# Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. J. 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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# Officers for 2013

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## **Grand Lodge Officers Assigned to Patuxent Lodge No. 218**

Mike Banagan, PM	Grand Inspector
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Ron Block, PM	Deputy Grand Lecturer
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# Patuxent Lodge No. 218 November/December 2013 WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

The cold weather has arrived and the holidays are now upon us. I hope that you and your families are doing well. Our first stated meeting in November will be Wardens night. I know that our Senior and Junior Wardens have a terrific meeting planned for us on Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. Also, do not forget the Annual Grand Lodge Communication set for Nov. 16 beginning at 10 a.m.

In December, I encourage you to attend our stated meeting as we elect our officers for 2014.

We have had a great year and I appreciate all of your continued efforts in support of our lodge and the surrounding community. Together, we do make a difference.

Enjoy the approaching holiday season with your friends and family and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Best, Rudy E. McCumber, PM Worshipful Master

#### **Awaiting EA Catechism**

Ermon Branch Tim Chandler Brian Lynch Carlos Valenzuela

#### Awaiting FC Catechism

George Baxter Eric Gronbeck

We salute Norman Lynch on the exceptional job he did for the Cheltenham Veterans nursing home visitation program. THANK YOU for all your hard work!

#### From The South

If you or someone in your family is ill or if you have some good news you would like to share with the members of the Lodge, please contact me.

# Sick Report

Laurence Ben
Brooks C. Dodson, Jr., PM
Albert I. Fallin
Glynn H. Owens, HPM
Belmont Royce
Edward Spencer
Mary H. Sullivan (wife of Sam Sullivan)

# Wishing you a speedy recovery!

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Terry & Kristen Royce

(Son and daughter in-law of Nancy & Terry L. Royce)

On the birth of their first child,

Kelsey J. Royce

October 11, 2013 - 7 lb. 3 oz.

# **Trestleboard for November 2013**

Nov. 02 @ 8:00 AM 11.00 AM	Breakfast Marlboro Chapter No. 61 Eastern Star Chapter Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Toast and Sausage & Gravy
	Coffee, OJ, Tea
	Cost: Donation
Nov. 02 @ 10:00 AM	Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Stated Communication
	Wardens Day - Senior and Junior Wardens will conduct
	the meeting and plan the program.
	Entered Apprentice & Fellow Craft Catechism.
	Lunch following the meeting
Nov. 07 @ 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge School of Instruction
	at Centennial Lodge 174. Senior & Junior Wardens
Nov. 12 @ 7:30 PM	Joint District Wardens Night
	Camp Springs Lodge No. 227
6:30 PM	RSVP for Diner Cost: Donation
	RSVP WM Gerry Geronimo @ gerryusa.yahoo.com
	Eric E. Gronbeck of Patuxent lodge will receive his

Master Mason Degree

#### Trestleboard for November continued

Nov. 28

Nov. 15 @ 6:00 PM Grand Master's Ball

Tickets \$50.00 each

Contact Grand Lodge for tickets No tickets will be sold at the door

Nov. 16 @10:00 AM Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Lunch tickets \$17.00

No one admitted without ticket Contact Grand Lodge for tickets

Nov. 16 @ 7:00 PM Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers

Dinner Tickets - \$25.00 each - Deadline November 1st

Contact the Grand Lodge for Tickets

No tickets sold at the event Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Trestleboard for December 2013

Dec. 05 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction

at Centennial Lodge 174

Discussion on open and closed Installations

Dec. 07 @ 10:00 AM Stated Communication

Coffee and Donuts

Election of Officers for 2014 Lunch served after the meeting

Blessings to you and your family throughout the holidays and Happy New Year!

# **Interesting Masonic Facts**

**Otto Elmo Lincoln** (1889-1952) for five years commencing in 1918 was the original "**Tarzan**" of the screen. He was raised on Nov. 19, 1917, in Elysian Lodge No. 418, Los Angeles, CA

**Meriwether Lewis** - (August 18, 1774 – October 11, 1809) was an American explorer, soldier, and public administrator, best known for his role as the leader of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Lewis was a Freemason, initiated, passed and raised in Door to Virtue Lodge No. 44 in Albemarle, Virginia between 1796 and 1797. On August 2, 1808, Lewis and several of his acquaintances submitted a petition to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requesting dispensation to establish a lodge in St. Louis, Missouri. Lewis was nominated and recommended to serve as the first Master of the proposed Lodge, which was warranted as Lodge No. 111 on September 16, 1808.

# **Masonic Birthdays**

# **November**

Harry M. Cotton, PM	49	Years
Charles L. Dean	45	Years
William W. Ellin	39	Years
William G. Hinton, III	22	Years
Byron L. Jones	43	Years
Blaine W. Massey	27	Years
Thomas E. Murphy	46	Years
Howard L. Simons, Jr.	21	Years

Total Masonic Years 292 Years

# **December**

Laurence A. Ben	2	Years
David H. Boggs	53	Years
Grover D. Brewer, PM	25	Years
Wayne M. Deen	36	Years
Kenyatta M. Galbreth	2	Years
William I. Heath, Jr.	64	Years
Kenneth R. Jordan	44	Years
Rudy E. McCumber, PM	34	Years
Robert E. Micer	46	Years
Glynn H. Owens, HPM	46	Years
James H. Powell	37	Years
Total Masonic Years	389	Years

#### **COMMITTEES FOR 2013**

**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

**Brother-to-Brother Program** 

Marlon K. Curtis, SW - Chairman - Assisted by all officers

**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** 

Norman Lynch - 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** 

Terry L. Royce, PM, - 2013

David E. Amstutz - 2014

Gerald F. Poe Jr., PM - 2015

**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, PGI

Check the calendar at 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\* 1977 Chilton T. Walker ~ \* 1934 Joseph E. Rawlings\* 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, WPAGT 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 \$ 1992 Boris Tenner\*PM PGI WPSGS 1949 Charles M. Wilson\* 1950 August A. Duchene\* 1992 William H. Thomas + \* 1951 Norris C. Robinson\* 1993 Melvin E. Harrison PGI WPGT 1952 William T. Alvey\* 1994 Oswald L. Lockard + PM\* 1995 Oswald L. Lockard + PM\* 1953 C. S. Hubbard ~ \* 1953 John E. Ball \*# 1996 Urban T. Peters PM PGI 1954 F. L. Freeman\* 1997 Oswald L. Lockard + PM\* 1955 G. Chester Towers\* 1998 John R. Gluth PM + \* 1956 James W. Patterson\* 1999 John R. Gluth PM + \* 1957 Charles T. Glidden\* 2000-03 Oswald L. Lockard + PM\* 2001 R. Frank Wilburn + 1958 S. Flory Diehl\* PSGW 1959 Hector D. Gellerson\* 2003 Glynn H. Owens # 2004 R. Frank Wilburn PM 1960 George W. Allen, Jr. 2005 Oswald L. Lockard + PM\* 1961 Lloyd B. Bertholf\* 2006-08 Urban T. Peters PM PGI 1962 George J. McCullogh\* 1963 Gordon W. Pearson ~ \* 2008 James W. Cloud, Jr. + 1964 Reidar Haug \* 2009 Grover D. Brewer 1965 Jesse J Ross\* 2010-11Terry L. Royce, PM WPGP 1966 Joseph M. Harris \* 2012 Gerald F. Poe, Jr. 1967 C. William McPherson\* 2012 Steven W. Walls + 1968 John E. Pierce, Jr.

<sup>\*</sup> Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

#### ARTICLE XVI

Subordinate Lodges

(Old language in brackets), new language underlined

Section 7, Membership H, Suspension, Non-Payment of Dues and Assessments - Any member of a lodge who fails to pay his regular dues and the per capita assessment for support and maintenance of the Masonic Homes for (one year) six months shall be suspended, without trial, effective on (December 31) June 30 of the year of his delinquency.

- 1. The Notice to a member of the intention to suspend shall explain the penalty for which he renders himself liable for non-payment of dues and assessments, which includes the loss by him and his dependents of eligibility for admission to the Maryland Masonic Homes. The notice shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipts requested, to his residence if known, or if unknown then to the address of his last known residence, which shall be deemed a legal notice. This notice shall be sent at least one week prior to (December 1) June 1, and at least 30 days prior to action being taken on his delinquency by the Lodge. Proof of notice shall be maintained by the lodge and recorded in the minutes of its proceedings,
- 2. The Lodge shall take action to suspend a delinquent member at its first (or second) regular communication (in January) on or after July 1. The suspension shall be effective as of (December 31) June 30, and the suspended member's name shall not be included in the returns of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary.
- 3. Notice of suspension shall include a statement of how a suspended member may regain his membership. It shall be sent promptly by registered or certified mail to his residence if known, or if unknown, then to the address of his last known residence.
- 4. If a member thus suspended pays all of his arrearage plus the cost of all notices and postage associated with his suspension, within six months from the date of his suspension, he shall automatically be reinstated to all the rights and privileges of Masonry. Failing to do so within six months, he may be reinstated only by paying all arrearages up to the time of his suspension plus the cost of all notices and postage associated with his suspension and petitioning the Lodge for reinstatement.
- 5. If a member pays his arrearage plus the cost of all notices and postage after six months and his petition for reinstatement is rejected, he becomes an unaffiliated Mason. He may then petition any other Lodge for affiliation. 6. Nothing herein shall affect the right of the Lodge to remit the dues, per capita tax and assessment of a member.

Note: This Proposed Amendment would become effective beginning with dues and assessments due for the year 2014.