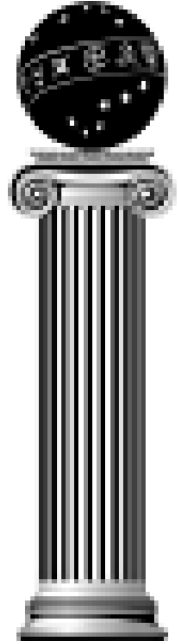
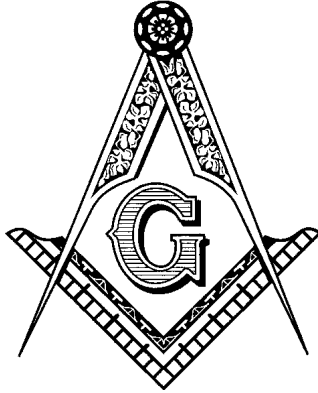
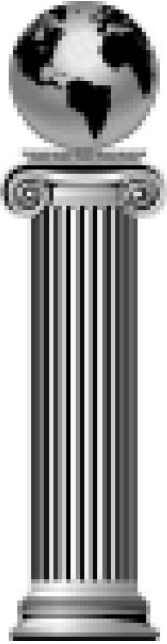


Patuxent Lodge No. 218

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
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| Laurence A. Ben laben5435@msn.com | Junior Deacon 410-804-3673 |
| Eric E. Gronbeck eric.e.gronbeck@gmail.com | Senior Steward 301-704-8961 |
| George E. Baxter geobax1969@hotmail.com | Junior Steward 443-360-2166 |
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| Vacant | Marshal |
| Maurice H. Rackey | Tyler 301-843-2607 |

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| Ron Block, PM blockntackle@comcast.net | Deputy Grand Lecturer 410-626-1624 |

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

March-April 2014

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

From the East

February has just concluded, and plans for the spring are underway. I hope that the winter weather isn't getting you down. Warmer weather is on the way!

I would like to say a special "Thank You" to the brothers who attended and participated in our recent installation. It was a special honor for me to be serving as Worshipful Master and also as a Grand Lodge Officer in January with the various installation ceremonies across the state of Maryland. I was filled with such pride to meet fellow Masons during this tour around our beautiful state.



Always remember: don't keep Masonry a secret, let everyone know that you are proud to be a Mason! It is up to each and every one of us to keep the fraternity alive. So, I encourage you to 'Pass it On'.

Along these lines, I will mention the importance of your lodge membership. As you know, the 218 Temple Holding Corporation voted in February to halt paying the dues of those brethren with five or more years of membership to the Patuxent Lodge. Remember, this will positively lead our Lodge into the future as we continue to expand our membership, and our reach with volunteer activities within Southern Maryland. If you have any questions about this change, please feel free to let me know.

Bring on spring!

Sincerely,

Rudy E. McCumber, PM

Petition for Degrees of Masonry

Larry M. Stoner, Jr.
Upper Marlboro, MD
Age 35
IT Consultant

Petition for Affiliation

Donald L. Hamilton, Sr.
Granite, MD
Age 69
Truck Driver

Masonic Birthdays

March

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|------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| George W. Allen Jr. PM | 65 yrs. | Urban T. Peters, PM | 38 yrs. |
| Albert I. Fallin | 59 yrs. | Richard D. Sapp | 55 yrs. |
| Dean D. Howard | 61 yrs. | Charles W. White | 52 yrs. |
| Ralph J. Hurd | 39 yrs. | James W. Cloud, Jr. PM | 10 yrs. |
| Michael B. Liller | 28 yrs. | | |

Total Masonic Years 407

April

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| David E. Amstutz | 47 yrs. | Donald F. Rogers | 40 yrs. |
| Ralph E. Greene | 55 yrs. | Belmont J. Royce | 31 yrs. |
| Kenneth B. Massey | 30 yrs. | Melvin F. Tayman | 48 yrs. |
| Clarence I Meiggs | 48 yrs. | Joe F. Varnadore | 39 yrs. |
| Richard F. Mizak | 30 yrs. | George E. Baxter | 02 yrs. |

Total Masonic Years 370

Dates in Masonic History

March 3, 1753, George Washington received his Fellow Craft degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

March 5, 1902, Sir Winston Churchill received his 3rd degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London.

March 18, 1902, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was incorporated, in Trenton, New Jersey.

March 23, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 3rd degree.

April 4, 1778, Voltaire was initiated in "Les Neuf Soeurs" Lodge in Paris. His conductors were Benjamin Franklin and Count Gebelin.

April 5, 1886, Rudyard Kipling received his 1st degree.

April 20, 1884, Pope Leo XIII issued a famous Papal Bull against Freemasonry, titled Humanum Genus.

April 22, 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 3rd degree.

April 24, 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt received his 3rd degree.

April 28, 1738, Pope Clement XII issued the first Papal Bull attacking Freemasonry.

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

Kenneth H. Cooper
Brooks C. Dodson, Jr. PM
Glynn H. Owens, HPM
Edward W. Spencer
Grand Lodge Secretary Herbert Y. Holcomb III

Wishing you a speedy recovery!

Our Deepest Sympathy

Samuel R. Sullivan
Honorary Member
Born 10/1/1924
EA 7/15/1950 • FC 8/15/1950 • Raised to MM 10/16/1950
Passed on 1/24/2014
Honorary Member 3/19/2005

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

Congratulations!!!

to our Masonic Birthday Milestone members

Trestleboard for March 2014

- March 01 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts
12:00 PM Lunch served after the meeting
- March 03 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
- March 06 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction
Topic: Deacons and Stewards
All Officers requested to attend
Master Masons are welcome
- March 15 @ 8:30 AM Southern MD Regional Meeting
Centennial Lodge No. 174
Worshipful Master and Secretary must attend
Patuxent Lodge members welcome to attend
Lunch served after meeting
- March 17 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
- March 20 @ 7:15 PM Grand Lodge Law School
Worshipful Master and Wardens
Master Masons welcome to attend
- March 24 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
- March 31 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
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Trestleboard for April 2014

- April 03 @ 7:00 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction
F/C Degree, All Officers requested to attend
- April 05 @ 9:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Open House
4:00 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
- April 07 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
- April 17 @ 7:15 PM Grand Lodge Law School
Worshipful Master and Wardens
Master Masons welcome to attend
- April 21 @ 9:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Light refreshments after the meeting
- April 28 @ 7:00 PM Officers Rehearsal
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Coming Events:

- May 01 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction
Topic: Officers duties, Protocol and Etiquette
All Officers requested to attend
Master Masons are welcome

May 03 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts

May 17 @ 10:00 AM 227th Grand Lodge Semi Annual Communication

May 24 @ 10:30 AM Grand Lodge conferring the Master Mason degree on Smith Island. Cost: \$50.00 includes boat ride to and from Island and Lunch.
For reservations or more information contact
Bob Purnell, Jr. 443-235-1129 or bobp@dmv.com
Ben Abrams 410-713-9655 or chesapeake147@gmail.com

June 07 @ 11:00 AM Family Fun Day at Bonnie Blink
Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Rescheduled to June 16, 2014, at 7:30 PM

Open Masonic Meeting at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
Second Annual Southern Maryland Brotherhood Night
At the Bowie Baysox
Patuxent Lodge Table Lodge

Why is it called BLUE LODGE?

By Brother Elton Trindade

The question always is “Why is it called BLUE LODGE

Why have we adopted blue into the lodge name? Where does it come from? What does it represent and mean?

The mother of all Freemasonry. The place where every man begins his journey into the Ancient Craft of Free and Accepted Masons. “The Blue Lodge” - It has been here in America that the term “Blue Lodge” has become popularized and so widely used. Originally, it was frowned upon, and Lodges were called, Craft Lodges or Ancient Craft Lodges, some were even called a St. Johns Lodge.

According to Coil’s Masonic Encyclopedia, there may be a number of reasons why symbolic lodges are called Blue Lodges. Since ancient times, the color blue has been associated with immortality, eternity, and fidelity. References to the color blue in the Bible emphasize the special place blue has as a color symbolizing goodness and immortality. The Druids also honored the color while the ancient Egyptians used the color to represent Amun, one of their most important gods. The ancient Babylonians associated the color blue with the gods. In Medieval times, Christians saw blue as the symbol of perfection

Blue Lodge *(cont.)*

and hope, and well as of immortality and fidelity. It is not known when blue first came to be associated with Freemasonry, although some historians think that initially the color was used in Craft Masonry to represent the sky. Today, blue for Masons symbolizes brotherhood and symbolizes the fact that Masons should seek out virtues as extensive as the blue dome of heaven.

Albert Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry under "Blue" has further light to share. He says "Blue is emphatically the color of Masonry. It is the appropriate tincture of the Ancient Craft degrees.

The Hebrew word for blue when referring to spiritual matters is tekhelet אֵוֶטֶט derived from a root word meaning perfection.

It is well known that among the ancients, initiation into the mysteries and "perfection" are synonymous terms and this is why blue is the appropriate color for the greatest of all the systems of initiation the world has ever known, The Ancient Blue Lodge Craft."

Beyond the allegory and symbolism of the color blue, there is the reality of millions of men who have experienced things beyond themselves, transformed and evolved into their highest potentials, reached even further to give the same to other men, while standing in and being a member of a Blue Lodge.

It is said over and over again, "There is no other degree "higher" than the third degree and being a Master Mason. There is no higher distinction in our entire institutional Fraternity! "With that being said, we all should remember, support and love our Blue Lodges, where we began as good men and through the motherly love of our Ancient Craft Lodge, we were brought into the world anew...literally brought from the dark to the light, to rise as GREAT MEN!

REMINDER

The April 5, 2014, Stated Communication will be held at 4:00 PM
after the Open House.

Join us for the Open House between 9 AM and 4 PM
Fellowship and refreshments throughout the day.

Stay for the meeting at 4 PM, regular business will be conducted.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Please join us as we honor our Masonic Brothers at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on Wednesday May 14, 2014, at 10:00AM, lasting no longer than 45 minutes. Members of several Lodges in southern MD are joining together to hold an open meeting at the Veterans Home. Many of our Masonic brethren at the home have not attended a Masonic function in years. We will have the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer and introductions. The Masonic residents will take part and share their Military history and will be able to meet other Masons living at the home. The staff of Charlotte Hall thought this was a fantastic idea! If you would be interested in participating in this event, please email us at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com or call Terry Royce at 301-452-8540 for more information.

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, 2013. 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

Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation

Brethren,

In February, the members of Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation voted to discontinue paying the dues of all members of Patuxent Lodge No. 218 who had been a member for at least five (5) years, or more.

Clearly, this will be a new chapter in the history of Patuxent Lodge No. 218. However, I know that your continued and valuable participation as a member will not be affected by this necessary change. We will all become equal shareholders in the Lodge, and will be fully committed to moving the Lodge forward in the coming years.

Beginning January 1, 2015, each member will be responsible for the payment of their dues. A letter will be sent out to each member in March explaining this change. I look forward to hearing from you, or answering any of your important questions.

Terry L. Royce, PM
President
Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation

Help Us Increase Our Scholarship Fund to Support Undergraduate Students!

Did you know that our Lodge offers scholarships to deserving graduating high school students? Currently, we are seeking donations to this fund. Scholarships help these students defray the escalating costs of tuition, books and supplies.

We appreciate those individuals who donated in 2013. Your generous efforts allowed Patuxent Lodge to deliver three scholarships to deserving students in our local community. Let's keep the ball rolling in 2014-donate today!

Checks can be made payable to Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Scholarship Fund and mailed to the Lodge at P. O. Box 1507, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732-3202.

Thank you to the following individuals have donated to the Patuxent Lodge Scholarship fund so far this year:

Rudy E. McCumber, PM
Terry L Royce, Sr. PM

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

Lodge Trustees

David E. Amstutz - 2014

Gerald F. Poe Jr., PM - 2015

George E. Baxter - 2016

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Darryl D. Duty, Vice President

William D. Hines, PM Secretary/Treasurer

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Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM

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Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, MWPGM of Maryland,

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

On Facebook at Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A. M.

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| 1926 -27 U.D. J. L. Hofferbert * | 1969 Boris Tenner* PGI |
| 1927 E. F. Roberson* | 1970 Peter Cleland* |
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| 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 |
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| 1934 Joseph E. Rawlings* | 1977 Chilton T. Walker ~ * |
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| 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 \$ |
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| 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 ~ * | 2010-11Terry 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