# Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732-3202 Patuxent Lodge No. 218 P.O. Box 1507

## Jobs Daughters breakfast-Adults \$7 Children \$5 Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers for Stated Meeting - Election of Officers for 2012 Dinner-Tickets must be purchased in advance End-of-year Celebration - Please join is as we Wardens Day - Master Mason Degree. Stated Meeting - Past Masters Night Coffee and Donuts Stated Meeting Dinner 10:00 AM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM 8:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon $_{\emptyset}$ Dec.

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November/December 2011 Edition

# PATUXENT LODGE No. 218 Officers for 2011

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Terry Royce, PM (Nancy)	Worshipful Master		
Gerald F. Poe, Jr. (Toni)	Senior Warden		
Marlon K. Curtis (Deborah)	Junior Warden		
Melvin E. Harrison, PM (Earlene)	Secretary		
William D. Hines, PM (Janet)	Treasurer		
James W. Cloud Jr., PM (Melissa)	Senior Deacon		
Rudy McCumber, PM	Junior Deacon		
Timothy Murphy	Senior Steward		
Vacant	Junior Steward		
David E. Amstutz (Maryann)	Chaplain		
Glynn H. Owens, HPM (Pauline)	Marshal		
Maurice H. Rackey (Joan)	Tyler		
Grand Lodge Officers Assigned Patuxent Lodge			
Bayani Casanova, PM	Grand Inspector		
Ron Block, PM	Deputy Grand Lecturer		

## **PAST MASTERS**

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1926 -27 U.D. J. L. Hofferbert *	1968 John E. Pierce, Jr.	
1927 E. F. Roberson*	1969 Boris Tenner* PGI	
1928 E. F. Roberson*	1970 Peter Cleland*	
1929 Thurston G. Brown*	1971 Kenneth C.Hardesty	
1930 Floyd F. Martin*	1972 Norman E. Abney ~ *	
1931 H. Raymond Wilburn*	1973 Harry M. Cotton	
1932 F. L. Wight, Jr.*	1974 James K. Arnold*	
1933 H. W. Hotchkiss*	1975 John E. Pierce, Jr. PM	
1934 Joseph E. Rawlings*	1976 James H. Hollis*	
1935 Readus M. Frye*	1977 Chilton T. Walker ~ *	
1936 Carl E. Price*	1978 James A. Davis*	
1937 Edwin J. Staats*	1979 Raymond A. Williams, Jr.*	
1938 E. G. Gentle*	1980 William D. Hines PGI	
1939 F. R. Colmus*	1981 Richard T. Price ~	
1940 Edward H. Schmidt*	1982 Wilburn H. Jones PGI*	
1941 L. N. Sylvester*	1983 Gerald R. Rapson	
1942 Elza Job *	1984 Rudy McCumber	
1943 Preston Tate*	1985 Urban T. Peters	
1944 Edwin M. Fisher*	1986 Terry L. Royce	
1945 Vernon Keafauver*	1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr. ~	
1946 C. H. E. Hoofring*	1988 Richard H. Gould*	
1947 Jules DuBost*	1989 John F. Sullivan ~	
1948 Aubrey E. Amos*	1990 Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.	
1949 Charles M. Wilson*	1991 David N. Hamrick \$	
1950 August A. Duchene*	1992 Boris Tenner*PM PGI PSGS	
1951 Norris C. Robinson*	1992 William H. Thomas +	
1952 William T. Alvey*	1993 Melvin E. Harrison PGI PWGT	
1953 C. S. Hubbard ~ *	1994 Oswald L. Lockard + PM*	
1953 John E. Ball *#	1995 Oswald L. Lockard + PM*	
1954 F. L. Freeman*	1996 Urban T. Peters PM PGI	
1955 G. Chester Towers*	1997 Oswald L. Lockard + PM*	
1956 James W. Patterson	1998 John R. Gluth PM + *	
1957 Charles T. Glidden*	1999 John R. Gluth PM + *	
1958 S. Flory Diehl* PSGW	2000-03 Oswald L. Lockard + PM*	
1959 Hector D. Gellerson*	2001 R. Frank Wilburn +	
1960 George W. Allen, Jr.	2003 Glynn H. Owens #	
1961 Lloyd B. Bertholf*	2004 R. Frank Wilburn PM	
1962 George J. McCullogh*	2005 Oswald L. Lockard + PM*	
1963 Gordon W. Pearson ~ *	2006-08 Urban T. Peters PM PGI	
1964 Reidar Haug *	2008 James W. Cloud, Jr. +	
1965 Jesse J Ross*	2009 Grover D. Brewer	
1966 Joseph M. Harris *	2010 Terry L. Royce, PM	
1967 C. William McPherson*		

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

#### **COMMITTEES FOR 2011**

#### **Communication Committee** (telephone)

Gerald F. Poe, Jr., SW - Chairman

#### **Sickness and Distress**

Marlon K. Curtis, JW - Chairman

#### **Brother-to-Brother Program**

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

#### Maryland Chip Program Chairman

Rudy McCumber, PM

#### **By Laws Committee**

William D. Hines, PM - Chairman

Gerald F. Poe, Jr., SW; Rudy McCumber, PM, JD

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

#### **Audit/Budget Committee**

Terry L. Royce, PM, WM; Gerald F. Poe, Jr., SW;

Marlon K. Curtis, JW; William D. Hines, PM;

Melvin E. Harrison, PM; Rudy McCumber, PM

#### **Blood Bank Program**

Glynn H. Owens, HPM - Chairman

#### **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home**

Norman Lynch - Chairman

#### Widow's Program

William D. Hines, PM - Chairman

#### **Lodge Trustees**

Terry L. Royce, PM - 2013

Rudy McCumber, PM - 2012

David E. Amstutz - 2011

#### **Temple Holding Corporation**

David E. Amstutz, President

Ray Wilburn, 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, MWGM of Maryland,

Ralph W. Moore, PM, PGI, Jesse Villarreal, MWGM of DC

## Patuxent Lodge No. 218 November - December 2011 WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

#### Brethren,

As the seasons change and the days become shorter, the air gets cooler and Mother Nature displays her beautiful array of colors across the landscape. Take time to enjoy all that Mother Nature has to offer. The same is with Masonry, take time to enjoy all that the Fraternity has to offer. The warm smile and firm handshake of a brother telling you he's happy to see you. The pat on the back of a brother saying "hope to see you soon" or sitting down to lunch, enjoying good conversation with brothers and making new friends. As the seasons come and go each year, we all say, I need to get back to lodge, but I don't know anybody or I have forgotten some things and I don't want to ask anyone. We are here to help everyone feel comfortable in their lodge. Now is the time my Brothers, don't let another season pass you by before you attend lodge and enjoy all that Masonry has to offer.

Your lodge, the officers and members have been very busy this past year and a great deal has been accomplished.

We have hosted community events such as the MDCHIP program and have also facilitated students by helping them earn their community service hours to graduate high school in return for their assistance with the this program. Through the Maryland Masonic Charities Scholarship Program, Patuxent Lodge sponsored four high schools (two in PG County, two in Anne Arundel County). Two of our students were recipients of a scholarship from the Grand Lodge.

We have initiated four men this year; raised three; and we had two men affiliate with our lodge.

A new web site was created when the lodge changed their name and we have received many favorable comments about our web page.

None of this was done by one man, but by the dedicated officers and members who had a desire to see Patuxent Lodge grow, prosper and move forward. I will always be thankful to the officers and members who assisted whenever needed.

On November 5 our stated meeting will be Wardens Day, come out as

#### Worshipful Master (continued)

the area wardens from Districts 8 and 17 confer the Master Mason degree. The Jobs Daughters will have a breakfast starting at 8:00 AM. Lunch will follow our stated meeting.

On November 21, we will honor the Past Masters of our Lodge with dinner beginning at 6:30 PM and lodge starting promptly at 7:30 PM.

December 3 at 8:30 AM is our last stated meeting of the year. We will hold elections for officers for the coming year and we will confer an EA Degree. We will have an end-of-year celebration with a covered dish dinner open to family and friends of Patuxent Lodge. Please plan to join us and bring your wife.

The lodge takes many brothers to operate and I could not write my last bulletin without thanking them. Brothers Mel Harrison, PM, and Bill Hines, PM, for the outstanding job you do as Secretary and Treasurer. Your support and tireless effort to your lodge and the officers is appreciated.

Brother Rudy E. McCumber, PM, for the fantastic MDCHIP (7) events this Lodge held and the 500 children this Lodge provided identification packages for over the last two years. I am truly grateful for your support.

Brothers Gerald F. Poe, Marlon Curtis, James Cloud, PM, David Amstutz and Timothy Murphy for helping where needed in all the events and degrees, supporting the lodge, and making sure everything went well.

Brother Maurice Rackey, for taking care of us and our refreshments. Brother Maurice I appreciate everything you do!

Brother Frank Wilburn, PM, for getting the mailing together and sending out the birthday cards, assisting with refreshments and filling in the chairs where needed at the last minute.

Brother Ralph Moore, PM, for being our ritualist and listening to all of our mistakes.

Brother Norman Lynch for all of your visitations at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Brothers Alton Butler and Norwilton Murray for helping with the degrees as officers and assisting with refreshments.

Brother Darryl Duty for assisting with the school of instruction, the design of the web page and all the signs made for the MDCHIP program.

Brothers Ron Block and Bayani Casanova for the assistance you have provided to Patuxent Lodge and the many other lodges in our district.

To the members and families who donated to the Cornerstone Club. Thank you so much for your support.

I would like to take this opportunity, to thank the many non-Masonic

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO BE BALLOTED ON AT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, NOVEMBER 19, 2011

As proposed with new paragraph added in italics:

#### **DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES**

Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society adhering to its own Landmarks. Its principles are proclaimed as widely as men will hear. Its only secrets are in its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction.

It is charitable in that it is not organized for profit and none of its income insures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of mankind.

It is benevolent in that it teaches and exemplifies altruism as a duty.

It is educational in that it teaches by prescribed ceremonials a system of morality and brotherhood based upon the Sacred Law.

It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon its Altars whenever a Lodge is in session, reverence for God is ever present in its ceremonial and to its brethren are constantly addressed lessons of morality; yet it is not sectarian or theological.

It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may foregather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of education, of worship, and of charity.

It regards and values men not for their worldly wealth or honors but on the basis of their belief in the Supreme Being and strength of character. Thus men may seek to join us based on their age (at least 18 years of age), their belief in Deity, and their character as a man. Their specific religious affiliation or their race, or ethnicity is not a consideration for membership. We believe in making all good men, who seek us out and meet our qualifications, into better men.

Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community. Thus it impresses upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, enlightens them as to those things that make for human welfare, and inspires them with the feeling of charity, or good will toward all mankind that will move them to translate principle and conviction into action.

Masonry abhors Communism as being repugnant to its conception of the dignity of the individual personality, destructive of the basic rights which are the Divine heritage of all men and inimical to the fundamental Masonic tenet of faith in God.

## \*\*\* Patuxent Lodge is Going Green \*\*\*

For the first time many of you are receiving the bulletin by email instead of a printed bulletin sent to you in the mail. By having the bulletin and other notices sent to you by email it, helps the lodge save on postage. If you would like to receive all future bulletins and notices by email, please send an email with your name, email address to patuxentlodge218@gmail.com . You will only receive notices and bulletins which would have to be sent to you. You will not receive any junk email from the lodge. This will help cut down on the cost of postage for the lodge. If you do not have email or if you want to receive all bulletins and notices by mail you simply have to do nothing but relax.

## **Masonic Birthdays**

#### **October**

Samuel Sullivan 61 Years

Novembe	er	December	•
Thomas Murphy	39Years	James Powell	35 Years
William Ellin	37 Years	Rudy McCumber	32 Years
Howard Simons Jr.	19 Years	Kenneth Jordan	42 Years
Andrew Griffith	15 Years	Robert Micer	44 Years
Willim Hinton III	20 Years	Glynn Owens	44 Years
Harry Cotton	47 Years	David Boggs	51 Years
Byron Jones	41 Years	Grover Brewer	23 Years
Blaine Massey	25 Years	Willie Houchens	23 Years
Charles Dean	43 Years	William Heath	62 Years
Total Masonic Years	286 Years	Total Masonic Years	356 Years
Total Masonic Years to Date 3,838 Total Members Celebrated 103			rated 103

## Average Masonic years to date 37.26

#### **Masonic Milestones**

Congratulations to Blaine Massey who is celebrating his 25th year!

## Congratulations!!!!!!!!

William D. Hines PM, and Rudy E. McCumber PM, On their appointments to the Grand Line for 2012. Brother Bill will be the Worshipful Assistant Grand Tyler Brother Rudy will be the Grand Inspector for Thomas J. Shryock No. 223

## **Sick Report**

Elizabeth Fallin, wife of Al Fallin George Allen, PM Ralph Greene Melvin E. Harrison, PM Richard Mizak Glynn H. Owens

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

#### Worshipful Master (continued)

individuals who supported this lodge and assisted with the MDCHIP and other events held by the lodge. Diane Bryant, Melissa Cloud, Debbie Curtis, Earlene Harrison, Janet Hines, Toni Poe, Linda Casanova, and Karl Graham. Kristen Holzer, guidance counselor, and the many students from Southern High School. Lisa Monias for her assistance on the web design.

Finally to my wife Nancy, every good officer in an organization has a supporting and understanding wife and friend. I could not do it 25 years ago without your support and I definitely could not do it this time without your support. I will always be grateful to you.

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master for 2011. The Officers and their families join Nancy and I in wishing you and your families the very best this Holiday Season and in the coming year.

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, PM Worshipful Master Patuxent Lodge No. 218

## **Trestleboard for November**

Grand Lodge School of Instruction		
Centennial Lodge No 174 - Rehearsal for Wardens		
Night		
Stated Meeting		
Jobs Daughters breakfast-Adults \$7 Children \$5		
Wardens Day-Join the wardens of the area lodges		
as they confer the Master Mason degree.		
Lunch to follow stated meeting		
Centennial Lodge-Bull and Oyster Dinner.		
Music by: Durham Station Blugrass		
Cost: Adults: \$22 Kids: 7-11 yrs \$12 (6 and under		
FREE)		
Contact: Jack Collins, WM 240-381-5588 or		
Jim Cloud, SW 301-574-9077		
Annual Communication of Grand Lodge		
Dinner-Tickets must be purchased in advance		
Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers for 2012		

#### November Trestleboard (continued)

Nov. 21 @ 7:30 PM Stated Meeting - Past Masters Night

6:30 PM Dinner

## **Trestleboard for December**

Dec. 1 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction Collington #230

Workshop on Open and Closed Installation

Dec. 3 @ Stated Meeting

8:00 AM Coffee and Donuts

8:30 AM Stated Meeting - Election of Officers for 2012

E.A. Degree

12:00 Noon End-of-year Celebration - Please join is as we

celebrate another great year! Bring a covered dish to

share.

## **Upcoming Events**

January 1, 2012 @ 4 PM Open Installation @ Grand Lodge

Baltimore, MD

February 4, 2012 218 Temple Holding Corporation

annual meeting

- Election of Officers

#### **Patuxent Lodge Hats**

We now have Patuxent Lodge hats for sale.

Master Mason and Past Master hats are available.

\$18.00 each \$21.00 shipped

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email the lodge at patuxentlodge218@gmail.com

#### **Petition for Degrees of Masonry**

Kenyatta M. Galbreth Age 41 Employer - Advertising Swan Point, Maryland

#### The Cornerstone Club

This year the goal of the Cornerstone Club is to replace the office equipment the secretary has been using since 1993. This equipment is very outdated and needs to be replaced. Unfortunately, we do not receive enough assistance or support with fundraisers and we are looking for ways to buy items the lodge desperately needs, that our dues will not cover. If you would like to join the Cornerstone Club you can do so by making a donation of \$100 for the year. The membership is renewable each year at \$100 in order to maintain your status as a member of the Cornerstone Club. In each bulletin we will print the names of those who joined the Cornerstone Club and you will receive a certificate of appreciation from the lodge. Your donations can also be made in the memory of, or to honor someone. The Cornerstone Club is open to widows as well as children of members.

#### **2011 Cornerstone Club Members**

Joe F. Varnadore\*\*

Terry L. Royce, PM\*\*

Lindsey Hammonds

Clarence I. Meiggs\*\*

Samuel R. Sullivan\*\*

Rudy E. McCumber, PM

Jesse K. Reisman

Sophie Hamel\*\* - in memory of her brothers, Herndon and Leroy Rudasill

\*\* Denotes second year membership

# YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!!

Your donations can be sent to the lodge secretary, attention Cornerstone Club Membership.

### **Special Thanks**

To Jesse K. Reisman who donated a brand new computer and monitor to the lodge for the secretary. The money donated will be used to purchase software for the computer, a printer and other office equipment needed.