

Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A.M.



January/February 2019

STATED COMMUNICATION

First Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Honorary Members

Miguel Banagan, Jr., PGI, RWJGW; Ron Block, DGL PGI, PGM; Bayani Cassanova, PGI;
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Worshipful Master's Message

January – February 2019

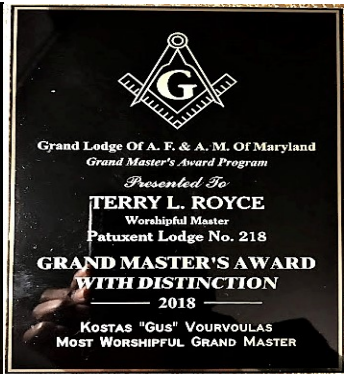
From the East

Brethren, Family and Friends -

What a remarkable year 2018 has been for Patuxent Lodge! I am so thrilled to inform you that YOUR LODGE was selected by the Grand Lodge of Maryland to receive "The Grand Master's Award of Distinction".

To be eligible to receive this award, The Lodge had to meet ten mandatory requirements in addition to a minimum of 12 of the 24 optional requirements. Of the 104 Lodges in the State, only 14 Lodges qualified for this award. One Lodge was then selected from the 14 Lodges and chosen as the "2018 Maryland Lodge of the Year".

This honor was bestowed upon the Lodge for our community service, programs and dedication to the members of Patuxent Lodge. What a year for Patuxent Lodge! Congratulations and thank you to each and every member.



Thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me, electing me as the Worshipful Master for 2019. I am looking forward to a successful year with activities involving our families and friends. I would also like to congratulate the elected and appointed officers. Together, we look forward to moving Patuxent Lodge even further in 2019.

We had a wonderful turnout at our holiday gathering – 38 attended! Everyone enjoyed themselves and Brother Rudy McCumber, PM was the

winner of the “Ugliest Holiday Sweater”. Plans are underway for next year’s holiday gathering, which you won’t want to miss!

Please join us on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 10:00 AM for the Open Installation of Officers. Lunch will be served immediately following the Installation. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

At the Stated Communication on February 2, we will confer the Fellowcraft Degree. Brother Rafael Rodriguez, will be our guest speaker. Immediately following Lodge, the Two Eighteen Holding Corporation will hold their Annual Membership Meeting.

At the February 18, Stated Communication, we will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree.

In March, Brother Paige Johnson, will be our guest speaker, his topic will be on The Masonic Creed. Brother Jose’ Cruz, SW will be in the East. Please come out and support him and the line officers.

Each month, we will honor our brethren on their Masonic Birthdays in the bulletin. Attend Lodge during your Masonic Birthday and let us honor you.

A lot of information and photos are available to members and their family on our Facebook page. Take a moment to join our page to see all that is happening. The page is: Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A. F. & A. M. Check out our web page at www.patuxentlodge218.org to keep up-to-date with current events of the lodge and the lodge calendar.

Finally, we are here to serve you -- please let us know if you or someone in your family has an illness or if you have news to share with the members of your Lodge. If you have not attended Lodge in a while, please contact us so we can assist you in making you comfortable again in joining us at Lodge.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Terry Royce, PM
Worshipful Master
Patuxent Lodge No. 218

From the West

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Brethren,

What a dynamic educational experience 2018 has been. I've traveled and met many brothers in all walks of life that I never would have if it wasn't for Freemasonry. One of the core reasons I'm honored to be a Mason

THANK you members of Patuxent Lodge No. 218 for honoring me by choosing me to be your Senior Warden for the ensuing term. I will use my utmost effort to make the lodge proud as I continue to support the Worshipful Master in continually growing "The 2018 Maryland Lodge of the Year". I'm sure he has a full calendar in store for "2019 that will surpass this 2018 banner year.

I look forward to the continued fellowship, brotherhood and camaraderie that Masonry provides and feel free to contact me with any question pertaining to our lodge. I am proud to serve as Senior Warden of YOUR lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Brother José Cruz Sr.
Senior Warden

From the South

Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do.

Attitude determines how well you do it." — Lou Holtz

Well, 2018 certainly showed what we were capable of doing. We were well motivated. And our attitude was in place to accomplish what we accomplished. I think we did Lou Holtz proud. We certainly did Maryland Masonry proud.

This isn't the end of the story. We have the ability and the motivation to continue what we have been doing and then some.

We can hold our heads up high but being a peacock only leads to a feather duster. We must have the attitude to strive for more. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and your New Year looks bright.

Let's keep the Lodge Alive and Continue our Drive!

If you or someone you know are sick or injured; please let me know.

Conversely, if you know of a positive event (birth of a child, marriage, etc.) please let me know that as well.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Brother Melvin Mason, Jr., PM
Junior Warden

2019 Dues Notice

Brethren,

The 2019 dues notice was mailed in November. If you have not received your dues notice, please contact the Secretary, Melvin Harrison, PM at 301-758-8396.

The Alter

By William R. Fischer

The most important article of furniture in the Lodge is the altar. When we talk about this type of furniture, we intend it to be a chair, a table, a desk, etc. not the symbolic furniture.

Altars in ancient times were made generally of turf and stone. When permanently erected, were cubical and built long before temples. Altars of sacrifice were erected outside, and altars of incense inside. These altars were for sacrifice and incense, only because at this early period the Holy Scripture had not yet been written.

The Masonic altar is both sacrificial and incense. You lay down your passions and vices in an obligation to the All Mighty God as a sacrifice to him. You offer up the thoughts of a pure heart as a fitting incentive to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

The altar is therefore the most Holy place in the Lodge.

Annual Meeting of the Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation

Brethren,

The annual meeting of the Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation will be held immediately following Lodge on Saturday, February, 2, 2019.

Petition for the Degrees of Masonry

George B. Whitehead

Age: 28

Employer-Navy

Petition for Affiliation

Brother Jackson Davis Aiken, Jr.

Age: 77

Retired

Our Deepest Sympathy

Charles White

Born – 11/04/1932

EA – 04/26/1961 – FC – 02/21/1962 – MM –

03/31/1962

Passed – 11/21/2018

**WE WILL CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN OUR
HEARTS... .. AND COMMEND THEIR SOUL TO
GOD WHO GAVE IT.**

****Please Note****

Patuxent Lodge may hold a second communication on the third (3rd) Monday of the month at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Catechism examination may be returned at any stated communication. Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft are welcome to attend all Stated Communications. Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Masons and their families are welcome to attend all open Lodge events.

Trestleboard for January

- Jan. 5** **Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
rescheduled for January 26**
- Jan. 26 10:00 AM** **Open Installation of Officers
Lunch after the Installation Cost: \$10**

Trestleboard for February

- Feb. 2, 10:00 AM** **Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Ballot on Petitions**
- Guest Speaker:** **Brother Rafael Rodriguez, GI
Simon Bolivar - The Man & the Mason
Two Eighteen Temple Holding
Corporation Immediately following
Lodge**
- Feb. 7, 7:30 PM** **School of Instruction-
Exemplification of EA Degree.
Patuxent Lodge Host Lodge**
- Feb. 18, 7:30 PM** **Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Conferral of Entered Apprentice Degree**
- Feb. 23, 9:00 AM** **Grand Lodge Regional Meeting
Centennial Lodge No. 174**

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 2, 10:00 AM** **Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Guest Speaker:
Paige Johnson-The Masonic Creed**

Congratulations!!!

Masonic Birthday - 70 Year Milestone Member

George W. Allen, Jr. PM

**Masonic Birthday - 50 Year Milestone
Members**

Kenneth Jordan

James Spicer

Robert Wilburn, PM

Masonic Birthdays

January

Kenneth Rodeffer - 59 Yrs.

February

Lindsey J. Hammonds - 36 Yrs.

COMMITTEES FOR 2019

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Melvin Mason, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Rick Mubarak; Melvin Harrison, PM

Sickness and Distress

Jose' Cruz, Sr.; Melvin Mason; PM; All Officers

Maryland CHIP Program

Rudy McCumber, PM; Mark Manapul; Alejo Nefalar

By-Laws Committee

Melvin Harrison, PM; William Hines, PM; Rudy McCumber, PM; Carlos Nocentelli

Audit/Budget Committee

Jose' Cruz, Sr.; William Hines, PM; Melvin Harrison, PM; Melvin Mason, PM; Alejo Nefalar

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Wes Sudduth; Harold Santelien; Rodney Balance;

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM; Rick Mubarak; Rodney Balance;

Membership

Rick Mubarak; Rodney Balance; Mark Manapul; Alejo Nefalar

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education

Rick Mubarak; Rodney Balance; Conrado Taguba; Mark Manapul

Lodge Trustees

Marlon Curtis, PM-2019; Kenyatta Galbreth, PM-2020; Rudy McCumber, PM-2021

Scholarship Program

Rudy McCumber, PM; Harold Saintelien; Melvin Mason, PM;

Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation

Rudy McCumber, PM – President

William Hines, PM – Secretary/Treasure

To go paperless and receive the bulletin and updates by email

Contact us at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com Check the calendar at

www.patuxentlodge218.org

for stated meetings; rehearsals; Grand Lodge Schools of Instruction
and other Masonic events.

Find us on Facebook at Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A. M.

Past Masters

1926- 27	U.D.J. Hofferbert *	1971	Kenneth Hardesty*
1927- 28	E. Robertson *	1972	Norman Abney ~ *
1929	Thurston Brown *	1973	Harry Cotton
1930	Floyd Martin *	1974	James Arnold *
1931	Raymond Wilburn *	1975	John Pierce, Jr. PM *
1932	F. Wright, Jr.*	1976	James Hollis *
1933	H. Hotchkiss *	1977	Chilton Walker ~ *
1934	Joseph Rawlings*	1978	James Davis *
1935	Readus Frye *	1979	Raymond Williams, Jr. *
1936	Carl Price *	1980	William Hines PGI, PWAGT
1937	Edwin Staats *	1981	Richard Price ~
1938	E. Gentle *	1982	Wilburn Jones PGI *
1939	F. Colmus *	1983	Gerald Rapson *
1940	Edward Schmidt *	1984	Rudy McCumber
1941	L. Sylvester *	1985	Urban Peters
1942	Eliza Job *	1986	Terry Royce
1943	Preston Tate *	1987	Charlie Smith, Jr. ~
1944	Edwin Fisher *	1988	Richard Gould *
1945	Vernon Keafauver *	1989	John Sullivan ~
1946	C. Hoofring *	1990	Brooks Dodson, Jr. *
1947	Jules DuBost *	1991	David Hamrick \$
1948	Aubrey Amos *	1992	Boris Tenner * PM PGI PWSGS
1949	Charles Wilson *	1993	Melvin Harrison, WPGT PGI
1950	August Duchene *	1994-95	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1951	Norris Robinson *	1994	Leonard Proden + MWPGM-DC
1952	William Alvey *	1996	Urban Peters, PM PGI
1953	C. Hubbard ~ *	1997	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1953	John Ball * #	1998-99	John Gluth PM + *
1954	F. Freeman *	2000-03	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1955	Chester Towns *	2001	Frank Wilburn +
1956	James Patterson *	2002-03	Thomas Mason PGI +
1957	Charles Gidden *	2003-07-09-10	Melvin Mason PGI +
1958	Flory Diehl * PRWSGW	2004	Frank Wilburn PM
1959	Hector Gellerson *	2004	Glynn Owens * #
1960	George Allen, Jr.	2005	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1961	Lloyd Bertholf *	2006-08	Urban Peters, PM PGI
1962	George McCullogh *	2008	James Cloud, Jr. +
1963	Gordon Pearson ~ *	2009	Grover Brewer
1964	Reidar Haug *	2010-11	Terry Royce, PM PWGP
1965	Jesse Ross *	2012	Gerald Poe, Jr.
1966	Joseph Harris *	2012-13	Steven Walls, PM PJGS GI +
1967	William McPherson *	2013-14	Rudy McCumber, PM PJGS PGI
1968	John Pierce, Jr. *	2015	Marlon Curtis
1969	Boris Tenner * PGI	2016	Marlon Curtis, PM
1970	Peter Cleland*	2017	Kenyatta Galbreth
		2018	Terry Royce, PM RWPJGW

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped