

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A.F. & A.M. Grand Lodge Of Maryland

Communications

Stated: Monthly - 1st Saturday 10 AM (See exceptions below)

* May 5th: 8 AM

* May 21st: 7:30 PM

No Meeting June 2nd

* June 18th: 7:30 PM

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May - June 2012



**Longaberger Basket Bingo
to benefit Kallipolis Grotto**

Saturday, June 2, 2012
Held at Centennial Lodge in Upper
Marlboro, MD

Doors Open at 1 PM and Games Begin
at 2 PM

\$15 per person - for 15 Games
Specials and raffles are additional

Food & Refreshments available for
purchase to benefit the Grotto

Tickets available by contacting
Melissa Cloud @ (202)210-7688 or
Nancy Royce @ (301)855-7933

A ticket must be purchased for each
person entering the hall

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FIAT LUX!
LET THERE BE LIGHT

CLEAR THINKING
CHIVALRY. LOVE. EDIFICATION. AND RESPECT.



Chartered May 10, 1927

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From the West



Worshipful Master, thank you for allowing me to bring the message this month from the West. Marlon Curtis, SW

Brethren,

As a quarter of our current year is already behind us I have noticed that the seeds planted by our recent our recent Past Masters are being richly cultivated by our current Worshipful Master, who himself is bringing a lot to the plate. Our membership continues to grow, emphasis has been placed on improving our degree work and we are moving into the future with the development of an exceptional website. We have begun to connect with one another and the world through our active social media outlets which has drawn much praise.

We have strong upcoming officers on the horizon, which paints a vibrant picture of our future leadership. Moving forward, I can assure you that our Worshipful Master has an exciting year in store which will prove to be edifying and educational. We have some busy work ahead so let us commit now to fully support our Lodge and it's officers so that our harvest will be bountiful for years to come. We are each the fertilizer of our future and realize we can't bloom without you. I am very excited with what I consider a revitalization within our lodge and I intend to give my all to see that it continues to prosper.

Let's make a decision, right now, to go all in and all out to make this a lodge to be proud of. Sure we have a rich history but that won't guarantee our future. Let this moment be a spark to ignite the fire within us to give a little bit more of ourselves to Masonry and Patuxent Lodge No. 218. Bring forth your ideas, your time and effort. Reach out to younger brethren and newly made Masons with good counsel, education and more importantly by setting a shining example of what makes a good and active Blue Lodge Mason.

Let's make it a practice to speak to at least three lodge members between meetings just to say I was thinking about you and your family, especially the ones who don't often attend meetings. If they know we care they may want to be there or may reveal a problem we can assist with. When I was installed as Senior Warden I was told to "Look well to the West". I now charge you to "Look well to your Lodge".

Marlon Keith Curtis., Senior Warden.

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Short Talks

Invoking thought For Powerful Men and Freemasons

what is freemasonry

It is a voluntary association of men, It is a system of moral conduct, It is a way of life, It is a fraternal society, It is religious in its character, It teaches the Golden Rule, It seeks to make good men better men, It teaches morality through symbolism, It uses rites and ceremonies to instruct its members, It is based on a firm belief in the Fatherhood of God, The Brotherhood of Man, and the immortality of the Soul.

what freemasonry is NOT

It does not directly solicit members, It is not an insurance or benefit society, It is neither a religion nor a creed nor a religious order, It is not a charity organization, but makes charity a duty, It is not organized for profit, It dictates to no man as to his beliefs, either religious or secular, It seeks no advantages for its member through business or politic, It is not a forum for discussion of religion, politics or other partisan affairs, It is not a secret society, as it does not conceal its existence or purposes.

Prayers

For Masons, families & Friends

Forgiveness Father,

Through the power of your Spirit, go back into my memory as I sleep. Every hurt that has ever been done to me. ...heal that hurt. Every hurt that I have ever caused to another person. ...heal that hurt. All the relationships that have been damaged in my whole life that I am not aware of... heal those relationships. But Father, if there is anything that I need to do...if I need to go to a person because he is still suffering from my hand, bring to my awareness that person. I choose to forgive, and I ask to be forgiven. Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, GAOTU, and fill the empty spaces with your Love. Thank You God and Father of us ALL!

Amen, So Mote It Be!
Rev. Dan Brewer, Chaplain

Health, Healing and Wellness Father,

We come before you today in need of your healing hand. To heal our bodies from the pain, our minds from depression, our hearts from heartache. We know father, that in you all things are possible! Hold our hearts within yours, and renew us- mind, body, and soul. Give us the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for us. Guide us towards better health, healing and give us the wisdom to identify those you've placed around us to help us get better. In your exalted name We pray, Amen. So Mote It Be!

COMMITTEES FOR 2012

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Marlon K. Curtis, SW - Chairman

Rev. Dan Brewer, PM - Chap; Darryl Duty; Frank Wilburn, PM

Sickness and Distress

Terry L. Royce, PM, PWGP, JW- Chairman

Brother-to-Brother Program

Marlon K. Curtis, SW - Chairman – Assisted by all officers

Maryland Chip Program

Rudy McCumber, PM-Chair; Terry Royce, PM, PWGP

By Laws Committee

William D. Hines, PM - Chairman

Marlon K. Curtis, SW; Rudy McCumber, PM, JD

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

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Gerald F. Poe, Jr., WM; Marlon K. Curtis, SW;

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

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Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Norman Lynch - Chairman

Widows' Program

William D. Hines, PM - Chairman

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education Committee

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

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Terry L. Royce, PM, PWGP - 2013

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Temple Holding Corporation

David E. Amstutz, President

Ray Wilburn, Vice President

William D. Hines, PM, Secretary/Treasurer

Team Challenge

Chairman Gerald F. Poe, Jr., WM and All Officers

Honorary Members of Patuxent Lodge

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, MWGM of Maryland,

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM

Sam Sullivan, Maurice Rackey; Hilmer Krebs, James Seawell,

Ralph W. Moore, PM, PGI, Jesse Villarreal, MWPGM of DC, Bayani Casanova, PGI

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Visitation

February/26 - March/3; May/6 - 12/2012; July/15 - 21/2012; September/23 - 29/2012

December/2 - 8/2012

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Team Leads

Norman Lynch - Chairman

Terry Royce

BE SURE TO SIGN IN AT THE VOLUNTEER DESK!!!

Distinguished Gentlemen

Past Masters

1926 -27 U.D. J. L. Hofferbert *

1927 E. F. Roberson*

1928 E. F. Roberson*

1929 Thurston G. Brown*

1930 Floyd F. Martin*

1931 H. Raymond Wilburn*

1932 F. L. Wight, Jr.*

1933 H. W. Hotchkiss*

1934 Joseph E. Rawlings*

1935 Readus M. Frye*

1936 Carl E. Price*

1937 Edwin J. Staats*

1938 E. G. Gentle*

1939 F. R. Colmus*

1940 Edward H. Schmidt*

1941 L. N. Sylvester*

1942 Elza Job *

1943 Preston Tate*

1944 Edwin M. Fisher*

1945 Vernon Keafaufau*

1946 C. H. E. Hoofring*

1947 Jules DuBost*

1948 Aubrey E. Amos*

1949 Charles M. Wilson*

1950 August A. Duchene*

1951 Norris C. Robinson*

1952 William T. Alvey*

1953 C. S. Hubbard~ *

1953 John E. Ball *#

1954 F. L. Freeman*

1955 G. Chester Towers*

1956 James W. Patterson

1957 Charles T. Glidden*

1958 S. Flory Diehl* PSGW

1959 Hector D. Gellerson*

1960 George W. Allen, Jr.

1961 Lloyd B. Bertholf*

1962 George J. McCullogh*

1963 Gordon W. Pearson~*

1964 Reidar Haug *

1965 Jesse J. Ross*

1966 Joseph M. Harris *

1967 C. William McPherson*

1968 John E. Pierce, Jr.

1969 Boris Tenner* PGI

1970 Peter Cleland*

1971 Kenneth C. Hardesty

1972 Norman E. Abney~*

1973 Harry M. Cotton

1974 James K. Arnold*

1975 John E. Pierce, Jr. PM

1976 James H. Hollis*

1977 Chilton T. Walker~*

1978 James A. Davis*

1979 Raymond A. Williams, Jr.*

1980 William D. Hines PGI

1981 Richard T. Price~

1982 Wilburn H. Jones PGI*

1983 Gerald R. Rapson*

1984 Rudy McCumber

1985 Urban T. Peters

1986 Terry L. Royce

1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr.~

1988 Richard H. Gould*

1989 John F. Sullivan~

1990 Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.

1991 David N. Hamrick \$

1992 Boris Tenner*PM PGI PSGS

1992 William H. Thomas+

1993 Melvin E. Harrison PGI PWGT

1994 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*

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1996 Urban T. Peters PM PGI

1997 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*

1998 John R. Gluth PM+*

1999 John R. Gluth PM+*

2000-03 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*

2001 R. Frank Wilburn +

2003 Glynn H. Owens #

2004 R. Frank Wilburn PM

2005 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*

2006-08 Urban T. Peters PM PGI

2008 James W. Cloud, Jr. + PM

2009 Rev. Grover D. Brewer PM

2010-11 Terry L. Royce PM, PWGP

** Deceased ~ Demitted +Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped*

218 Corner

A few choice words from a few good men.

There's nothing like going to a place where it always feels like home. Being around men who're all about mankind. I'm so proud to be part of this Fraternity and Patuxent #218. I love my Brothers and I know they love me as well. I'm always looking forward to the things that I learn from each of them. From the things about masonry, as well as the things about life. The love for mankind is the real reason why God created us.

Laurence Ben, JS, Patuxent Lodge No. 218

Being a Mason has always been a goal of mine. I was exposed to it as a child through my father and the Masons that he associated with. As an adult, every time I met men who were Masons, I was never able to join as I frequently moved or was out to sea. Upon leaving the Navy, I found that I missed the sense of community, common bond and brotherhood and I initially sought out Masonry as a means to fill those gaps. But what I have come to realize and appreciate about the craft since becoming a Mason is that it really has allowed me to progress on my faith journey. I think the fact that the craft provides the allegorical tools to relate one's own beliefs to a broader sense of brotherhood and humanity is truly doing the Supreme Architect's work. In my mind, this provides a vehicle to leave the world a better place than we have found it.

Harold Saintelien, SS, Patuxent Lodge No. 218

Masonry teaches us to be on the level, to treat one another with BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF and TRUTH. These are three very important principles not only in Masonry but, life in general. To be associated with individuals whom you can trust, depend on and know that they have the same values as you. When an individual becomes an Entered Apprentice he represents the rough ashlar in his rude and imperfect state. None of us will become the perfect ashlar, but through the principals of Masonry, we strive to become better individuals within ourselves, to our neighbors and to all mankind...

Terry L. Royce, PM, PWGP, Patuxent Lodge No. 218

Through Freemasonry, one can meet, break bread with and share life's experiences with those whom he might have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance. The forging of diversely-rooted positive influences, brought together by symbolic references & ritual establishes a "Common Cord", allowing one to enjoy intellectually congenial camaraderie, free of political & religious discord, while basking in the beauties of holiness, henceforth becoming the best true & faithful brother as one can, thus improving oneself ...as a better man.

Rev. Gerald F. Poe Jr., W.M. Patuxent Lodge No. 218

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Communications

- Sick and Distressed

All, If you know of someone sick or in distress Please contact Terry Royce, JW at [3014258584](tel:3014258584), or Rev. Dan Brewer. Remember always to keep the sick and distressed in your most earnest prayers.

- Bro. Glen Owens - Health and wellness
- Bro. Marlon Curtis - Health and wellness
- Bro. Sam Sullivan - Wellness
- Bro. Alton Butler - Surgery
- Bro. Dan Brewer - Wellness

- Grand Lodge Gala 225th Anniversary Banquet

Friday, May 18th in the Grand Lodge Ballroom at 6:30p. Attendees: brethren, ladies & guests. Dress: formal. Cost:\$140 per couple or \$80 per individual. Reservation deadline: May 4th. Brethren in attendance will receive a 225th Anniversary Medal. There will be fireworks for this event!

- Semiannual Communication

Saturday, May 19th. Agenda:
10:00a GL opens/Corinthian Rm
12:00 Lunch
1:30p Business meeting continues
2:00p Election of GL officers
5:00p GL closes communication

A panoramic photo of everyone in attendance will be taken & will be available for sale.

Lunch: \$30, includes the Commemorative 225 Medal **Reminder...If you received a medal at the Gala Banquet, you can not receive another. Reservation deadline for lunch is May 11th. See you there!

- Family Day Picnic

Saturday, June 2, 11am - 3pm. GL of MD



Saturday, May 12th at Marlboro Day.

Upper Marlboro, MD. Start time 9am. spend some time! 1 hour, 5 hours or stay all day supporting our community. Marlboro Day parade starts at 10am, live music, dance, martial arts performances, magicians, clowns, vendors etc.

June 23rd: Chip event: Deale, MD

For more information please contact Bro. Rudy McCumber., PM at [4102574562](tel:4102574562)

May the Grand Artificer over everything we know, love and trust continue to support us all in health, wealth, love, friendship and prosperity.



Trestleboard

May - June 2012

May 3rd @ 7:30pm. District School of Instruction
(Dist 8 & 17) Location: Centennial Lodge No. 174

May 5th @ 7:00am. Coffee, Pastries

8:00am. 218 Stated Communication

- Dispensation for casual dress and 8am start time

- Vote on Petition: Brian Donlovi Carroll

- Address any regular business

- Close lodge for statewide Open House (9am-4pm)

** Food will be served, please bring your families, come out, join us and fellowship! Invite anyone you feel would make a great Mason!*

May 17th @ 7:30pm. GL District Law School (@174)

May 21st @ 7:30pm. 218 Stated Communication

- EA initiation

- Light refreshments and fellowship afterwards

May Rehearsal Schedule:

May 7th @7pm - Rehearsal (EA)

May 28th @7pm - Rehearsal

June 2nd @ 11:00am. Family Day Picnic @ Grand Lodge

June 7th @ 7:30pm. District School of Instruction

(Dist 8) Location: Oxon Hill Lodge

June 18th @ 7:30pm. Stated Communication

(Program: Life testimonials, Why we do what we do!)

- Lite refreshments and fellowship will Follow

June 27th @ 7:30pm. GL District Law School (@174)

June Rehearsal Schedule:

June 4th @7pm - Rehearsal

June 25th @7pm - Rehearsal

Continued Education

Further Light in Masonry and suggested reading

Arturo de Hoyos, ed., Albert Pike's Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry.

Arturo de Hoyos and S. Brent Morris, Committed to the Flames: The History and Rituals of a Secret Masonic Rite (London: Lewis, 2008)

Arturo de Hoyos and S. Brent Morris, Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry? The Methods of Anti-Masons.

Arturo de Hoyos and S. Brent Morris, eds., Freemasonry in Context: History, Ritual, Controversy (New York: Lexington Books, 2004)

* The complete idiots guide to freemasonry (S. Brent Morris)

* Freemasonry for dummy's (Chris Hodapp)

From our Worshipful Master

Strength, fortitude, peace and harmony: Poetic Brief

The obligation, the continued edification and re-education of the duly sublimed, as freemasons is our continued calling. From our Past Masters, officers and brothers on sidelines, we are expected with vigor to be excited to teach all brothers who enter this lodge, whether young, old, barefoot nor shod..to be strong, well edified brothers in our customs and ways, to dress well, stand tall and speak with energy to one and all. Finally, seeing them represent our lodge with profound respect, thus acknowledging the methods we teach are being boldly and duly passed down. It is from all of our confidence, conciseness, cutting corners with pride, to our opening of the Bible with respect, reverence and pride. To the due guards and signs being portrayed with honor in stance, to seeing them dedicate their lives to becoming a better man. These are the standards passed down to me, and as worshipful master, these are the standards I will defend, admonish and expect to see. It's through the power we have when all taken together, which allows our gentle craft to withstand inclemencies of foul weather. I pray to the GAOTU for all of our brothers sublime, for continued strength, fortitude, harmony of heart and peace of mind. God Bless you all & Stand Strong in who you are!

Rev. Gerald F. Poe Jr., W.M. Patuxent Lodge No. 218

What can I say?



In building upon our theme for this year, This article should help answer the question "What is freemasonry", how to answer the question and what can be shared. Fiat Lux!

A Mason is sometimes asked by a friend, a neighbor, or a business associate, "What do the Masons do?" The question may be worded more generally, "What are the Masons?"

In either case, the Brother is challenged by the realization that there is no simple answer which he can rattle off "from the top of his head," because the questioner is really asking him for a comprehensive explanation about what organized Freemasonry is, what its principles and purposes are, what programs it is engaged in, how it carries them out, and what satisfactions the individual Mason derives from his Masonic membership. Some of these considerations arouse the fraternal doubt that "you can't tell that," or "that's secret," so that the Brother's reply is marked by hesitation or reluctance to explain. Puzzled by the difficulty of knowing what facets of the vast subject of Freemasonry the questioner is really inquiring about, the Mason "just doesn't know where to begin" and too often may avoid a simple statement of facts. He isn't sure of what to say. Or, knowing that his questioner is a "practical man of affairs" who measures outcomes quantitatively, in materialistic terms, he realizes that Freemasonry's reputation cannot be explained by charts, statistics, or financial statements, because the Fraternity's real worth can be expressed only in spiritual terms, and that is rather difficult to explain to the uninitiated. Masonic terminology, the most comfortable words with which to reply, seems inadequate or out of place. Masonic "secrecy" gets in the way.

Embarrassment is probably the commonest cause of a Brother's difficulty in replying to the question. He is embarrassed because he realizes that he doesn't really know enough about the Fraternity to give a good simple reply. He knows that there is much more Masonic activity going on in other lodges all over the country and throughout the world, but he has never taken the time to experience some of it or to read about it with real interest. He hasn't given much thought to the subject. He never expected to be asked such a question by a non-Mason outside the lodge. Even though he has experienced Masonry, he has never tried to express in words just what Freemasonry means to himself. A well-informed Brother, therefore, will prepare himself for the possibility of being asked such a question.

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Even though no one ever asks the question, he will have the confidence of knowing what Freemasonry means, especially to himself. First of all, he will determine to give a Masonic answer, one which asserts the real nature of the Fraternity as a spiritual force, as "a way of life" which seeks to improve men morally and spiritually, by associating with other idealistic men who want to improve the quality of life around them by means of a brotherhood which emphasizes the Fatherhood of God.

But he must know what he is talking about. This essay suggests only in general terms what he can talk about. He should be prepared to fill in the details. When he is convinced that he can supply those details, he is ready to answer the questions, "What do the Masons do?" and "What are the Masons?"

When he is asked the question he must then decide on how much or how little to say. A brief but adequate reply is advised, for if the questioner is not satisfied, he will undoubtedly ask for further information. The following answer is only a suggestion.

"Masons are men who voluntarily asked to join a lodge. They were accepted because they were good men who believe in God and hold high ethical and moral ideals. They go to meetings which they call the lodge, in order to learn and to teach what 'friendship, morality, and truth' really involve, and to practice on a small scale the reality of brotherhood. They also have meetings open to their wives, children, and friends where they promote an understanding of the serious nature of the Fraternity by entertainment and sociability. Practical programs for charity and relief are planned and executed. The special kinship they feel for each other as a brotherhood is their deepest satisfaction."

Here is another which could be used: Example 2

"A Freemason is a man who, in searching for life's ineffable questions, finds his way into the company of fellow seekers. Comprised of men from every nation, races, social and economic level, all hold similar ideals and beliefs. The uniting idea is a faith in the divine founded in the certitude in an afterlife. This "belief" is grounded by certain landmark tenets and virtues which ultimately lead in exploration of those invisible questions, and when taught openly and learned in earnest by the initiates, can lead ultimately to the betterment of all mankind."

Confidence in and answering the question "what is freemasonry" could be the most important interaction with a good man, which guides him towards becoming a better man. Stand Tall!