

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



July/August 2019

STATED COMMUNICATION

First Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Miguel Banagan, Jr., PGI, RWPJGW; Ron Block, DGL PGI, PGM; Bayani Cassanova, PGI; Hilmer Krebs; Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM; Maurice Rackey; Jesse Villareal, MWPGM (DC)

Worshipful Master's Message

July - August 2019

Brethren, Family and Friends,

Your LODGE has been very active and I wanted to give you a State of the Lodge message. I thought there was no better way to do this, than to share photos with you of events from the first half of 2019. I would like to thank each of you for being a valued member of Patuxent Lodge. Without your support, the lodge could not be involved in so many different community events or supporting the collateral bodies with our charitable endeavors.

Congratulations to Brothers Jermaine Sewell, Calvin Umezurike and Jasonric Villanueva who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at a Special Communication of Patuxent Lodge at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on Friday, May 31.

On Saturday, June 1, we welcomed Brother Jamie Spaulding as he was initiated into Patuxent Lodge.

I made a fraternal visit to Brother Herbert Haney who is 88 years young and has been a proud member of Patuxent/Seat Pleasant Lodge for 61 years.

This year, Patuxent presented six (6) scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Two students at South River High School and two students from Southern High School – both in Anne Arundel County and two students from Suitland High School in Prince George's County.

Patuxent Lodge will hold Stated Communications on Monday, July 15, and Monday, August 19, at 7:30 PM. Business casual will be the dress for summer.

Patuxent Lodge is the host lodge for the religious service for the residents of Bonnie Blink on Sunday, July 21, at 3 PM. You and your family are invited to attend to represent our Lodge. Please plan to join us.

The Patuxent Lodge Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 3, starting at 11:00 AM at the Lodge. Please Invite your family and friends to join us for great afternoon of fun, games, fellowship and food. Food and refreshments will be provided by the Lodge.

Brother John LeRoy, PM will be our guest speaker at our September 7, Stated Communication, his topic: building of the US Flag which is presented by the National Sojourners.

Join us for the Southern Maryland Masonic Picnic on Sunday, September 15, at Gilbert Run Park.

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 know someone interested in Freemasonry, we would be happy to have them attend the meet and greet before any stated communication. If you have not attended Lodge in a while, please contact us so we can assist you in making you comfortable again joining us at Lodge. You will be happy you did!!

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 how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity!

Brethren, now that half of the year has passed along as a tremendous pace, we can look back on what has been a successful 2019 thus far. A plethora of events took place and it gives me great pride to see Patuxent Lodge No.218, again perform well above any preset expectations.

Challenges are always upon us, however, as Brothers, as a Lodge, and as a Craft, we have all stepped up to the plate to exceed and flourish!

As many of you are aware, we had an Entered Apprentice Exemplification and as a lodge we performed extremely well in front of our DGL Bro. Ron Block PM., who stated that it was the best E.A. exemplification he has ever been a part of. To this, I thank ALL of you for the exemplary work you each put in to make to happen. We also gave away several scholarships to deserving high school students. We've given four (4) bikes away to elementary students for perfect attendance. One bike was even given away by Patuxent Elementary School to a student who was in need and never had a bike before. As WM Terry Royce stated, we never know when we are doing good and always are in a small way every day!

We had the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication which was an awesome event to attend and be a part of.

The culmination of it all was not only initiating good men to our beloved fraternity, but the Master Mason Raising of six (6), worthy Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, in Alexandria, VA., conducted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland line Officers, with the current MWGM of Masons in Maryland, Bro. Richard P. Naegele, but also the MWPGM of Masons of Maryland, Bro. Stephen J. Ponzillo III. What an honor to have been present to witness the entire event.

There is still more to do, as our work and service to the Craft is never done. We have catechism schooling, Strawberry Night, and the upcoming Wardens Night, along with National Night Out, the weekly Food Bank and many more functions to come.

As always, I am extremely proud to serve as your Senior Warden of Patuxent Lodge No.218 and will continue to do my best to aid and support each of you as our journey continues.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bro. Jose' Cruz Sr.
Senior Warden

From the South

**"Life is without meaning. You bring the meaning to it. The meaning of life is whatever you ascribe it to be. Being alive is the meaning."
— Joseph Campbell**

The meaning of life is much more complicated than one can adequately describe. We can, however, take Joseph Campbell's words and translate them to Masonry.

It is said that you get out of Masonry what you put into it. In some cases one may get more than they give. That's OK. For now.

Patuxent Lodge has a cadre of dedicated, active, and caring Brothers. Our recent initiates are advancing through the degrees with fervency and zeal. Those recently raised are the next catechism instructors. Our line is bulking up and Past Masters may soon be just grumpy old men on the sidelines. The new MMs are as active as anyone from the start. One does indeed get out of Masonry what is put into it and Patuxent Lodge is alive.

As summer advances towards fall, we don't stop for darkness. We will continue to bring light to new prospects and help advance those in the pipeline. We even will have some odd jobs for the tried and true. Specifically speaking, summer time is a time for fun, picnics, family outings, and learning.

Let's continue with the give and get. We have a lodge picnic coming up for the members and their families. We have a religious service at Bonnie Blink coming up. We have a Southern Maryland picnic on the horizon. We have Summer School of Instruction just around the corner.

Being alive is the meaning of life and Patuxent is certainly alive in every sense of the word.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our gives and takes this summer.

Melvin Mason, Jr., PM
Junior Warden

Sick Report

Marlon Curtis, PM
Norma Edwards (Eric Gronbeck's Grandmother)
Donald Hamilton
Brenda Hamilton (Wife of Donald Hamilton)
Melvin Mason, PM
Ms. Berthene Small (Mother of Rick Mubarak)
Bob Parsley
Conrado Taguba
Felicidad Villanueva (Mother of Jasonric Villanueva)
Frank Wilburn, PM

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.

Melvin Mason, PM, – JW

2019 Dues Notice

Brethren, For those few who have not remitted their 2019 dues, please take a moment to remit your dues. When writing your check, you may make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund or the Charity Fund. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary, Melvin Harrison, PM at 301-758-8396

Congratulations!!!

70 Years

Masonic Birthday Milestone Members

**George W. Allen, Jr. PM
William Heath, Jr.**

50 Years

Masonic Birthday Milestone Members

**Kenneth Jordan
James Spicer
Robert Wilburn, PM**

July Masonic Birthdays

Douglas Cohen – 9 Years
Dennis Dumire – 22 Years
Donald Pelasara, Jr. – 22 Years
Leonard Proden, PGM – 30 Years

August Masonic Birthdays

Rodney Ballance – 22 Years
Conrado Taguba – 1 Year
Stephen Walls, PM - 11 Years
Eugene Zamer, Sr. – 59 Years

July Trestleboard

July 06, 10:00 AM	Regional Fellowcraft Degree St. Alban-Birmingham Lodge No. 233 10800 Edmonston Road Beltsville, MD
July 15, 7:30 PM	Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Dress: Business Casual
July 18, 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge Summer School of Instruction All EA'S, FC's and Master Masons welcome
July 21, 3:00 PM	Patuxent Lodge will host the religious service for the residents of Bonnie Blink 300 International Cir, Cockeysville, MD 21030 All members and their family are invited to attend
July 25, 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge School of Instruction Fellowcraft and Master Masons welcome
July 27, 6:00 PM	Grand Master's Gala "A Night at the Museum" Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Masonic Museum Black Tie Event, Music: "Mutual Fun Band" Cost: \$80 PP Contact the Grand Lodge for tickets 410-527-0600 Grand Lodge Ballroom located at 302 International Drive Cockeysville, MD

August Trestleboard

Aug. 1, 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge Summer School of Instruction Special Topics Master Masons welcome
Aug. 3, 11:00 AM	Patuxent Lodge Family Picnic at the Lodge Invite your family and friends to join us for an afternoon of games, fun, food and friendship. Food and drinks will be provided by the Lodge - Food served at noon.
Aug. 6, 5:00 PM	National Night Out in Shady Side and Upper Marlboro Distributing school supplies
Aug. 8, 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge Summer School of Instruction Master Masons Welcome
Aug. 15, 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge Summer School of Instruction Master Masons welcome
Aug. 19, 7:30 PM	Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Dress: Business Casual
Aug. 22, 7:30 PM	Southern Maryland Wardens Night Patuxent Lodge No. 218 host Lodge Master Mason Degree

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 7, 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
John LeRoy, PM Guest Speaker
Topic: Building of the Flag
Lunch served after the meeting
- Sept. 15, 12:00 PM Southern Maryland Masonic Family Picnic
Bring your family and friends
Food served 2:00 PM: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks provided - bring a covered dish. Games, Door Prizes
Located at Gilbert Run Park @ 13140 Charles, St. La Plata, MD 20646
- Sept. 16, 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
- Oct. 3, 11:00 AM Annual Grand Master's Cup
Registration begins at 11:00 AM
Shotgun Start at 12:00 PM
Cost: \$100 per golfer
Sponsorships Available (Proceeds to benefits: Masonic Charities of Maryland)
Make Checks Payable to Masonic Charities of Maryland
Mail to: Masonic Charities of Maryland
c/o Raoul L. Frevel, Sr.
304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD 21030
Information: Raoul Frevel: 813-393-9645
Oakmont Green Golf Course 2290 Golfview Lane Hampstead, MD 21074
- Oct. 5, 6:30 AM Harvest Home Day at Grand Lodge
Open to all Freemasons and their male guest
\$5 Admission. Sausage, Pancakes and Fellowship Great way to introduce a friend to the fraternity
Corn Hole Competition – 2 man teams, single elimination \$50 per team
Corn Husking Contest – Lodge Teams
Antique Cars, Visit the Library – Museum
- Nov. 16, 10:00 AM Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- Dec. 7, 7:00 PM Ugly Sweater Holiday Party
Start looking for that special ugly sweater and join us for a great night of fun and fellowship

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Scholarship Awards at the Masonic Charities



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Patuxent Scholarship presentation at Southern High School



"2018 Ugly Sweater" Holiday Party



Celebrating Veterans at Charlotte Hall. Over \$10,000 and 2 golf carts were donated to the Veterans.



Golf Classic Hole Sponsor for the DC Scottish Rite



"Strawberry Night 2019"



"Strawberry Night 2019"



Brother George Whitehead initiated on Feb. 18



Patuxent Lodge making a fraternal visit to Annapolis Lodge on April 1



Brother George Allen, PM receiving his 70 Year Masonic Service Award from Grand Master Naegele



Brother James Spicer receiving his 50 Masonic Service Award from Grand Master Richard Naegele



Fraternal visit to Naval Lodge No. 4 in Washington DC

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-2018

Scholarship Program

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

Two Eighteen Temple Holding Corporation

Rudy McCumber, PM – President

William Hines, PM – Secretary/Treasure

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

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Past Masters

1926- 27	U.D.J. Hofferbert *	1971	Kenneth Hardesty*
1927- 28	E. Robertson *	1972	Norman Abney ~ *
1929	Thurston Brown *	1973	Harry Cotten
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 Keafauber *	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, 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, Sr. PM PGI RWPJGW

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped