's welcome

Tuesday, July 18 – FC degree. FC's & MM's welcome

Tuesday, July 25 – MM degree. MM's welcome

Tuesday, Aug. 1 – Receiving the MWGM

Time: Thursdays 7:30 PM

Place: Centennial Lodge No. 174

Summer School of Instruction

Thursday, July 20 – EA Degree. EA's FC's and MM's welcome

Host: Camp Springs Lodge No. 227

(Officers and refreshments, Officers from other Lodges are welcome to fill chairs)

Thursday, July 27 – FC Degree. FC's and MM's welcome

Host: Thomas J. Shryock Lodge 223

(Officers and refreshments, Officers from other Lodges are welcome to fill chairs)

Thursday, Aug. 3 – Special Topics – MM's welcome

Host: Patuxent Lodge No. 218

(Officers and refreshments, Officers from other Lodges are welcome to fill chairs)

Thursday, Aug. 10 – MM Degree, Rehearsal for Wardens Night, MM's welcome

Host: Perseverance Lodge No. 208

(Refreshments, Wardens from Southern Maryland Lodges to fill chairs)

Thursday, Aug. 17 – Second rehearsal for Warden Night, MM's welcome

Host: Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 179

(Refreshments, Wardens from Southern Maryland Lodges to fill chairs)

Thursday, Aug. 24 – Wardens Night

Host: Centennial Lodge No. 174

Saturday, July 15 and Saturday, July 22, 2017

Time: TBA

Place: Centennial Lodge No. 174

The Annual Law School and Test for Southern Maryland

Module A will be on Saturday, July 15, 2017 - Centennial Lodge

Module B and the test will be on Saturday, July 22, 2017 - Centennial Lodge

Saturday, July, 29, 2017

Time: 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Place: Grand Lodge

Grand Master's Ball

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 P.M. Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

Music: The Amish Outlaws

Menu: Sliced Filet Mignon with Red Wine Demi Glaze & Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

Reservations must be received by the Grand Lodge Office before July 21, 2017. Seating assignments

will be displayed at the event - there will be no tickets mailed

Cost is \$80.00 per person. Check, Cash or Credit Card accepted.

Contact the Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600.

Fellow of the Craft - Crossword Puzzle

Use your “Tools” to find the Tools.

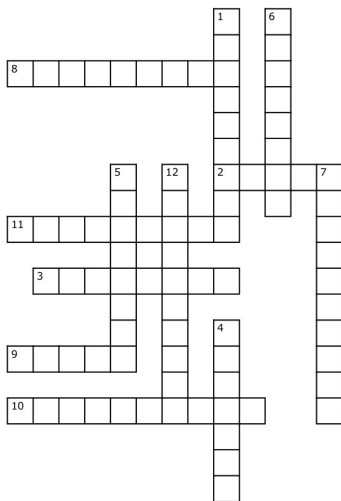
In your leisure time brethren, pull out a pen and see
how many Masonic Tools clues you can decipher.

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

Name: _____

Date: _____

Fellowcraft Crossword Puzzle



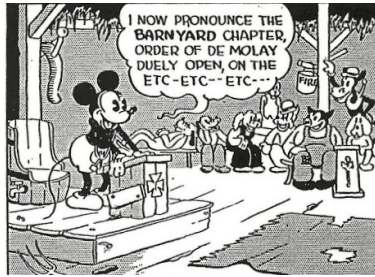
Across

- 2** A form of Architecture
- 3** The Masonic regarded qualification
- 8** What Amos saw
- 9** What we pay homage to
- 10** Provides the earths dimensions
- 11** Invented by the Romans

Down

- 1** One of the Masonic denominations
- 4** The day God rested
- 5** What architecture & mathematics have in common
- 6** One of the five senses
- 7** Invented by the Greek
- 12** Admonish with this

Masonic References in Comic Strips



#Thosewhoknowknow

Food for the Masonic Brain Theme: Traveling Man

TRAVELING MAN IN MASONRY by Brother Jeff Godwin

In the ancient world of Operative Masonry the masons were often required to move from job to job much as in our modern time. It was further explained that ancient master masons, just as 1st class masons of today of today, were more likely to travel great distances than those of lesser ranks (FC& EA). Due to their experience (and today, usually a membership in the labor union representing the craft) they could move freely from job to job. Those doing so were normally members of a Masonic guild, whose members would, if known, vouch for the qualifications of (or recommend) another 'traveling' mason.

In speculative masonry we as Master Masons may freely move from Lodge to Lodge (either visiting or moving membership) and upon proper avouchment or by testing be found worthy to attend another Master Mason Lodge. This is much the same as moving from one job to another or from one ancient Masonic guild to another.

Also, a Master Mason is a traveler from west to east, as east is the where the sun comes up, hence the source of light. This is why the master sits in the East. Because it is the source of light. Thus being a traveling man represents our journey from darkness to Masonic light (enlightenment). We "traveled" symbolically when we were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Remember the words, "It will be necessary for you to travel"? and the condition of the road we would have to travel?

In Masonry we are told to seek the light. Light in Masonry is knowledge and from that knowledge comes information and understanding.

From freemasons for dummies:

Are You a Traveling Man?

One of the many phrases used when two Masons meet and are unsure of each other's membership status, this question refers to a line in the Master Mason

degree, “Whence come you and whither are you traveling?” Other greetings can be, “I see you’ve traveled some,” “Hello, Hiram,” or “Are you a Widow’s Son?” More obscure is “How old is your Mother?”, a question that refers to the number of your home lodge. These exchanges between strangers on a sidewalk often result in baffled looks from your spouse or non-Masonic friends.

<Remember> If you aren’t really a Mason, you shouldn’t try to pretend you are one. These are simply informal greetings. Freemasons have other ways to determine if you are, in fact, the real thing.

Accolades



3/22/17 - Marikande Sissoko flanked by his Patuxent Lodge No. 218 brethren on the day he became a Master Mason. From L to R: Larry Stoner, SS, Kenyatta M. Galbreth, WM, Robert Carhart, JW, Rudy McCumber, PM, Marikande Sissoko, MM, Alex Falanga, MM, Harold Saintelien, MM, James Cloud, PM, Terry L. Royce, PM



Meet our newest Entered Apprentices! From L to R: Jared Reiber, Mark Manapul, Kenyatta M. Galbreth, WM, Alejo Nefalar, Carlos Nocentelli, Jose Vazquez-Cruz, Sr.



Our newest Entered Apprentices meeting Kostos Vourvoulas, MWGM of Masons in MD and the Ron Block, DGL for the 1st time at the School of Instruction.

Mentorship

Each and every new candidate should, from his first degree onwards, be assigned a mentor to take them by the hand and guide them through the basics of our fraternity, answer his questions, teach him Masonic etiquette as well as Freemasonry's history and symbols. Mentorship does not confine itself within the walls of the lodge, but encourages "field trips", traveling and visiting area lodges and masonic events.

The Masonic mentor is a one on one relationship with the new candidate, following and assisting in his growth from the time he petitions, until the end of the new brothers masonic journey.

So in the tradition set forth by PGM Kenneth S. Wyvil, Jr. and continuing with MWGM Kostos Vourvoulas the following mentors have been assigned to our newest Entered Apprentices:

Jose Vazquez Cruz Jr. - Gerald Poe Jr, PM

Carlos Nocentelli - Marlon K. Curtis, PM

Mark Manapul- Rudy McCumber, PM

Jared Reiber - Harold Saintelien, MM

Alejo Nefalar - Alex Falanga, MM

Masonic Birthdays

June

John Settle Bradley 26 Years
Robert Dee Cameron 35 Years
Brooks Conway Dodson Jr., PM 37 Years
Terry Lee Royce, PM 35 Years
James Edgar Spicer 48 Years
Melvin James Mason Jr., PM 18 Years
Thomas Richard Mason, PM 18 Years
William Franklin Baker 18 Years
Donald Louis Hamilton 10 Years
Timothy Patrick Murphy 34 Years
Robert Neil Carhart Jr. 10 Years
Darryl Dane Duty 6 Years
Harold Saintelien 6 Years
Michael Avalon Taylor II 5 Years
Brian Donlovi Carroll 5 Years

July

Dennis Dwight Dumire 20 Years
Donald William Pelasara Jr. 20 Years
Douglas Norman Cohen 7 Years
Leonard Proden 28 Years



Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across 2:Ionic 3:Internal 8:Plumline 9:Diety 10:Geographer 11:Composite
Down 1:Operative 4:Seventh 5:Geometry 6:Smelling 7:Corinthian 12:Friendship

Masonic Committees

Audit Committee

- WM - Kenyatta M. Galbreth
- SW - Gerald Poe
- Secretary - Melvin Harrison
- Treasurer - Bill Hines
- SD - Wes Sudduth

By Laws Committee

- Chaplain - Dan brewer, Chairman
- SD - Wes Sudduth
- MM - Michael Taylor
- JD - Robert Carhart

Membership committee

- Chaplain - Dan Brewer, elected chair
- SW - Gerald Poe
- Treasurer - Bill Hines
- JS - Brian Lynch

Investigative Committee (for 2017)

- Treasurer -Bill Hines
- JD - Robert Carhart
- JS - Brian Lynch

Charlotte Hall Veterans

- Harold Saintelien - Chairman
- SW - Gerald Poe
- Tyler - Brian Carroll

LIVING PAST MASTERS

1960 George W. Allen, 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, VPGI, RWJGW

1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr.~

1989 John F. Sullivan~

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