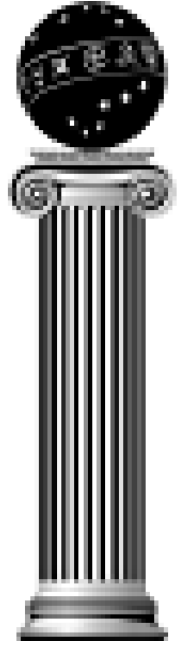
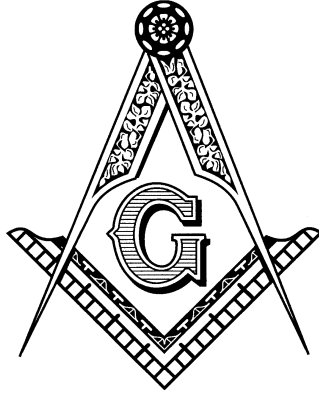
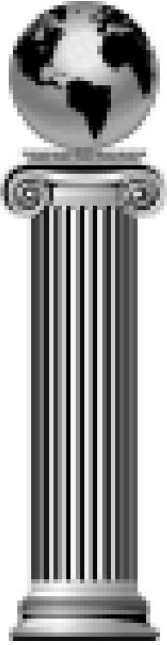


Patuxent Lodge No. 218

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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Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772**

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Patuxent Lodge No. 218

November-December 2014

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

As we draw to the end of another busy year at Patuxent Lodge, we can look back on a job well done with our degree work, fundraisers and social events. We all have a great deal to be thankful for as we head into the holiday season.

Nonetheless, there are still some things ahead of us to prepare for before year's end: the election of officers and the installation of officers. In addition, brethren, also take some time to remember some of the brethren who have experienced some harrowing crises with their health or that of their loved ones. Your prayers and support have helped, so please keep them in your prayers.

You will be receiving your dues notice for 2015, later this month. I encourage you to care of this as soon as possible. Your dues should be submitted by January 1, 2015. We are also requesting that you update your information on the flap of the return envelope. This will enable your Lodge to serve you better. If you have any questions, please call me at 410.610.6094.

I invite all members to the lodge for our monthly meetings and to become active in our activities. Our officers are very active and we always appreciate having volunteers to help and mentor the committees for our several projects.

The end of the year is often one of reflection, one of festivity, and celebrating with friends and family. While it is comforting to look back upon the accomplishments of the year, don't forget to keep in mind those in sickness or distress, our widows, and those less fortunate than yourselves. Have a safe and joyous holiday season, and a very happy new year.

Fraternally yours,
Rudy E. McCumber, PM
Worshipful Master



Message From The West

Brethren,

I would like to thank each and every one of you who sent me cards, emails, phone calls, Facebook messages and provided assistance to me during my cancer removing surgery. Most important of all, I thank you for your prayers which have been heard by God who has given me a blessing of now being cancer free. I still have a long road ahead in my recuperation but you have shown me that I am not alone in this struggle. I love you for that and will cherish it all the days of my life.

Marlon Curtis
Senior Warden

FREEMASONRY IN THE WHITE HOUSE

James Hoban was the architect who designed and supervised the construction of the White House. When the British destroyed this building during the War of 1812, he designed the one replacing it. James Hoban was a Mason. He was probably present when the cornerstone was laid by Maryland Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown on October 13, 1792, with Masonic ceremony. He was also a devout Roman Catholic.

During President Truman's term of office it was necessary to rebuild the White House. In 1952, while the work was in progress, Brother Truman discovered that some of the original stones contained traditional "Mason's marks". He directed that these stones be preserved and delegated the duty to Major General Harry H. Vaughan, Brother Renah F. Camalier, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. These stones were distributed to the Grand Lodges of the United States and to certain territories and foreign governments. On February 22, 1966, the last stone was presented to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association for display in the Temple on Shooter's Hill.

FROM THE SOUTH

Sick Report

Marlon Curtis, SW

Brooks Dodson, Jr. PM

Albert Fallin

Brenda Hamilton
(Wife of Don Hamilton)

Kyle Hamrick
(Grandson of Boris Tenner, PM
(Son of David Hamrick, PM)

Glynn Owens, HPM

Edward Spencer

Frank Wilburn

*Please keep the above listed in your thoughts and prayers,
Wishing you a speedy recovery!*

Congratulations!!!

To our 50 Year Masonic Birthday Milestone Members

Harry Cotten, PM, William Goodman, Joseph Maurer
George Stephenson, Salvatore Tammaro, Kenneth Windsor

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 Royce, PM, JW

Patuxent Lodge Sponsoring a family for Christmas

To donate to this worthy cause, you may mail a check to Patuxent Lodge
No. 218 at P.O. Box 1507 Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732-3202.

Thank you in advance for your support.

2015 Dues

Brethren, you will be receiving your dues notice for 2015, later this month. Please take time to take care of this as soon as possible. Your 2015 dues are due **January 1, 2015**. We are requesting you update your information on the flap of the return envelope. This will enable your Lodge to serve you better. If you do not receive your dues notice by November 17, 2014, please contact Melvin Harrison, PM Secretary at 301-758-8396 or you may email him at melepingit@verizon.net.

Members of the Patuxent Lodge Family needs assistance

Brethren,

Recently, Senior Warden Marlon Curtis had surgery to remove his prostate on September 23, 2014, at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda. Brother Marlon has several co-pays from Specialist and needs medical supplies to be used at home during his recovery with which he needs assistance and he would greatly appreciate it if you can assist him. Marlon would appreciate a phone call and hearing from you.

He can be reached at (H) 202-678-0809 (C) 202-702-5634.

Marlon's address is as follows.

Marlon Curtis

1740 S. St. SE. Apt. 3

Washington, DC 20020

Kyle Hamrick, grandson of Boris Tenner, PM (1969) Seat Pleasant Lodge, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma stage 4, on April 30, 2014. Kyle has had major spinal surgery which was the result of the cancer, Kyle has also spent 65 days receiving chemotherapy in the hospital. When not in the hospital mom (Lisa Hamrick) provides transportation for Kyle so he can receive outpatient treatment and physical therapy on weekly basis.

Kyle is a young man, only 23 years old, strong minded. This news has been a shock for the family, friends and particularly Kyle. Both Kyle and mom have taken a leave of absence from their jobs, the

family is now down to one sole provider, dad David Hamrick, Past Master (1991) of Seat Pleasant Lodge. Kyle also has a sibling, Rachel, who is 17 and graduating this coming school year. Needless to say it has been emotionally and financially difficult on the family. Kyle has medical insurance but it does not pay for everything.

You can mail a check, made payable to Kyle Hamrick, and send to Kyle Hamrick c/o Patuxent Lodge No. 218 P. O. Box 1507 Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732-3202. We will forward the envelopes directly to the Hamrick family.

The Hamrick family appreciates any and all assistance from the Lodge members and their families. Lisa Tenner Hamrick, Kyle's mother, is Past President P. G. Cedarettes and Past Bethel Guardian Bethel #45

Kenneth C. Hardesty, PM of Patuxent Lodge lost his sister and another family member in a tragic house fire on Sept. 20, 2014. There were six adults in the home at the time of the fire. Ken's 20 year old nephew was able to rescue four of the family members in the home. Unfortunately, on his last attempt to save family members, he and another family member were trapped in the staircase and unable to get out of the home. The family has lost everything. Ken's daughter, Karen, was a PHQ of District Heights Bethel, and Ken is a Past Master (1971) of Seat Pleasant Lodge 218 and a Past Associate Grand Guardian of the state of Maryland. A fundraiser has been established to help them rebuild their lives. The website is giveforward.com., this is the Jones/Jenkins Family Fire Fund. Any help would be greatly appreciated by the family as they try to put their lives back together.

The Curtis, Hamrick and Hardesty families have strong ties and a rich history to the Masonic fraternity. I know that we can do a lot to assist them during this time of need.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Rudy McCumber, PM
Worshipful Master
Patuxent Lodge No.218

Trestleboard for November 2014

Nov. 01 @ 10:00 AM	Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Coffee and Donuts served Lunch served after the meeting
Nov. 03 @ 7:00 PM	Officers Rehearsal
Nov. 06 @ 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge School of Instruction Centennial Lodge No. 174 Master Masons Welcome
Nov. 11 @ 7:30 PM 6:00 PM	Wardens Night at Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 179 4207 Gallatin St. Hyattsville, MD 20781 Dinner
Nov. 14 @ 6:00 PM	The Grand Master's Banquet Grand Lodge Ballroom. Dress Formal, Cash Bar Reception 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Cost \$56.00 per person. Contact the Grand Lodge for tickets at 410-527-0600 No tickets sold at the door
Nov. 15 @ 10:00 AM	228th Grand Lodge Annual Communication Lunch tickets \$20.00 per person Lunch will be from 12:00 PM til 1:00 PM Lunch reservations are a must, contact the Grand Lodge Office for tickets at 410-527-0600 <i>before</i> November 7, 2014 Credit Cards and Checks accepted. No tickets sold at the door
Nov. 15 @ 7:00 PM	Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers at Grand Lodge Dinner 5:30 PM Open Installation 7:00 PM. Dinner \$28.00 per person, dinner tickets are a must. Contact Grand Lodge Office at 410-527-0600 for tickets <i>before</i> November 7, 2014. Credit Cards and Checks accepted. No tickets sold at the door
Nov. 27	Happy Thanksgiving

Trestleboard for December 2014

Dec. 04 @ 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge School Instruction Centennial Lodge No. 174
Dec. 06 @ 10:00 AM 9:00 AM	Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Election of Officers Coffee and Donuts Lunch served after the meeting
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas

Masonic Birthdays

November

Harry Cotten, PM - 50 Yrs.

Charles Dean - 46 Yrs.

William Ellin - 40 Yrs.

William Hinton, III - 23 Yrs.

Byron Jones - 44 Yrs.

Blaine Massey - 28 Yrs.

Thomas Murphy - 47 Yrs.

Howard Simons, Jr. - 22 Yrs.

December

Laurence Ben - 3 Yrs.

David Boggs - 54 Yrs.

Grover Brewer, PM - 26 Yrs.

Wayne Deen - 37 Yrs.

Kenyatta Galbreth - 3 Yrs

William Heath, Jr. - 65 Yrs.

Kenneth Jordan - 45 Yrs.

Rudy McCumber, PM - 35 Yrs.

Robert Micer - 47 Yrs.

Glynn Owens, HPM - 47 Yrs.

James Powell - 38 Yrs.

DATES IN MASONIC HISTORY

November 1, 1922, the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia, was laid in a Masonic ceremony

November 4, 1752, George Washington received his Entered Apprentice degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia

November 26, 1737, a letter to the editor appeared in the *New York Gazette* newspaper, criticizing the secrecy of Freemasons and the words of the obligations' penalties (as disclosed in a previous exposé of Freemasonry). This appears to have been the first anti-masonic effort in the colonies that became the United States

November 28, 1884, Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, in London, England, the first research lodge in the world, received its warrant

November 28, 1911, Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. President 1933-1945) received his 3rd degree

December 5, 1730, Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette* included news about several Lodges of Free-Masons meeting in that "province." Franklin was not yet a Freemason when his newspaper printed this item

December 9, 1999, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. voted to recognize the Grand Lodge of D.C.

December 14, 1994, the United Grand Lodge of England issued a statement that it found the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the source of all Prince Hall Masonry in the United States, to be regular and deserving of recognition

December 15, 1779, American Union Lodge, a traveling lodge under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, met and proposed that George Washington become the General Grand Master of Masons in the United States. There is no evidence that Washington ever heard about this, and no evidence that he ever held any Masonic position other than Master of a Lodge

December 18, 1799, George Washington's funeral was conducted in Masonic fashion, at Mount Vernon, Virginia

December 22, 1753, the Royal Arch degree was conferred in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia. This is the first unquestioned evidence of the conferral of this degree

December 26, 1972, Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States, Past Grand Master of Missouri, and a very active Freemason, died. He had requested a Masonic funeral, but instead the government, which handled the details, permitted a short Masonic ceremony during the funeral service

December 27, 1813, The Grand Officers and Brethren of the United Grand Lodge of England consummated the union of the Moderns and Ancients into the UGLE

COMMITTEES FOR 2014

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Marlon Curtis, SW - Chairman

Darryl Duty, Frank Wilburn, PM, Tim Murphy

Sickness and Distress

Terry Royce, PM, JW - Chairman

Maryland Chip Program

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

By Laws Committee

William Hines, PM - Chairman

Marlon Curtis, SW; Rudy McCumber, PM, WM

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

Audit/Budget Committee

Rudy McCumber, PM, WM; Marlon Curtis, SW;

Terry Royce, PM; William Hines, PM;

Melvin Harrison, PM; Harold Saintelien

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Terry Royce, PM - Chairman

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM - Chairman

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education Committee

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

Lodge Trustees

David Amstutz - 2014

Gerald Poe Jr., PM - 2015

George Baxter-2016

Temple Holding Corporation

Terry Royce Sr., PM President

Darryl Duty, Vice President

William Hines, PM Secretary/Treasurer

Honorary Members of Patuxent Lodge

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM

Maurice Rackey; Hilmer Krebs; James Seawell;

Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM of Maryland,

Bayani Casanova, PM, PGI

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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.

PAST MASTERS

1926 -27 U.D. J. Hofferbert *	1970 Peter Cleland *
1927 E. Roberson *	1971 Kenneth Hardesty
1928 E. Roberson *	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. Wight, 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 Elza 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 PWGS
1949 Charles Wilson *	1992 William Thomas + *
1950 August Duchene *	1993 Melvin Harrison PGI PWGT
1951 Norris Robinson *	1994-95 Oswald Lockard PM + *
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 Towers *	2001 Frank Wilburn +
1956 James Patterson *	2002-03 Thomas Mason PGI +
1957 Charles Glidden *	2003 Glynn Owens #
1958 Flory Diehl * PRWSGW	2003-07-09-10 Melvin Mason PGI +
1959 Hector Gellerson *	2004 Frank Wilburn PM
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 *	2011 Ricky Thompson +
1966 Joseph Harris *	2012 Gerald Poe, Jr.
1967 William McPherson *	2012-13 Steven Walls, PM PJGS +
1968 John Pierce, Jr.	2013 Rudy McCumber PM, GI
1969 Boris Tenner * PGI	

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped