

# Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.

*Free Masonry – Are You In*

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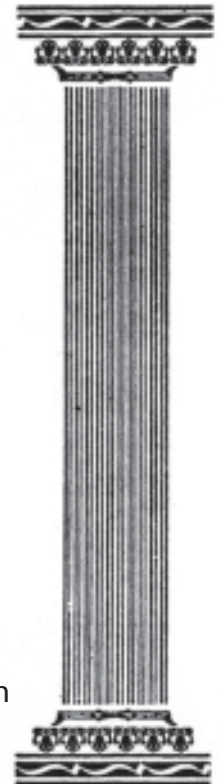
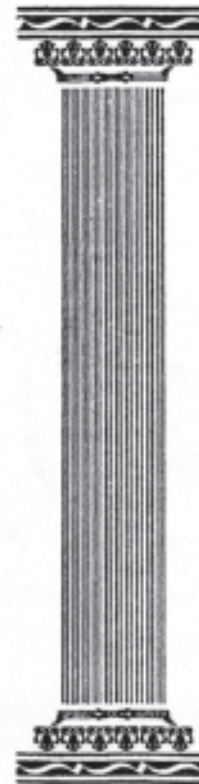
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**Chartered May 10, 1927**

Stated Communications  
First Saturday of the month  
10:00 A.M.

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**September/October 2011 Edition**

## SEAT PLEASANT LODGE No. 218

### Officers for 2011

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 Seat Pleasant

Bayani Casanova, PM	Grand Inspector
Ron Block, PM	Deputy Grand Lecturer

## PAST MASTERS

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*	

\* 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 Seat Pleasant Lodge

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM

Sam Sullivan, Maurice Rackey; Hilmer Krebs, James Seawell

Ralph W. Moore, PM, PGI

## Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218

September - October 2011

### WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

I hope each of you had an enjoyable summer and that you were able to spend time with your family and friends. The second half of the year will be a very busy time for our lodge. We have many events scheduled and I hope that you can join us for at least one meeting or an event. I welcome you to call me if you need a ride to lodge and I will help you find someone that you can attend a lodge meeting or event with this fall, even if you can only attend one event.

On August 28, 2011, we will be sponsoring the Church Service at Bonnie Blink. Please join us at the Chapel at 2:45 PM.

Our first stated meeting will start at 9:00 AM on September 3, 2011, and will be casual dress for the officers and members. We will be voting on the by-laws (mailed earlier) for the lodge which will include changing the name of our lodge at this meeting. After my Summer Message was sent out, we received a great deal of positive feedback about changing the name of our lodge to **Patuxent Lodge No. 218**. Quite a few Past Masters as well as members feel that the new name would work well to describe our location as well as the communities we support with the MDCHIP and College Scholarship Programs, and with anticipation will assist us in the rebirth of our lodge and moving forward with new members. **Immediately after lodge we will have a dedication ceremony of the Lodge History display case and a welcome back to lodge cookout starting around 12:15 PM. Family and friends are invited to attend. Please let us know if you plan to attend and please bring a covered dish to share. I will be supplying the hamburgers, hotdogs and buns.**

On September 19, 2011, we will honor our DC Masonic Brothers with DC Night. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM and Lodge starts promptly at 7:30 PM. The Grand Masters of DC and MD and their Grand Line Officers will be in attendance. MWGM Jesse Villarreal will be the guest speaker. Please join us for this exciting evening!

On September 24, 2011, we will confer the EA and FC degrees with Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142 starting at 9:00 AM. Please join us at our Lodge for this meeting.

## Worshipful Master *(continued)*

Our October 1, stated meeting will be rescheduled to October 17, due to a conflict with the Bonnie Blink Harvest Home Day from 7:00 AM till 10:00 AM. Please join us on the hill for breakfast at Bonnie Blink.

On October 8, 2011, we are hosting a MDCHIP event at Anne Arundel Fire House on Rt. 424 and Rt. 450 from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM. Please contact Rudy McCumber if you can help with this event.

For our October 17, 2011, stated meeting, Gerald F. Poe, SW will be in the East. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and the program for the evening is Professional Etiquette for Masons, Men of distinction. Please join us in lodge and be part of the memories of our lodge.

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  
Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218

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## THE HIDDEN LESSONS FROM RITUAL WORK

By Michael Mayer

So many times we seem to look at Ritual Work as not being that important, and that it doesn't have to be done that well. We feel that just need to have more Masons for our Lodges. If we fail to share the teachings properly, who do you think loses?

I would like to have you think back to that first night, it could have been a warm or cool night that we all share. That night we were so apprehensive, or for the sake of better words, confused as to what was going to happen. Those first words you heard said at the Lodge door, asking questions and wanting answers of you, and how you were treated was only the start of your Masonic life. That life that leads most of us on a continuous journey of Masonic travels the rest of our lives.

For some of us, who had to memorize the Degree and Obligations, we share something that no one else can understand. This task of learning them, which we choose to do, and we did. This struggle teaches us what we all can do with hard work and a true desire to accomplish things.

So many times I have listened to the lectures, and still I find them as interesting as the first time I heard them. Every time I hear them, I find a new perspective that I have missed before. I fear for those that do not choose to listen to them in this way, as they will never find the lessons that are taught there in Masonry.

And as for those that give those grand lectures, they learn as well. They learn how it feels to give that perfect lecture and also when they don't get it perfectly right! Most of the time just stopping for a moment to think or taking a breath. I think we can all learn hidden lessons here too. How we should overlook everyone's little mistakes that we all make in life. Also to remember sometimes the best intentions go wrong by accident.

“Value Your Word”

For What Worth Hath a Liar!

## Lodge Display Case

A very special thank you to the following individuals for their donations towards this project for the lodge. We now have a beautiful display case to hold memorabilia from past members of our lodge where we can showcase our history. This display case and the contents will be dedicated on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Without your generous contributions, this project would have not been completed as quickly, thank you! Please join us in for the dedication ceremony.

Charlotte McPherson  
Charles L. Dean  
Brooks C. Dodson, Jr., PM  
Ralph E. Greene  
Herbert E. Haney  
Joseph H. Maurer  
James W. Patterson, PM  
Samuel R. Sullivan  
Terry L. Royce, PM  
Joe F. Varnadore

## September Trestleboard *(continued)*

when entering the park, tell them at the gate you are a senior citizen. The rate for senior citizens parking is less expensive when the Picnic Committee pays the bill for the event.

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## Upcoming Events

Nov. 5 @ 10:00 A.M. All District Wardens Day  
Wardens from District 8 and 17 will confer the third degree  
Nov. 21 @ 7:30 P.M. Past Master's Night  
6:30 P.M. Dinner  
Dec. 3 @ 10:00 A.M. Stated Meeting Election of Officers  
End of year celebration

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## Petition for Affiliation

Alton S. Butler - Age 63  
Retired Army  
Riverdale, MD  
Employer: Department of Transportation

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## Petition for the degrees of Masonry

Prince H. Egyir - Age 41  
Rail Transportation  
Clinton, MD

## Masonic Birthdays

### September

Norman F. Lynch	36 Years
Eugene A. Zamer Jr.	26 Years
Frank A. Kamm	31 Years
William B. Kamm	31 Years
Harry W. McCormick Sr.	45 Years
Arnie Williams	46 Years
John K. Lohman	19 Years
Jerry W. Reshew	58 Years
Kenneth E. Windsor	47 Years
Robert F. Wilburn	42 Years
Stephen D. Cumberland	48 Years
William H. Thomas	59 Years
Ancel D. Dolinger	55 Years
Donald R. Gooding	44 Years
Charles H. Kamm	52 Years

### October

William E. Crowe	44 Years
George R. Stephenson	47 Years
John E. Pierce, Jr. PM	50 Years
Clinton D. Pritchett	5 Years
Herbert E. Haney	54 Years
Elmer B. Robinson	55 Years

Total Masonic Years 639 Years      Total Masonic Years 255 Years  
 Total Masonic Years to Date 3196      85 members Celebrated

**Average Masonic years to date 37.60**

Join us in Lodge and celebrate your Masonic Birthday

### Masonic Milestones

Congratulations!!

John E. Pierce, Jr. PM on 50 years of Masonic service

Ancel D. Dolinger and Elmer B. Robinson on 55 years of Masonic service

David E. Amstutz on receiving his 33rd Degree

### Sick Report

Elizabeth Fallin, wife of Al Fallin

George Allen, PM

Ralph E. Greene

Richard Mizak

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## 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.

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

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

## 2011 Cornerstone Club Members

Joe F. Varnadore\*\*

Clarence I. Meiggs\*\*

Terry L. Royce, PM\*\*

Samuel R. Sullivan\*\*

Lindsey Hammonds

Rudy E. McCumber, PM

Jesse Reisman

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

**\*\* Denotes second year membership**