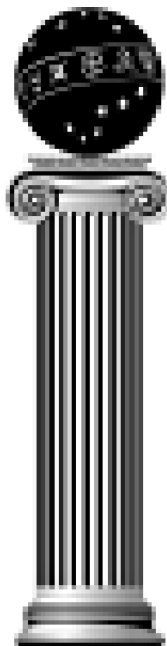
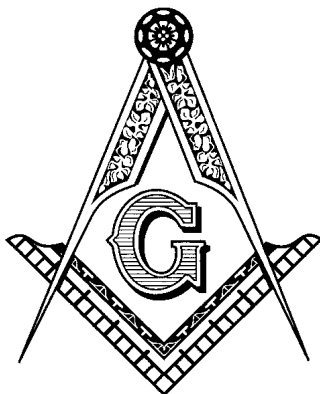
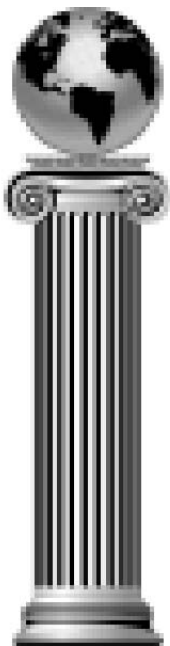


# Patuxent Lodge No. 218

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.**

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# Patuxent Lodge No. 218

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Maurice H. Rackey	Tyler 301-843-2607

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# Patuxent Lodge No. 218 January-February 2014

## WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brethren,

Welcome to 2014! If you are reading this article, I guess the Mayans were wrong, the world continues to turn and we're still shuffling along this mortal coil. So, that's a good thing. December just flew by. I really enjoyed seeing so many of my Brothers at our meetings last year.

I want to thank you for electing me for the third time to serve as the Worshipful Master. Like many of you, I am grateful to be a part of such a terrific organization. I began my journey as a Mason alongside my father, Armage McCumber.

We remain dedicated to promoting the improvement in the character of our members. As Masons we are taught to be good citizens, to be of good character, to care for those less fortunate, and to give back to the community.

As a result, I remain very proud of our continued efforts in support of the Maryland Masonic Child Identification Program. Did you realize that over 37,589 children have been identified through this state-wide Masonic program? Outstanding!

Brethren, I ask you again to consider donating to the 218 High School Scholarship Fund for 2014. Keep in mind, for most of you, your yearly dues have been paid, making it easier for you to graciously donate to this fund.

We have a full schedule of events already slated for 2014. I thank you for your support of the Patuxent Lodge and I look forward to seeing you at our installation of officers ceremony on January 18, 2014.

Fraternally,

Rudy E. McCumber  
Worshipful Master



**Awaiting EA Catechism**  
Carlos Valenzuela

**Awaiting FC Catechism**

## From The West

What an amazing year 2013 has been for our Lodge, especially for our newest members who have each completed a milestone in their Masonic journey. Every last one of them started the year needing to complete their EA catechism, yet are now full fledged Blue Card Master Masons. We have been fortunate enough to have, as their instructors, Our WM and JW who each devoted a great deal of their time and knowledge to attain this goal. Now it's time to pay it forward by stepping up and supporting your lodge with your attendance at meetings, Chip events and visitations. This will also certainly serve to further your Masonic education. I personally look forward to doing just that.

There are three main things I intend to help bring about in the coming year, a growth in membership, an increase in activeness and a shining example of Masonic degree work. My goal is to also completely fulfill the requirements necessary to become the WM in 2015 and to earn your trust and confidence enough to make that possible. I look forward to increased unity and fellowship beginning now and lasting a lifetime. Let's have fun this year in and out of the Lodge by taking our brotherhood a step further and becoming friends.

The diversity of our Lodge is a wonderful attribute that very few lodges can claim. Let that help serve as the seed that makes us grow and which also binds us as one. Let's create an infectious atmosphere of true brotherhood, so that when we welcome new members into our Lodge they'll be anxious to return to each and every meeting.

Let's be ever so vigilant and mindful of our ailing Brethren since we could lose them ever so quickly. Have a safe and prosperous 2014 and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Marlon K. Curtis  
Senior Warden  
Patuxent Lodge No. 218

“As the man becomes better so too does the world” -Me

## **From The South**

I am truly humbled and honored for allowing me to serve as Junior Warden and look forward to working with the members of Patuxent Lodge in 2014

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**

Laurence A. Ben  
Brooks C. Dodson, Jr. PM  
Glynn H. Owens, HPM  
Edward W. Spencer  
Mary H. Sullivan (wife of Sam Sullivan)  
Grand Lodge Secretary Herbert Y. Holcomb III

*Wishing you a speedy recovery!*

### ***Our Deepest Sympathy***

Baltas Eugene Birkle  
Born 08/11/1930 — Passed on 11/18/2013  
EA 10/21/1953 • FC 11/04/1953 • Raised to MM 01/27/1953

Norman Luster Lynch  
Born 01/07/1941 — Passed on 12/01/2013  
EA 01/29/1975 • FC 04/16/1975 • Raised to MM 09/10/1975

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

### **Congratulations!!!**

Belmont Royce  
On your retirement after 45 years of service with Giant Food

# Trestleboard for January 2014

- Jan. 04 Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication  
Rescheduled to January 18, 2014, at 5:00 PM
- Jan. 16 @ 7:00 PM Reading of Article XVI of the G.L. Constitution  
Centennial Lodge No. 174  
Worshipful Master and Wardens  
Must have your 2013 copy of the Constitution
- Jan. 18 @ 5:00 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication  
Closed Installation of Officers  
Dinner served after the meeting. Cost: \$5.00 Donation

# Trestleboard for February 2014

- Feb. 01 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication  
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts  
Lunch served after the meeting
- 12:00 PM 218 Temple Holding Corporation
- Feb. 06 @ 6:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction  
Centennial Lodge No. 174  
All Officers are requested to attend  
Master Masons are welcome
- Feb. 20 @ 7:15 PM Grand Lodge Law School  
Centennial Lodge No. 174  
Worshipful Master and Wardens  
Master Masons are welcome

## Coming Events:

- Mar. 01 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication  
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts  
Lunch served after the meeting
- Mar. 06 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction  
Centennial Lodge No. 174  
All Officers are requested to attend  
Master Masons are welcome
- Mar. 15 @ 8:30 AM Southern MD Regional Meeting  
Centennial Lodge No. 174  
Worshipful Master and Secretary must attend  
Patuxent Lodge members welcome to attend  
Dress: Business  
Lunch served after meeting
- April 05 @ State Wide Open house  
Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication  
Rescheduled to April 21, 2014 at 7:30 PM

# **FREEMASONRY: THEN, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE**

**By Chad Simpson, PM**

Every active Mason has within himself the ability to improve his Lodge—to move it forward.

Our Fraternity is a society of Friends and Brothers. Our ritual and ceremonies are intended to provide a shared, common experience that is the beginning of a lifetime of Friendship.

Too often, Freemasons focus on the “problems” of Freemasonry rather than on the true glory of it—the making and keeping of friends among those who otherwise would have remained at a perpetual distance.

Our rules, like our ritual, are fairly straightforward. However, like our ritual, our rules often become an unfortunate stumbling block for those who are not willing to familiarize themselves with them.

Yet within the basic framework established by our ritual and rules, there is much work left to be done to make a Lodge complete. Its adornments, be they successful or failures, are left to the Brethren of a Lodge to create.

Like our operative forefathers who actively sought the skills and new techniques developed at other successful building sites, so should the Masons of today look to successful Lodges to learn how to do things a little differently or a little better.

The desire to get back to the basics of the good old days is a classic desire of mankind. Whenever the road becomes difficult, mankind looks back to what it believes was the Utopia of a bygone day.

Freemasonry has been able to pass on its gift of friendship from one generation to the next, not

because it has held onto a ridged orthodoxy, but because the symbology of Freemasonry is such that each generation is able to adapt it to its own needs.

## **Freemasonry** *(cont.)*

Freemasonry of the post Second World War era was not the Freemasonry of the Civil War. Freemasonry of the Westward Migration was not the Freemasonry of the American Revolution. No, every generation has found in Freemasonry and made of it that which it needed to continue on the rough road of life.

*It is important that today's generation do the same.*

# **Masonic Birthdays**

## **January**

Kenneth R. Rodeffer	54 Years
Edward W. Spencer	63 Years
Total Masonic Years	117 Years

## **February**

William D. Goodman	50 Years
Lindsey J. Hammonds	31 Years
Salvatore C. Tamaro	50 Years
Total Masonic Years	131 Years

# **Dates in Masonic History**

January 2, 1901, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt received his 1st degree in New York

January 7, 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 2nd degree

January 26, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 1st degree

February 9, 1909, Harry S. Truman received his 1st degree in Missouri.

February 11, 1988, The Most Worshipful Grand Master of DC presented President Ronald Reagan with a certificate, making him an honorary member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine.

February 18, 1909, President William Howard Taft received his 1st degree in Cincinnati, Ohio

February 23, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 2nd degree.



## JANUARY 2014 INSTALLATION SCHEDULE FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND LODGES

Lodge	#	Date	Type	Food	Install	Note
Collington	230	1/04/2014	OPEN-GL	Following	9:00 AM	@ Centennial #174
Annapolis	89	1/04/2014	OPEN	11:30 AM	10:00 AM	\$15.00 Donation for lunch
Centennial	174	1/04/2014	OPEN-GL	Following	2:00 PM	
Laurel Wreath	149	1/06/2014	OPEN	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	
Mt. Hermon	179	1/07/2014	OPEN	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	
Perseverance	208	1/11/2014	OPEN	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	
T.J. Shryock	223	1/13/2014	OPEN-GL	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	\$35.00 Donation for dinner
Camp Springs	227	1/14/2014	CLOSED	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Donation for dinner
Patuxent	218	1/18/2014	CLOSED	Following	5:00 PM	@ Centennial #174
Oxon Hill	231	1/19/2014	OPEN	Following	3:00 PM	@ Camp Springs #227
St. Columba	150	1/21/2014	CLOSED	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	
Prince Frederick	142	1/22/2014	OPEN-GL	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	
Birmingham	188	1/26/2014	OPEN-GL	Following	1:00 PM	Donation for dinner
Saint Albans	233	1/31/2014	OPEN-GL	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	At Odenton Lodge
Solomon's	121	1/18/2014	OPEN	6:30 PM	7:30 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

## **Temple Holding Corporation**

David E. Amstutz, President

Steven W. Walls, Vice President

William D. Hines, PM, Secretary/Treasurer

## **Honorary Members of Patuxent Lodge**

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM

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

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, MWPGM of Maryland,

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

Bayani Casanova, PM, PGI

Check the calendar at [www.patuxentlodge218.org](http://www.patuxentlodge218.org) for stated meetings, rehearsals, Grand Lodge Schools and other Masonic events.

# 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. Cotton
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 Keafauber*	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 ~ *	2010-11Terry 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