

Patuxent Lodge No. 218

A. F. and A. M.



June - July - August 2015

**Stated Communications
First Saturday 10:00 A.M.
Third Monday 7:30 P.M.**

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE

To my Brothers

How swiftly the sands of the hour glass runs and how quickly our year has reached the half way point. However, it pleases me to report that the best is yet to come. We have several amazing events still planned ahead.

In the first half of our year we've held a special program for the ladies of our Masonic family. We have passed brethren to their next degree. The growth of our lodge has begun as we have received petitions for new membership and more are already expected soon. We've celebrated 88 great years of our existence. We've recognized both a 50 and 60 year Masonic birthday. Our newly installed officers are becoming more and more efficient in their ritual. The attendance at our meetings is on the rise. We've awarded scholarships to 4 different students from 3 different high schools. We have a fundraising raffle in progress. Our first stated communication in June will be a historic one, as we are scheduled to receive the Grand Lines from 4 different jurisdictions.

In short, "It is well." Thanks to each of you for your wonderful support and service to our lodge.

Marlon K. Curtis, WM

"As the man becomes better so too does the world"



Message From The West

Brethren,

Patuxent Lodge is now meeting twice a month. The new communication will be on the third Monday of the month starting at 7:30 PM. This will allow members who are not normally available on Saturdays to attend Lodge by having the option of a week night meeting.

Our 3rd annual Southern Maryland Brotherhood Night will be held on June 13th at the Bowie Baysox Stadium. This is "Star Wars Night" and the game will begin at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$11.00 per person, children 2 and under are free. Bring your family and friends for a great night of fun and fellowship. Enjoy fireworks after the game. We must have your paid reservation by June 7. Please contact me if interested in attending.

Patuxent Lodge will host the religious service at Bonnie Blink Chapel on Sunday, August 23, 2015, at 3:00 PM. Bring your family and represent our lodge at this service. All are welcome.

Please mark your calendar for these events. I hope that you can join us at one or all of our upcoming events.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Terry Royce, PM
Senior Warden



Congratulations —

Past Master Terry L. Royce on your election to become our next RW Junior Grand Warden.

What Makes a Man a Mason

Poem by George M. Free

Support he who falters, with hope banish fear,
And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,
The gavel of vices with courage apply;
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come,

The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide,
The compass your passions shut safely inside;
The stone which the Architect placed in your care
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square.

And then you will meet
with approval divine,
And you'll be a Mason,
O brother of mine.

FROM THE SOUTH

Sick Report

Chris Banagan
(Wife of Mike Banagan, PM, GI)
Brooks Dodson, Jr. PM
Albert Fallin
Gerald Poe, Jr. PM
Don Hamilton
Brenda Hamilton
(Wife of Don Hamilton)

Congratulations!!

To Donald Hamilton, Sr. and Rudy McCumber, PM
on their recent retirement.

Wishing you a speedy recovery!

*Please keep the above listed in your thoughts and prayers.
If you or someone in your family is ill or if you have some
good news to share with the Lodge, please contact me.
Harold Saintelien, JW*

Our Deepest Sympathy

Augustus Shockey, Jr.
Born 08/31/1923
EA 04/09/1958 • FC 05/21/1958 • MM 06/30/1958
Passed 04/12/2015

Glynn Owens, HPM
Born 03/18/1926
EA 04/26/1967 • FC 10/18/1967 • MM 12/13/1967
Passed 05/20/2015

Please keep the families of the above listed
in your thoughts and prayers

Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly

Brethren,

We will begin to hold a 2nd stated communication on every 3rd Monday of each month. We have found that many of our younger members, who are the future of our lodge, find it difficult to make the meeting on Saturday morning. Also, there are those that wish to petition our lodge who find evening meetings more convenient. I'm sure there may be a few of you who prefer otherwise so we will try this out for an extended period of time to determine if we should in fact change our primary meeting day to the 3rd Monday evening. Our by-laws currently give us the option to meet on both days.

Your feedback is certainly welcome. Our goal is the growth of our lodge as well as making it a more active lodge with a stronger presence at each meeting.

By the way, we received two petitions at our 88th anniversary stated communication on Saturday, May 2nd!

Marlon K. Curtis, WM

Star Wars Night at the 3rd Annual Southern MD Brotherhood Night at the Baysox

Join us at the 3rd Annual Southern Maryland Brotherhood Night at the Bowie Baysox in Bowie, Maryland. This event is open to family and friends including non-masons.

We will attend the Baysox baseball game against the Preston Sea Dogs, AA team of the Boston Red Sox. The game is on Saturday June 13, 2015, with game time at 6:30 PM with fireworks after the game!

See Darth Vader, Storm Trooper and enjoy Laser battles. Have your picture taken with your favorite character.

Group rate tickets are \$11.00 each (kids 2 and under are free) we must have your reservation and money (cash) in full payment no later than June 6, 2015. Parking is free. For more information contact, Rudy E. McCumber at 410-610-6094, Jon Simpson at 301-802-4199, Terry L. Royce at 301-452-8540, or Marlon Curtis at 202-702-5634.

Patuxent Lodge Family Picnic on Saturday July 25, 2015

Plans are underway for a Family Picnic on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at 12:00 NOON at Rosaryville State Park in Marlton, MD — (10 minutes from the Lodge). Family and Friends are invited to attend. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, macaroni salad, drinks and desserts will be provided. Clowns and games for the kids and the kid at heart. The MD CHIP (child identification program) will be provided. **Please make every effort to attend this event so we can all meet one another and have lots of fun. Our deposit is non-refundable now!** Please call Rudy McCumber, PM at 410-610-6094 or Marlon Curtis, WM at 202-702-5634 if you will be attending and how many would be attending with you.

Trestleboard for June - August 2015

- June 01 @ 7:30 PM Officers Rehearsal
All Officers are requested to attend.
- June 04 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction
Centennial Lodge No. 174
- June 06 @ 9:30 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
DC Brotherhood Day
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts
Join us as we Honor our Brethren of DC
Lunch served after the meeting
6:00 PM Grand Master's Ball - Grand Lodge
Black Tie Event \$80.00 PP
Contact Grand Lodge for tickets 410-527-0600
- June 13 @ 6:00 PM 3rd Annual So. MD Brotherhood Night at the
Baysox. Star Wars Night. See Storm Troopers, Dark
Vader, Tickets \$11.00 each Children 2 and under
free. Free Parking. Fireworks after the game. Open
to families and friends. Contact Terry Royce at 301-
452-8540 for tickets.
- June 15 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Refreshments served after the meeting
- June 27 @ 11:00 AM Family Fun Day at Bonnie Blink
Hamburgers, Hot dogs, sides and cold drinks.
Games for the kids. Good food and fellowship.
- July 25 @ 12:00 PM Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Family Picnic at
Rosaryville State Park. Hamburgers, Hot dogs, sides
and cold drinks. Games for the kids. Good food and
fellowship.
- Aug.17 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Refreshments served after the meeting
- Aug. 23 @ 3:00 PM Religious Service at Bonnie Blink Chapel
Patuxent Lodge host Lodge
- Upcoming Events***
- Sept. 03 @ 7:30 PM Wardens Night hosted by Patuxent Lodge No. 218
The Wardens of Southern Maryland will confer the
MM Degree.
6:30 PM Dinner
- Sept. 05 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge No. 218 Stated Communication
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts
- Sept. 20 @ 12:00 PM Southern Maryland Masonic Family Picnic at Gilbert
Run State Park. Food served 2:00 PM
Hamburgers, Hot dogs, sides and cold drinks.
Games for the kids. Good food and fellowship.

Upcoming Events *(continued)*

- Oct. 03 @ 6:00 AM Harvest Home Day at Bonnie Blink.
Lodge drawing for LG 55" Smart HDTV with
Sound Bar. Tickets - \$10.00 each
No Stated Communication on this date.
- Oct. 10 MDCHIP Event at Woodland Beach VFD
- Oct. 24 @ 3:00 PM Stated Communication at Camp Springs Lodge
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Patuxent Lodge Scholarship

Patuxent Lodge selected four students to be honored as recipients of our 2015 Scholarship Program

Daemar Casey – Suitland High School
Nihinlolu Fatinikun – Forestville Military Academy School
Jamie Fuhrer – Southern High School
Dae'Junay Whalen – Forestville Military Academy School

These students were selected based on their achievements,
including community service and academic record.
Scholarships help these students defray the escalating costs of
tuition, books and supplies.

Your generous efforts again allowed Patuxent Lodge to deliver scholarships to
deserving students in our local community.

Many thanks to the following individuals for their donation
to the Patuxent Lodge Scholarship

Steve Cumberland
Lindsey Hammonds
Herbert Haney

Willie Houchens
Clarence Meiggs
Belmont Royce

Petition for the Degrees of Masonry

Alex Falanga
Banker
Age: 40

Zachary Waterfield
Instructor
Age: 26

Congratulations!!!
To our 60 & 50 Year Masonic Birthday
Milestone Members

Albert Fallin - 60 Years

Arnie Williams - 50 Years

Masonic Birthdays

June

William F. Baker - 16 yrs.

John S. Bradley - 24 yrs.

Robert D. Cameron - 33 yrs.

Brian D. Carroll - 3 yrs.

Brooks C. Dodson, Jr., PM - 35 yrs.

Arthur H. Douglas, Jr. - 45 yrs.

Darryl D. Duty - 4 yrs.

Donald L. Hamilton, Sr. - 8 yrs.

Kenneth C. Hardesty, PM - 40 yrs.

Timothy P. Murphy - 32 yrs.

Jesse K. Reisman - 9 yrs.

Terry L. Royce, Sr., PM - 33 yrs.

Harold Saintelien - 4 yrs.

Donald J. Spargo - 43 yrs.

James E. Spicer - 46 yrs.

Michael A. Taylor II - 3 yrs.

July

Douglas Cohen - 5 yrs.

Dennis Dumire - 18 yrs.

Donald Pelasara, Jr. - 18 yrs.

August

Stephen Walls, PM - 7 yrs.

Eugene Zamer, Sr. - 55 yrs.

ON THIS DATE IN MASONIC HISTORY

June

- June 1, 1820, The Grand Lodge of Maine was formed.
- June 5, 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Columbia, Tennessee.
- June 5, 1923, groundbreaking took place for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia
- June 6, 1787, the Grand Lodge of New York became independent
- June 6, 1806, the Grand Lodge of Delaware was established
- June 11, 1986, the United Grand Lodge of England required the removal of references to the physical penalties from all obligations
- June 13, 1889, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was organized
- June 16, 1821, the Grand Lodge of Alabama was formed
- June 20, 1812, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was formed
- June 20, 1881, Albert G. Mackey, Masonic author and Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S., died.
- June 23, 1780, Wolfgang Goethe was initiated in Amalia Lodge in Weimar
- June 24, 1717, what is referred to as the premiere Grand Lodge was formed in London, at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house
- June 24, 1731, of a Lodge meeting in the colonies that became the United States, in an account book of St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia
- June 24, 1734, Benjamin Franklin became Grand Master of what would be known as the "Moderns" Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania.
- June 24, 1791, the African Grand Lodge of North America was organized in Boston. It later became the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.
- June 24, 1797, the second Grand Lodge for African Americans was founded in Philadelphia
- June 27, 1791, the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was organized
- June 28, 1901, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 1st degree in Marion Lodge #70, Ohio

July

- July 20, 1901, Sir Winston Churchill received his 2nd degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London.
- July 21, 1758, the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted a charter to Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia, the lodge that had conferred the Masonic degrees on George Washington in 1752 and 1753.

August

- August 4, 1753, George Washington received his Master Mason degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia.
- August 21, 1993, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and thousands of Freemasons dedicated the Friend to Friend Masonic Monument in the cemetery in Gettysburg, commemorating acts of kindness between Freemasons who fought on opposite sides in the American Civil War.
- August 27, 1920, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 3rd degree in Marion Lodge #70, Ohio.

COMMITTEES FOR 2015

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Terry Royce, PM - Chairman; Rudy McCumber, PM;
Darryl Duty; Frank Wilburn, PM

Sickness and Distress

Harold Saintelien, JW - Chairman

Maryland Chip Program

Rudy McCumber, PM - Chairman; Terry Royce, PM;
Kenyatta Galbreth, SD; Ricky Thompson, PM

By Laws Committee

William Hines, PM - Chairman

Marlon Curtis, WM; Rudy McCumber, PM

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

Audit/Budget Committee

Marlon Curtis, WM; Terry Royce, SW

Harold Saintelien, JW; Rudy McCumber, PM;

William Hines, PM; Melvin Harrison, PM;

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Harold Saintelien, JW - Chairman; Terry Royce, PM; Bill Hines, PM

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM - Chairman

Rudy McCumber, PM Chaplain; Maurice Rackey

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education Committee

Terry Royce, PM Ritualist - Chairman; Kenyatta Galbreth, SD

Harold Saintelien, JW; Marlon Curtis, WM

Lodge Trustees

Gerald Poe Jr., PM - 2015

George Baxter - 2016

David Amstutz - 2017

Temple Holding Corporation

Terry Royce Sr., PM President; Steven Walls, Vice President

William Hines, PM Secretary/Treasurer

Honorary Members of Patuxent Lodge

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM

Maurice Rackey; Hilmer Krebs;

Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM of Maryland,

Bayani Casanova, PM, PGI; Jesse Villarreal, MWPGM of DC

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Check the calendar at www.patuxentlodge.org for stated meetings,
rehearsals, Grand Lodge Schools and other Masonic events.

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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 PWSGS
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 *	2003-07-09-10 Melvin Mason PGI +
1958 Flory Diehl * PRWSGW	2004 Frank Wilburn, PM
1959 Hector Gellerson *	2004 Glynn Owens * #
1960 George Allen, Jr.	2005 Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1961 Lloyd Bertholf *	2006-08 Urban Peters, PM PGI
1962 George McCulloch *	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 GI +
1968 John Pierce, Jr.	2013-14 Rudy McCumber, PM PJGS GI
1969 Boris Tenner * PGI	

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped