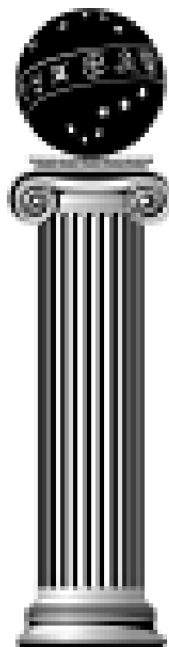
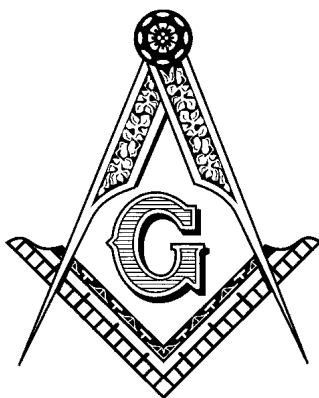
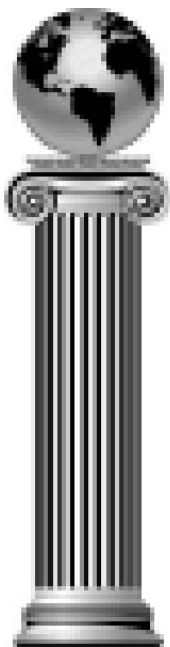


Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



*My strength comes
From my Brethren*

Chartered May 10, 1927

**Stated Communications
First Saturday of the month**

10:00 A.M.

**Centennial Lodge No. 174
6110 Croom Station Road
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772**

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Patuxent Lodge No. 218

May-June 2014

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

From the East

Brethren –

Thankfully, Mother Nature has finally caught up with the calendar and we are now enjoying the long-awaited signs of spring. I hope that you are taking some time to soak in the warmth and sunshine. We have a busy calendar already in place for the coming months, so be sure to mark these events accordingly. We would love to have your participation!

We will honor our Masonic Brothers at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on Wednesday, May 14, at 10 a.m., in the multi-purpose room at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home located at 29449 Charlotte Hall Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. All past masters should wear their aprons.

We are also helping the less fortunate in Southern Maryland by collecting canned goods for the local food bank. Aim to turn in your canned food contributions by May 19.

Donations are still being collected for the scholarship fund to support our selected college student recipients to help defray the costs of books and tuition. Checks should be made out to: Patuxent Lodge 218, Scholarship Fund, and sent to P.O. Box 1507, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.

Do you have a laptop at home that you are no longer using? Consider donating it to our lodge by sending a note to patuxentlodge218@gmail.com.

We are happy to welcome several new Masonic Brothers to 218 and we have had several brothers lay down their working tools since our last newsletter. Keep all of these individuals and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

I look forward to your participation in our upcoming meetings and events.

Fraternally yours,

Rudy E. McCumber
Worshipful Master



Petition for Degrees of Masonry

William E. Sudduth
Age 56
Technician

Petition for Affiliation

Ricky S. Thompson
Age 44
Electrical Mechanic

Message From The West

What a joy it is to begin to see new growth take place in our lodge. Our officers have begun to excel in their chairs and perform in advanced positions. More importantly, we have received several petitions, both for the degrees of Masonry and for affiliation. I look forward to us performing the ritual of the various degrees and welcoming new members. Spring is finally here and that means we'll be busy with various Lodge events such as Brotherhood Night, MD CHIP events, visits to Charlotte Hall, etc. I am also honored that our Worshipful Master has allowed me to assume the East for the upcoming degrees in preparation for next year. Please remember our recently departed Brethren and their widows. I look forward to seeing each of you in our upcoming meetings to greet our new Brethren and support your Lodge. Have a safe and joyful Spring and may the GAOTU be with you!

Marlon K. Curtis

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

Food Bank

We are collecting canned goods to give to the local food bank at our May 19, 2014, Stated Communication. Examples: beans, fruit, tomato or pasta sauce, vegetables, tuna, chicken or evaporated milk.

Masonic Birthdays

May

Clarence H. Andrews-53 yrs.
Conan W. Barger -15 yrs.
Woodrow A. Critzer- 40 yrs.
Marlon K. Curtis- 6 yrs.
Luther M. Dean-53 yrs.
Melvin E. Harrison, PM- 47 yrs.
William D. Hines, PM - 42 yrs.
Charles A. Kamm -19 yrs.

James D. Kamm - 19 yrs.
John M. Knee - 53 yrs.
Joseph H. Maurer - 50 yrs.
Ralph E. Meiggs - 15 yrs.
Seth K. Meiggs -15 yrs.
Gerald F. Poe, Jr. PM - 6 yrs.
William E. Soper -15 yrs.
Harris R. Wilburn Jr. - 48 yrs.

June

William F. Baker -15 yrs.
John S. Bradley - 23 yrs.
Robert D. Cameron - 32 yrs.
Brian D. Carroll - 2 yrs.
Brooks C. Dodson, Jr., PM -34 yrs.
Arthur H. Douglas, Jr. - 44 yrs.
Darryl D. Duty - 3 yrs.
Donald L. Hamilton, Sr. - 15 yrs.

Kenneth C. Hardesty, PM -39 yrs.
Timothy P. Murphy -31 yrs.
Jesse K. Reisman - 8 yrs.
Terry L. Royce Sr., PM -32 yrs.
Harold Saintelien - 3 yrs.
Augustus E. Shockey, Jr. - 56 yrs.
Donald J. Spargo - 42 yrs.
James E. Spicer - 45 yrs.

Michael A. Taylor II - 2 yrs.

From The South

If you or someone in your family is ill or if you have some good news to share with the Lodge, please contact me. Terry L. Royce, PM, JW

Sick Report

Brooks C. Dodson, Jr. PM

Glynn H. Owens, HPM

Edward W. Spencer

Wishing you a speedy recovery!

Our Deepest Sympathy

Harry W. McCormick, Sr.

Born 05/02/1930

EA 03/05/1966 • FC 04/20/1966 • MM 09/14/1967

Passed 02/21/2014

William E. Crowe

Born 12/24/1940

EA 03/22/1967 • FC 05/24/1967 • MM 10/11/1967

Passed 03/14/2014

Pauline C. Owens

Passed 04/03/2014

(wife of Glynn H. Owens HPM)

Please keep the sick and the families of those who passed in your thoughts and prayers

Congratulations!!!

To our 50 Year Masonic Birthday Milestone Members

Harry M. Cotten, PM, William D. Goodman, Joseph H. Maurer,

George R. Stephenson, Salvatore C. Tammaro and Kenneth E. Windsor.

Laptop

Patuxent Lodge is in need of a Laptop with word and power point to be used during the lectures, to show slides used in the EA and MM degree. If you have a laptop which is not being used and you would like to donate it to the Lodge, please email us at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com or contact the JW at 301-452-8540. It would be greatly appreciated.

Celebrating Charlotte Hall Masonic Veterans

Please join us as we honor our Masonic Brothers at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 10:00 AM in the multi-purpose room at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home located at 29449 Charlotte Hall Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Members of several Lodges in southern Maryland are joining together to hold an open Masonic meeting at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. We will have the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer and introductions. The Masonic residents will take part and share their Masonic and Military history. The families of the Masonic residents are welcome to join us for this special tribute.

The purpose of this event is to honor the Masonic Military residents and allow them an opportunity to attend a Masonic function as well as meet other Masonic residents living at the home. The staff has requested this meeting be over by 11:00 AM.

Dress: Business. We are requesting all Past Masters attending to wear their PM aprons.

We are optimistic that you will be able to join us for this special opportunity to Honor the Veterans who are Masonic residents of Charlotte Hall during Armed Forces Week.

2nd Annual Southern MD Brotherhood Night at the Baysox

Come One, Come All to the 2nd Annual Southern Maryland Brotherhood Night at the Bowie Baysox in Bowie, Maryland. This event is open to family and friends including non-masons.

We will attend the Baysox baseball game against the Binghamton Mets, a farm team of the New York Mets. The game is on June 21, 2014, with game time at 6:35 PM with fireworks after the game!

Group rate tickets are \$11.00 each (kids 2 and under are free) we must have your reservation and money (cash) in full payment no later than June 6, 2014. Parking is free.

For more information contact, Rudy E. McCumber at 410-610-6094, Jon Simpson at 301-802-4199, Terry L. Royce at 301-452-8540, or Marlon Curtis at 202-702-5634

Patuxent Lodge Scholarship Fund

Patuxent Lodge selected three students to be honored as recipients of our 2014 scholarship program.

Jamie L Mahshie – Southern High School

Nicholas M. Platek – South River High School

Brian M. Thames – Southern High School

These students were selected based on their achievements, including community service and academic record.

Currently, we are seeking donations for this fund. Scholarships help these students defray the escalating costs of tuition, books and supplies.

Your generous efforts will again allow Patuxent Lodge to deliver three scholarships to deserving students in our local community. Let's keep the ball rolling in 2014 with your donations! It is not too late — donate today!

Checks can be made payable to the Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Scholarship Fund and mailed to the Lodge at P. O. Box 1507, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732-3202. Many thanks to the following individuals who have donated to the Patuxent Lodge Scholarship fund for this year.

Kenyatta M. Galbreth

Sophie Hamel

Donald L. Hamilton, Sr.

Lindsey J. Hammonds

Herbert E. Haney

Rudy E. McCumber, PM

Terry L Royce, Sr., PM

Where the Fast Lane Ends

By William R. Fischer

Members come to Masonry for many reasons. Because of a relative, because of a friend, because of fellowship, because of curiosity, or maybe because they think they will get ahead. The reason we join is irrelevant.

After joining, we found men who treated us with brotherly love. This, in turn relieved the stress of the day. It also gave us a feeling of self-worth and helped us see the true meaning of Freemasonry.

The fast movement of everyday life, causes a lot of changes in our life style. We move from one situation to another at such a speed, that most of the time, we seldom see the conclusion of one problem before another comes. Except if it doesn't turn out right, then we hear every detail of what went wrong. That is where Masonry comes in.

We come to lodge to meet old and new friends that demand nothing from us. Thus we demand nothing from our Brethren. We teach and are taught a more even way to live and cope with problems. We learn that, all that matters is within ourselves. We learn, through watching others, that a better way to do anything is through love, understanding and trust.

As we speed on and on through this ever changing world, we come to lodge for a little bit of peace and understanding, we come to slowdown, we come because this is:

Where The Fast Land Ends.

Trestleboard for May 2014

- May 1 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction
Centennial Lodge No.174
Officers Duties, Protocol & Etiquette
Host Lodge: Birmingham Lodge No. 188
Master Masons Welcome
- May 3 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
9:00 AM Coffee & Donuts
Lunch served after the meeting
- May 5 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
- May 14 @ 10:00 AM Celebrating Charlotte Hall Masonic Veterans
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home 29449 Charlotte Hall Rd,
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
- May 15 @ 7:15 PM Grand Lodge Law School
Centennial Lodge No. 174
Wardens must attend
Master Masons welcome
- May 17 @ 10:00 AM Grand Lodge Semi Annual Communication
Election of Officers.
Call the Grand Lodge for lunch tickets
- May 19 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
6:30 PM Dinner before the meeting.
Strawberry Night after the meeting
We are collecting canned goods to give to the local
food bank. Examples: fruit, soup, vegetables, tomato or
pasta sauce, tuna, chicken, beans or evaporated milk, etc.
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Trestleboard for June 2014

- June 5 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School Instruction
Exemplification of MM Degree
Host Lodge: T. J. Shryock No. 223
Master Masons Welcome
- June 6 Last day for reservations and ticket purchase
for 2nd Annual Brotherhood night at the Baysox.
- June 7 - 11 AM - 4 PM Family Fun Day at Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD
Bring the family, fun, food and fellowship. Games for the kids
Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication rescheduled
for Monday June 16, 2014, at 7:30 PM
- June 14 @ 12:00 PM MD Chip Event, Shadyside, MD
- June 16 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Dinner before the meeting
- June 21 @ 6:30 PM 2nd Annual Southern Maryland Brotherhood Night at the
Baysox. Fireworks after the game. Call the WM
to reserve your tickets by June 6th.
Open to family and friends including non-masons.

Upcoming Events

- July 26 @ 6:00 PM Grand Master's Ball - Black Tie Event
Contact the Grand Lodge for tickets
\$80 per person - Open Bar
- Aug.16 @ 11:00 AM Southern Maryland York Rite Picnic
Centennial Lodge No. 174
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Drinks. Open to everyone.
Hosted by Kallipolis Grotto. Donations accepted
- Aug. 17 @ 3:00 PM Bonnie Blink Religious Service
Join us as Patuxent Lodge hosts the religious service for the residents of Bonnie Blink.
- Aug. 25 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
- Sept. 6 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts - Lunch served after the meeting
- Sept. 21 @ 12:00 PM Southern Maryland Masonic Family Picnic
Gilbert Run Park, Dentsville, MD
13140 St. Charles St.
2:00 PM Food served - Hot Dogs Hamburgers
Drinks provided. Bring a covered dish to share

Dates in Masonic History - May

May 5, 1851, Andrew Johnson (U.S. President 1865-1869) received his 1st degree in Greenville Lodge #119, Tennessee

May 8, 1843, a national Masonic Congress was begun in Baltimore, sometimes referred to as the Baltimore Convention, to attempt to establish a uniform ritual for United States Grand Lodges

May 11, 1865, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was formed

May 12, 1931, Senator Barry Goldwater (candidate for U.S. President in 1964) received his 1st degree in Arizona Lodge #2, Phoenix AZ.

May 12, 1932, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia, was dedicated in a very large ceremony, attended by thousands, including the President of the United States

May, 12, 1999, the Grand Lodge of D.C., under the leadership of Grand Master Dan L Frederick, voted to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D C

May 16, 1866, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was founded

May 18, 1959, Harry S. Truman (U.S. President 1945-1953) received his 50 year Masonic award.

May 24, 1901, Sir Winston Churchill received his 1st degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London.

May 31, 1801, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, "mother council of the world," was established, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dates In Masonic History *(Continued)*

June

June 1, 1820, The Grand Lodge of Maine was formed.

June 5, 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Columbia, Tennessee.

June 5, 1923, groundbreaking took place for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia

June 6, 1787, the Grand Lodge of New York became independent

June 6, 1806, the Grand Lodge of Delaware was established

June 11, 1986, the United Grand Lodge of England required the removal of references to the physical penalties from all obligations

June 13, 1889, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was organized

June 16, 1821, the Grand Lodge of Alabama was formed

June 20, 1812, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was formed

June 20, 1881, Albert G. Mackey, Masonic author and Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S., died.

June 23, 1780, Wolfgang Goethe was initiated in Amalia Lodge in Weimar

June 24, 1717, what is referred to as the premiere Grand Lodge was formed in London, at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house

June 24, 1731, of a Lodge meeting in the colonies that became the United States, in an account book of St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia

June 24, 1734, Benjamin Franklin became Grand Master of what would be known as the "Moderns" Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania.

June 24, 1791, the African Grand Lodge of North America was organized in Boston. It later became the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

June 24, 1797, the second Grand Lodge for African Americans was founded in Philadelphia

June 27, 1791, the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was organized

June 28, 1901, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 1st degree in Marion Lodge #70, Ohio

COMMITTEES FOR 2014

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Marlon K. Curtis, SW - Chairman

Darryl D. Duty, Frank Wilburn, PM, Tim Murphy

Sickness and Distress

Terry L. Royce, PM, JW - Chairman

Maryland Chip Program

Rudy E. McCumber, PM, WM; Terry L. Royce, PM, - Chair

By Laws Committee

William D. Hines, PM - Chairman

Marlon K. Curtis, SW; Rudy E. McCumber, PM, WM

Melvin E. Harrison, PM, Sec.; James W. Cloud, Jr., PM

Audit/Budget Committee

Rudy E. McCumber, PM, WM; Marlon K. Curtis, SW;

Terry L. Royce, PM; William D. Hines, PM;

Melvin E. Harrison, PM; Harold Saintelien

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Terry L. Royce, PM - Chairman

Widow's Program

William D. Hines, PM - Chairman

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education Committee

Terry L. Royce, PM, - Chairman; Darryl D. Duty; Marlon K. Curtis, SW

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Gerald F. Poe Jr., PM - 2015

George E. Baxter - 2016

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Darryl D. Duty, Vice President

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Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, MWPGM of Maryland,

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Bayani Casanova, PM, PGI

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PAST MASTERS

1926 -27 U.D. J. L. Hofferbert *	1969 Boris Tenner* PGI
1927 E. F. Roberson*	1970 Peter Cleland*
1928 E. F. Roberson*	1971 Kenneth C.Hardesty
1929 Thurston G. Brown*	1972 Norman E. Abney ~ *
1930 Floyd F. Martin *	1973 Harry M. Cotten
1931 H. Raymond Wilburn*	1974 James K. Arnold*
1932 F. L. Wight, Jr. *	1975 John E. Pierce, Jr. PM
1933 H. W. Hotchkiss*	1976 James H. Hollis*
1934 Joseph E. Rawlings*	1977 Chilton T. Walker ~ *
1935 Readus M. Frye*	1978 James A. Davis*
1936 Carl E. Price*	1979 Raymond A. Williams, Jr. *
1937 Edwin J. Staats*	1980 William D. Hines PGI, PWAGT
1938 E. G. Gentle*	1981 Richard T. Price ~
1939 F. R. Colmus*	1982 Wilburn H. Jones PGI*
1940 Edward H. Schmidt*	1983 Gerald R. Rapson*
1941 L. N. Sylvester*	1984 Rudy McCumber
1942 Elza Job *	1985 Urban T. Peters
1943 Preston Tate*	1986 Terry L. Royce
1944 Edwin M. Fisher*	1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr. ~
1945 Vernon Keafauver*	1988 Richard H. Gould*
1946 C. H. E. Hoofring*	1989 John F. Sullivan ~
1947 Jules DuBost*	1990 Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.
1948 Aubrey E. Amos*	1991 David N. Hamrick \$
1949 Charles M. Wilson*	1992 Boris Tenner* PM PGI PWSGS
1950 August A. Duchene*	1992 William H. Thomas + *
1951 Norris C. Robinson*	1993 Melvin E. Harrison PGI PWGT
1952 William T. Alvey*	1994-95 Oswald L. Lockard PM + *
1953 C. S. Hubbard ~ *	1996 Urban T. Peters PM PGI
1953 John E. Ball *#	1997 Oswald L. Lockard PM + *
1954 F. L. Freeman*	1998-99 John R. Gluth PM + *
1955 G. Chester Towers*	2000-03 Oswald L. Lockard PM + *
1956 James W. Patterson*	2001 R. Frank Wilburn +
1957 Charles T. Glidden*	2003 Glynn H. Owens #
1958 S. Flory Diehl* PRWSGW	2004 R. Frank Wilburn PM
1959 Hector D. Gellerson*	2005 Oswald L. Lockard PM + *
1960 George W. Allen, Jr.	2006-08 Urban T. Peters PM PGI
1961 Lloyd B. Bertholf*	2008 James W. Cloud, Jr. +
1962 George J. McCullogh*	2009 Grover D. Brewer
1963 Gordon W. Pearson ~ *	2010-11 Terry L. Royce, PM PWGP
1964 Reidar Haug *	2012 Gerald F. Poe, Jr.
1965 Jesse J Ross*	2012-13 Steven W. Walls, PM PJGS +
1966 Joseph M. Harris *	2013 Rudy E. McCumber PM, GI
1967 C. William McPherson*	
1968 John E. Pierce, Jr.	

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped