

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



September/October 2019

STATED COMMUNICATION

First Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Worshipful Master's Message

September – October

Brethren, Family and Friends,

Summertime is typically a time of vacations and relaxation, evidently the membership of Patuxent Lodge didn't receive the memo. Patuxent Lodge has been extremely active this summer. Members and their families marched in a parade in 100 degree heat, held a well-attended lodge family picnic, sponsored the religious service for the residents of Bonnie Blink, distributed school supplies at National Night Out, assisted the local food bank and attended a DeMolay meeting and their Installation of Officers. Thank you to all who participated in these activities over the summer!

As the humid days become cooler and we look forward to the change of seasons, so too does change comes to Patuxent Lodge. I hope you will take advantage of many the upcoming events listed elsewhere in the Bulletin

The By-Law proposals were accepted by the membership and will take effect on January 1, 2020.

Congratulations to brothers Kenji Darby, Marc Hunter, Willie McAllister, IV, Christopher Munar and George Whitehead who were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at the Southern Maryland Wardens Night on Thursday, August 22.

Brother John LeRoy, PM will be our guest speaker at the September 7, Communication.

Patuxent Lodge will not hold a Stated Communication on Saturday, October 5, due to Harvest Home Day at Grand Lodge beginning at 6 AM. Open to all Masons and their male guest.

The Final Grand Lodge Assessment will take place next year, an explanation of this increase is elsewhere in the bulletin.

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. 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 L. Royce, Sr., PM
Worshipful Master

From the West

What **we have done for ourselves** alone dies with us; what **we have done for others** and the world remains and **is immortal.**" Bro. Albert Pike

My fellow Brothers, this has once again been a very busy year for Patuxent Lodge No.218 as we have done quite a bit to not only enhance ourselves but to enhance others within the fraternity as well as outside the Fraternity.

As what Bro. Albert Pike stated in his quote, it's what we have done for others that shall remain forever etched into the annals of immortality.

What have we done? From the start of the year until now and what is to come, for us is endless! Weekly Food Bank, visiting and staying in contact with the sick, raising Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Virginia, Perfect Attendance Bike Give-Aways, Strawberry Night, Deale Parade, passing over 30 Brothers to the Fellow Craft Degree, Grand Master's Ball, and of course, Wardens Night to where 8 worthy Brothers have been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

What else have I personally seen within the lodge? I have seen our current Worshipful Master, educate Brothers and allowing us all to grow, from teaching catechism classes to moving up chairs to become better officers as well as better Masons. During exemplifications I personally seen Brothers from our lodge, Patuxent Lodge No.218 come together and fill in chairs to put on a fantastic performance!

There is still plenty to do as we get ready to close out 2019, as our upcoming voting for officers for 2020, as well as our 2nd annual Christmas gathering of family and friends and Brothers!

Bro. Albert Pike stated it clearly in his quote, and I believe Patuxent Lodge No. 218 has exhibited such traits that demonstrates the immortal works, we have done.

I am fortunate to be with such brethren and to be able to continue the good works that this lodge as portrayed through my short time as a Freemason.

It is once again my pleasure to serve as your Senior Warden and it is my hope that I can continue to help our lodge and the Craft grow exponentially. And to the younger members of the Craft, I am looking forward to seeing each of you as you continue to embark on your journey to further light in Masonry!

Bro. Jose' Cruz Sr.
Senior Warden

From the South

"If you wish to succeed in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius."

— Joseph Addison

Hum! Just what does that have to do with Masonry? Success, perseverance, experience, caution, and hope. This is starting to sound like a Masonic theme.

This summer, the Lodge has been very busy. Very busy in Masonic work. Very busy in community work. Very busy in family work (or play).

The number of candidates and brothers that have progressed through the degrees is really remarkable. The success of the brothers in advancing shows the perseverance they have exhibited to advance. Sounds like a little hope was involved in this along the way.

We have a dedicated group of younger brothers that see the needs of the Lodge to have a vibrant and active line. With caution, they are moving forward under the experience of wise counsel and mentoring. We have what seems to be a full squad ready to put the grumpy PMs on the sidelines and, with perseverance, making a proficient cadre of officers.

It helps that there has been an excellent turnout at the Summer School of Instruction, the Law class, the rehearsals, and the catechism classes. Again gaining experience through perseverance and with caution hoping to become proficient in a chair or two. Or, maybe, becoming a proficient sideliner. Not all members want and need to be in the line.

The family has been exceptional in support of the members and the lodge. A very successful Strawberry Night, followed by the Grand Lodge Picnic, and topped by the lodge summer picnic. The Lodge's support of the youth organizations has been noted and appreciated by them.

Not the last or the least is the Lodge's commitment to the community. Bike for attendance, Scholarships, Food Bank, Charlotte Hall Visits, National Night Out. Throwing caution to the wind, the Lodge has not been slow to jump into the challenges and the rewards associated for being well integrated into the community.

As a lodge, Patuxent is following Joseph Addison's wise advice. Then going leaps further.

I am proud of Patuxent for what it does. I think we all can hold our heads up with pride and be ever ready to face the challenges and tasks that are ahead of us. However, like rust, we can't stop.

Sick Report

Jack Aiken
Brenda Aliff
(Jack Aiken's Girlfriend)
Doug Cohen
Marlon Curtis, PM
Debbie Curtis
(Wife of Marlon Curtis, PM)
Norma Edwards
(Eric Gronbeck's Grandmother)

Donald Hamilton
Brenda Hamilton
(Wife of Donald Hamilton)
Thomas Mason, PM
PGM Stephen J. Ponzillo III
Belmont Royce
Felicidad Villanueva
(Mother of Jasonric Villanueva)

Our Deepest Sympathy

Ms. Berthene Small
(Mother of Rick Mubarak)

Please keep the above mentioned and their families in your thoughts and prayers

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 wish to 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!!!

To our 70 Year Masonic Birthday Milestone Members

George W. Allen, Jr. PM

William Heath, Jr.

To our 50 Year Masonic Birthday Milestone Members

Kenneth Jordan

James Spicer

Robert Wilburn, PM

Masonic Birthdays

September

Stephen Cumberland - 56 Yrs.

Ancel Dolinger - 63 Yrs.

Alex Falanga - 4 Yrs.

Robert Hight, Jr., PM – 7 Yrs.

Frank Kamm - 39 Yrs.

Benjamin Kamm - 39 Yrs.

Robert Parsley – 5 yrs.

Larry Stoner - 4 Yrs.

William Sudduth - 4 Yrs.

Zachary Waterfield - 4 Yrs.

Robert Wilburn, PM - 50 Yrs.

Arnie Williams - 54 Yrs.

Eugene Zamer, Jr. - 34 Yrs.

October

Kenneth Cooper - 8 Yrs.

Herbert Haney – 62 Yrs.

Brian Lynch - 7 Yrs.

George Stephenson - 55 Yrs.

September Trestleboard

- 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

October Trestleboard

- Oct. 3, 11:00 AM Annual Grand Master's Golf 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 and, 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
- Oct. 13, 3:00 PM Maryland Museum Gala
\$60 PP prior to Oct. 6
Refreshments 3:00 -5:00 PM
Music: The Fabulous Hubcaps
Dress: Business Casual
Contact the Grand Lodge for tickets 410-527-0600
- Oct. 21, 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Entered Apprentice Degree

Upcoming Events

Nov. 02, 10:00 AM	Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Nov. 16, 10:00 AM	Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Nov. 18, 7:30 PM	Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Dec. 7, 10:00 AM	Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Election of Officers
Dec. 7, 7:00 PM	Ugly Sweater Holiday Party Start looking for that special sweater and join us for a great night of fun and fellowship

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Petition for the Degrees of Masonry

Stephan Mulrain

Age: 28

Physical Therapist

Grand Lodge Assessment Increase

The Grand Lodge of Maryland voted in May of 2018, to increase the annual assessments of the membership by \$10 in 2019 and 2020.

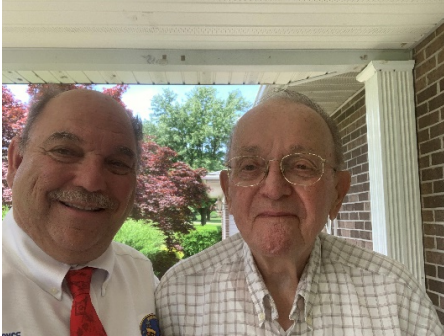
The last increase in the assessment was in 2003. This increase from \$36 to \$46 is necessary to keep up with the rising cost of operating (electricity, insurance and upkeep of the buildings) the Grand Lodge Buildings, Grounds and Bonnie Blink. The final increase will appear in your 2020 dues statement which will be coming out shortly. Patuxent Lodge dues are tied to the Social Security Cola and will be adjusted accordingly.



Brothers Jermaine Sewell, Calvin Umezurike and Jasonric Villanueva raised on May 31.



Winners of the Perfect Attendance Challenge from Tracy's Elementary School.



Brother Herbert Haney, 88 years young and a 61 year member of Patuxent Lodge



Certificate of Appreciation being presented to Patuxent Lodge from Patuxent Elementary



Brother Jamie Spaulding initiated on June 1 with the officers of Patuxent Lodge



Patuxent Lodge Scholarships being presented at Suitland High School



Winners of the Perfect Attendance Challenge from Patuxent Elementary School



Brother George Whitehead initiated on Feb. 18



Congratulations to the newest members of Patuxent Lodge No. 218. Brothers George Whitehead, Kenji Darby, Christopher Munar, Willie McAllister, IV and Marc Hunter who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Wardens Night on Thursday, August 22, 2019.



Members of Patuxent Lodge and their families participating in the Deale Firemen's Parade



8 Worthy brothers of Patuxent Lodge passed to the degree of Fellowcraft



Patuxent Lodge sponsored religious service for the residents of Bonnie Blink



Patuxent Lodge Family Picnic



Bowie-Collington DeMolay Installation of Officers

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 Ballance;

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM; Rick Mubarak; Rodney Ballance;

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

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

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped