

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

Guard the Gate:

Honesty time Brethren. As March has arrived, I was torn on what type of message to present. As the weather is deciding on when to change I also had a decision to make. It hit me hard as I looked back on what the 1st lady & I had to process and handle the past couple of months. We both had scenarios we had to fight through to get closure. That's when it struck me straight from a scene in our ritual: Guard the Gate.

We as Masons will be challenged from different angles at all times & it is imperative that we guard against attack whether subtle or straightforward. It can come in the form of bills, work stress, challenges to your integrity and even from brothers "leaning" on the square and compasses too heavily. That is where temperance, fortitude, prudence & lastly, justice come into play.

Having that self-restraint to look at things in totality before reacting. Exhibiting the inner fortitude to face adversity with strength and grace. Showing your mettle. Taking the time to utilize cautious judgement in how you choose to act to ensure you're being fair-minded and objective. That is what separates us as men of the craft. Circumstances clearly don't provide enough time to work through every situation in this way but we must keep these principles engraved in our hearts. It creates a foundation of culture that will surround you with quality. It will empower you to take challenges head on knowing your approach is one with great character. An Elenor Roosevelt quote for you: "Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you'll be criticized anyway". Think on how amazing your approach to life would be if you took the attributes I mentioned above and qualitatively instituted them in your everyday thinking?

That is what we do brethren. As men and as Masons. So, to ensure your world is more secure and complete, guard the gate. I hope these words feed your heart as well as your spirit. I'm here to serve the lodge & I'm humbled you all have chosen me as such. Don't forget to adjust your clocks and I look forward to seeing you all in lodge.

Kenyatta M. Galbreth
Worshipful Master

MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

The Secret

Greetings, Blessings and Fraternal salutations, my esteemed and distinguished ashlar! Many become Freemasons, tempted to learn the secrets of our order. They run the immense risk of growing very old under the trowel without knowing and/or realizing their own unique purpose. However, as we know... there is indeed a secret, and many are so scared that they have never been mumbled or whispered to anyone. Yet, those who stop at the outer door of understanding, predetermine that ALL of those very secrets must reside in our words, signs, or in simply reaching the highest degree. It is my duty to inform... such is NOT the case... This is a mistaken view: So, what are these secrets one might suppose, these secrets that carry ancient knowledge from years disposed, these secrets in which DNA may one day unfold, these secrets in which I am bound to never dispose?

The traveler who realizes the secret of Freemasonry, through his attendance in his lodge, deep thought, grand design comparison, deduction and fellowship with the well-informed brethren, will not ever trust that secret to even a brother mason, because he is aware that if his brother does not yet know the secret, he could not make any use of it after it had been whispered in his ear.....

It's not about just learning the customs, forms, words and how to deliver them masterfully, but by burning their true meanings into your heart and walking as a just and upright man and mason, that you may be better enabled to display the beauty and knowledge of the ALL HOLY, and represent as such! The Secret is found through the journey, brought alive with you through the mysterious discoveries and has survived from time immemorial, from generation to generation, through children's children and from the cradle to the grave...it survives and begins again now. So my brethren, keep your peace, hold your tongues and let the secret remain silent, but in action within you.

God, Brethren, Community.

Powerful you are my brethren! Fiat Lux! Brotherly love, relief and truth.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH

I'm Nobody! Who are you?
Are you – Nobody – too?
Then there's a pair of us!
Don't tell! They'd advertise – you know!
How dreary – to be – Somebody!
How public – like a Frog –
To tell one's name – the livelong June –
To an admiring Bog!

Emily Dickenson

Kinda sounds familiar, doesn't it. For most of the Masonic history, Masons kept to themselves, not advertising, disappearing into the un-seen. Masons tried to be nobody and yet not a secret.

As the world's greatest fraternity, Masonry has stepped up to letting the world know that we are somebodies and that we have a lot to offer. The trend of shrinking has reversed itself and now we grow. Good men are being made better and we learn and grow from our association with each other.

There is a distinguished group that we seem to be relegating to the nobody status. That is not the pair we should allow to form. Pick up the phone and call a brother you haven't spoken with for a while. Let him know he is somebody and lift his spirits up from the dreary. Widows and orphans are somebodies too.

Reach out, lift up, and reconnect.

Let us also remember the words of our EA charge: "Finally, keep secret and inviolable the mysteries of the Fraternity, as these are to distinguish you from the rest of community and mark our consequence among Masons."

Yes we are somebody.

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/Terry Royce, PM /Marlon Curtis, PM
Albert Fallin/Don Hamilton

Trestleboard for March 2017

Saturday March 18th, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Bowl American in Gaithersburg.
1101 Clopper Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Cost: \$20 per person (incl. 2 games, shoe rental, & taxes)
Shoe Rental: Included
Food & Beverage: NOT INCLUDED

Montgomery-Cornerstone No. 195, is sponsoring a fellowship bowling night for the brethren and families. I and the 1st lady will be in attendance and I've confirmed a few of our lodge brethren and their families will be attending as well. I've enclosed the link below to purchase tickets in advance. Let's have some fun and fellowship outside of the suits and connect with other lodges!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/masonic-friends-family-bowling-outing-tickets-32557005881?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

Sunday March 19th 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Place: Patuxent Lodge No. 218

Lodge Audit for 2017 will be taking place. The audit committee is required to attend. All brethren are welcome to attend as well. There will be refreshments.

Wednesday March 22nd 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m. - completion
Place: George Washington Masonic National Memorial
101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria VA 22301

Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142 Special Communication at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. FC Marikhande Sissoko will be raised six to the sublime Degree of Master Mason! Let's turnout for our brother. It's a rare occurrence for this to happen and a memory we should all be in attendance for. I myself will participate in the degree. Note: there will not be refreshments before or after so govern yourself accordingly.

Trestleboard for April 2017

Saturday April 1st 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. - completion
Place: Patuxent Lodge No. 218

Our monthly stated communication will take place. We will be putting on an Entered Apprentice Degree. With a dress rehearsal set for Friday evening March 31st. Officers take the time to learn your parts in your blue book as we strive to give the incoming brothers the best experience possible. Any questions on this exercise please contact me in advance. There of course will be refreshments afterwards and a home cooked lunch prepared by the 1st lady.

Masonic References in Comic Strips



#Thosewhoknowknow

Food for the Masonic Brain Theme: Preparation & Light

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today: *H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

Success depends upon previous preparation, and without such preparation there is sure to be failure:
Confucius

Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself:
Desiderius Erasmus

Each of us has an inner room where we can visit to be cleansed of fear-based thoughts and feelings. This room, the holy of holies, is a sanctuary of light:
Marianne Williamson

Fellow of the Craft - Word Scramble

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 unscramble .

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

We'll give you 15. "Wink"

Name: _____

1. MYIMOSBLS _____

2. OPSSMSECA _____

3. EASNMEOFR _____

4. ATECNPMERE _____

5. OS OMTE IT EB _____

6. OLCARCHA _____

7. LTROYHRBE OVLE _____

8. EFLREI _____

9. UTRHT _____

10. EDCPRNUE _____

11. ETITNOIP _____

12. OHBRDORTEHO _____

13. QSRAEU _____

14. FRLEEI _____

15. GIATOLBNO _____

*** Answers on the bulletins last page

Masonic Accolades

Past Masters Bill Hines, Terry Royce & Rudy McCumber receiving their Master of the Craft Honorary Degree from the Maryland Masonic Academy. Additionally in this caption: WMGM Kostas Vourvoulas and WM Kenyatta Galbreth.



Congratulations to PM William Hines, who was presented his 60 Year DeMolay pin at the So. Maryland regional meeting. Pictured (L to R) MWGM Kostas Vourvoulas, William Hines, Grand Treasurer & Senior DeMolay - Randall Watson. Thank you PM Terry Royce for the caption.



Courtlandt Lodge No. 34 F & A.M. in Verplanck, NY made a fraternal visit to our Annual Communication last November. New York's Masonic magazine The Empire State Mason took the time to acknowledge us accordingly.



(l-r) Brother Steven Spaner, Brother Kenyatta Tally, Galbreth (Maryland); Brother Darren Rigger; Brother Bob McCarthy; W. Bob McCarthy; W. Marlon Curtis (Maryland); W. Eric Tiratnyan, Brother Peter Anthony Morgan.

Brothers from Courtlandt Lodge 34 F&AM in Verplanck, New York attended the Installation of Officers at the Grand Lodge of Maryland on November 19. They accompanied the Brothers from Patuxent Lodge 218 A.F.&A.M. and they extend thanks to the Brothers of Maryland for their hospitality.

Masonic Birthdays

March

Douglas N. Cohen 7 years
Dennis D. Dumire 21 years
Donald W. Pelasara Jr. 21 years
Raul S. Azcueta 22 years
William H. Houchens 29 years
Eugene A. Zamer 32 years
Luther M. Dean 56 years
Ancel D. Dolinger 61 years

April

Larry M. Stoner 3 years
George E. Baxter 5 years
William F. Baker 18 years
James D. Kamm 23 years
Urban T. Peters 42 years
Thomas E. Murphy 45 years
Robert F. Wilburn 48 years
Robert E. Micer 50 years
Stephen D. Cumberland 54 years
Charles W. White 56 years

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

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Check the calendar for stated meetings, rehearsals, Grand Lodge Schools and other Masonic events.

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, VPGE, 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

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:

P.O. Box 1507
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732-3202

Fellow of the craft - Word Scramble answers: *1. Symbolism 2. Compasses 3. Freemason 4. Temperance 5. So Mote It Be 6. Charcoal 7. Brotherhood 8. Relief 9. Truth 10. Prudence 11. Petition 12. Brotherhood 13. Square 14. Relief 15. Obligation*