

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



May/June/July/August

STATED COMMUNICATION

First Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Miguel Banagan, PM, PGI, RWJGW; Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, PGM;
Bayani Casanova, PM, PGI; Hilmer Krebs; Stephen Ponzillo, III, MWPGM of
Maryland; Maurice Rackey; Jesse Villarreal, MWPGM of DC;

Worshipful Masters Message

From the East

Brethren, Family and Friends:

Spring is the rebirth of Mother Nature! The dogwood trees start to bloom, a canopy of leaves sprout on the trees, and the planting of flowers and the smell of freshly cut grass is in the air. March and April was a busy time for your Lodge. Take time to “renew” your attendance in Lodge at one or more of the many educational programs or events we have planned.

Patuxent Lodge is in a rebirth of membership! We have initiated seven (7) new members into the craft and more petitions are to be presented. Fifteen members, with their family, made a fraternal visit to the Job’s Daughters Bethel No. 41, in Camp Springs, MD. Several Lodge officers and members made fraternal visits to other lodges. Several members made Arch presentations for the King Solomons Society of the Maryland Masonic Academy. Many more programs and activities are planned for May and June.

On May 5, Patuxent Lodge will celebrate “Brotherhood Day” with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of MD and DC, and the Grand Lodge of MD. George Washington’s Gavel will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity to see the gavel that was used to lay the cornerstone of the US Capitol. The program will be Cleopatra’s Needle.

On May 11, Patuxent Lodge will be assisting the Marlboro Food Bank on Friday, May 11, 2018, at 8 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 14515 Church St., Upper Marlboro. We will be bagging food for the food bank. If you are available to assist with this community service, please contact me at 301-452-8540

May 14 at 10:30 AM we will Honor the Veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. The guest speaker for this celebration is Simon LaPlace, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association.

May 21, the Officers of Patuxent Lodge will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on several worthy brothers.

June 2, Bring your family and friends and join the Maryland Masonic Family for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship at Family Fun Day at Grand Lodge.

June 18, Strawberry Night and who doesn’t like strawberries? A great way to celebrate the beginning of summer, as we close out the first half of the year. Join us for a great evening of fellowship. Casual dress.

Aug. 19, Please plan to join us as Patuxent Lodge will host the religious service for the residents of Bonnie Blink.

I hope to see you and your family at one of the many events we have planned. Come out and renew old friendships and make new ones.

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

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do." — Edward Everett Hale

I think Mr. Hale is correct in that if we can do something we should do that. Thus, I am grateful in accepting the Senior Wardens Chair. I will serve Patuxent lodge as well as I can and not back down from the challenges I can face. I do have my limits and will act accordingly.

"The brotherhood of men does not imply their equality. Families have their fools and their men of genius, their black sheep and their saints, their worldly successes and their worldly failures. A man should treat his brothers lovingly and with justice, according to the deserts of each. But the deserts of every brother are not the same."

— Aldous Huxley

"Sometimes being a friend means mastering the art of timing. There is a time for silence. A time to let go and allow people to hurl themselves into their own destiny. And a time to prepare to pick up the pieces when it's all over." — Octavia Butler

The West is the pillar of strength. One measure of strength is how we treat our brothers and fellow men. All men, especially as professed by Masons, are equal in the eyes of The Great Artificer. Each is equal but not the same. We shouldn't treat anyone as not equal because they are different from our own concepts. The brotherhood of man is a rallying cry we must adhere to. The brotherhood of man encompasses not only Freemasons, it includes all men and women.

When a brother leaves the fold he is still part of the brotherhood of man. He can remain a friend and still receive our respect and sometimes our admiration.

In treating everyone equally, we must let them hurl themselves into the destiny of their choosing. We don't lose a friend because he is different.

Like we say, remember their welfare as we do our own. That gives us the strength to support the brotherhood of man.

Melvin Mason, PM, SW

From the South

Brethren,

I am honored to be serving Patuxent Lodge as your Junior Warden and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge at one of the many lodge programs.

Wes Sudduth -JW

Sick Report

Doug Cohen
Brenda Hamilton (wife of Don Hamilton)

Congratulations

Brother Michael Taylor and his wife Kyla, on the birth of their son Michail Taylor!

If you or someone you know is sick or injured, please let me know. Conversely, if you know of a positive event such as a birth of a child, marriage, etc. please let me know that as well.

Wes Sudduth-JW

From the Secretary's Desk 2018 Dues Notice

Brethren,

A reminder -- if you have not submitted your 2018 dues along with your updated contact information, please do so as soon as possible. This information will keep our lodge records current and will not be shared with anyone.

If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact me at 301-812-0202.

Melvin Harrison, PM, Secretary

May Trestleboard

- May 3 @ 7:30 PM School of Instruction at Centennial Lodge No. 174
EA's, FC's and MM's welcome to attend
- May 5 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
"Brotherhood Day" Join us as we honor our
Brothers from DC and MD
George Washington's Gavel will be present
Program: Cleopatra's Needle
- May 11 @ 8:00 AM Patuxent Lodge will be assisting Marlboro Food Bank
bagging food at Trinity Episcopal Church, 14515 Church St.
Upper Marlboro. If you are available to assist with this
community service, please contact me at 301-452-8540
- May 14 @ 10:30 AM Celebrating our Veterans at Charlotte Hall
Guest Speaker: Simon LaPlace, PGM and Executive
Secretary of the Masonic Service Association
Program at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
29449 Charlotte Hall Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
- May 19 @ 10:00 AM 231st Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication
WM, SW, JW and all Lodge officers to attend
Lunch tickets \$18 RSVP to Grand Lodge 410-527-0600
Dress: Officers, Tux, Apron and Jewel
Master Masons welcome to attend. Dress: Dark Suit and Tie
- May 20 @ 1:30 PM Masonic Charities of Maryland Scholarship Program
Grand Lodge Ballroom
Dress: Tux
- May 21 @ 7:00 PM EA & MM Catechism Proficiency
Conferral of Fellowcraft Degree

June Trestleboard

- June 2 Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
RESCHEDULED for June 18
- June 2 @ 11:00 AM Family Fun Day Picnic at Grand Lodge
Bring the family and friends for a great of fellowship!
Food and drinks provided. Games for your children and
grandchildren. A \$5.00 Donation is requested per adult.
- June 7 @ 7:30 PM Grand Lodge School of Instruction at Centennial Lodge No. 174
EA's, FC's and MM's welcome
- June 18 @ 7:00 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
"Strawberry Night" Casual Dress
Bring the family and friends and join us for a fun evening!
Everyone is asked to bring a dessert dish for sharing

July Trestleboard

- July 19 @ 7:30 PM Southern Maryland Grand Lodge Summer School
EA's FC's & Master Masons welcome. Dress: Business Casual
Exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree
- July 26 @ 7:30 PM Southern Maryland Grand Lodge Summer School
FC's & Master Masons welcome. Dress Business Casual
Exemplification of the Fellowcraft Degree

August Trestleboard

- Aug. 2 @ 7:30 PM Southern Maryland Grand Lodge Summer School
EA's, FC's and Master Masons welcome Dress Business Casual
Special Topics
- Aug. 4 @ 6:00 PM Grand Masters Ball
Dress: Formal
- Aug. 9 @ 7:30 PM Southern Maryland Grand Lodge Summer School
Master Masons welcome Dress: Business Casual
1st rehearsal for Wardens Night - MM Degree
- Aug. 18 @ 9:00 AM Wardens Day
Master Mason Degree
- Aug. 19 @ 3:00 PM Patuxent Lodge will host the religious service at Bonnie Blink
Family and friends are invited to attend

Upcoming

- Aug. TBD York Rite Family Picnic
Bring the family and friends to enjoy a day
of food and fellowship. Food, Drinks, desserts are provided

September Trestleboard

- Sept. 1 @ 10:00 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
11:00 AM Presentation by Job's Daughters Bethel No.41
Open to family and friends
Pizza Party with the Jobbies after Lodge
- Sept. 23 @ 12:00 PM Southern Maryland Masonic Family Picnic bring the family and
Friends for a great afternoon of fun and fellowship. Games,
Paddleboat and door prizes. Bring a covered dish to share.
Gilbert Run Park-13140 Charles St. La Plata, MD

Congratulations!!!

To our 50 Year

Masonic Birthday Milestone Member

Charles Dean

Masonic Birthdays

May

Clarence Andrews – 57 Yrs.
Conan Barger – 19 Yrs.
Arnold Critzer – 44 Yrs.
Marlon Curtis, PM – 10 Yrs.
Melvin Dean – 57 Yrs.
Melvin Harrison, PM – 51 Yrs.
William Hines, PM – 46 Yrs.
James Kamm – 23 Yrs.
John Knee – 57 Yrs.
Joseph Maurer – 54 Yrs.
Ralph Meiggs – 19 Yrs.
Seth Meiggs – 19 Yrs.
Gerald Poe, Jr., PM – 10 Yrs.
Raymond Wilburn – 52 Yrs.

July

Douglas Cohen – 8 Yrs.
Dennis Dumire – 21 Yrs.
Donald Pelasara, Jr. – 21 Yrs.
Leonard Proden, PGM – 29 Yrs.

June

William Baker – 19 Yrs.
John Bradley – 27 Yrs.
Robert Cameron – 36 Yrs.
Robert Carhart, Jr. – 11 Yrs.
Brian Carroll – 6 Yrs.
Donald Hamilton – 11 Yrs.
Melvin Mason, Jr., PM – 19 Yrs.
Thomas Mason, PM – 19 Yrs.
Timothy Murphy – 35 Yrs.
Terry Royce, Sr., PM – 36 Yrs.
Harold Saintelien – 7 Yrs.
James Spicer – 49 Yrs.
Michael Taylor – 6 Yrs.

August

Stephen Walls, PM - 10 Yrs.
Eugene Zamer, Sr. – 58 Yrs.

A LESSON FOR FREEMASONS OR, A SERIES OF MORAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE INSTRUMENTS OF MASONRY.

From "The Spirit of Masonry" - 1843

The various instruments which we of this profession make use of, are all emblematical or picturesque of the conduct of life we ought to persevere in.

The MALLET and CHISEL, you may likewise know what advantages accrue from a proper education. The human and unpolished mind, like a diamond surrounded with a dense crust, discovers neither it's sparkling nor different powers, till the rough external is smoothed off, and beauties, till then unknown, rise full to our view. Education gives, what a chisel does to the stone, not only an external polish and smoothness, but discovers all the inward beauties latent under the roughest surfaces. By education our minds are enlarged, and they not only range through the large fields of matter and space, but also learn with greater perspicuity - what is above all other knowledge - our real duty to God and man.

The TROWEL, will teach you that nothing is united together without proper cement: no strict union, nor external polish can be made without it. And, as the Trowel connects each stone together by a proper disposition of the cement, so charity, that bond of perfection and of all social union (which I earnestly recommend to you all), links separate minds and various interests together; and, like the radii of a circle, that extend from the center to every part of the circumference, makes each member have a tender regard for the real welfare of the whole community. But as some members will be refractory in every society, your Hammer will likewise teach you how to use becoming discipline and correction towards such like offenders. If they will not submit to rule, you may strike off the excrescences of their swelling pride, till they sink into a modest deportment. Are they irregular in their practices? Your Hammer will instruct you to strike off each irregularity, and fit them to act a decent part on the stage of life. Do any affect things above their stations? Your Hammer will teach you to press them down to their proper level, that they may learn, in the school of discipline, that necessary knowledge - to be courteous.

What the HAMMER is to the workman, that enlightened reason is to the passions in the human mind: it curbs ambition, that aspires to its own and neighbor's hurt: it depresses envy, moderates anger, checks every rising frailty, and encourages every good disposition of the soul; from whence must arise that comely order, that delightful self-complacency,

"Which nothing earthly gives or can destroy,
The soul's calm sunshine, and the heart-felt joy."

Thus, from our instruments may we all be instructed to raise a stately fabric of good works, upon the strong foundation of faith, that we may be fitted at last to inhabit that glorious house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens!

COMMITTEES FOR 2018

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Melvin Mason, PM; Wes Sudduth; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Rick Mubarak; Melvin Harrison, PM

Sickness and Distress

Melvin Mason, PM; Wes Sudduth; All Officers

Maryland CHIP Program

Rudy McCumber, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Robert Carhart, Jr.

By-Laws Committee

Melvin Harrison, PM; William Hines, PM; Rudy McCumber, PM; Wes Sudduth

Audit/Budget Committee

William Hines, PM; Melvin Harrison, PM; Melvin Mason, PM; Robert Carhart, Jr.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Wes Sudduth; Harold Santelien; Rodney Ballance;

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM; Rick Mubarak; Rodney Ballance

Membership

Melvin Mason, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Rick Mubarak; Rodney Ballance

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education

Wes Sudduth; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Rick Mubarak; Rodney Balance

Lodge Trustees

Rudy McCumber, PM-2018; Marlon Curtis, PM-2019; Kenyatta Galbreth, PM-2020

Scholarship Program

Rudy McCumber, PM; Harold Saintelien; Melvin Mason, PM; Wes Sudduth

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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Grand Lodge Constitutional Amendments

To be voted on at the May 2018 Semi-Annual

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1

A proposed Amendment to Article X Revenue of Grand Lodge

Section 1. Revenue subsection D.1. To increase the Annual Assessment per member by \$20 from \$18 to \$38 by changing the highlighted words as follows.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be derived as follows:

D. From dues and assessments, which each lodge shall pay in the following amounts when making its return to the Grand Secretary, as provided in Article XVI Section11:

1. For each member, effective **January 1, 2019**, semiannual dues, **Nineteen Dollars (\$19)**, except that no Lodge shall be charged for the following members:

A. Clergymen who are exempt from the payment of dues virtue of the Lodge By-Laws;

B. Members who are guest of The Maryland Masonic Homes and

C. Members who are determined legally to be mentally incompetent

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 2

A proposed Amendment to Article X Revenue of Grand Lodge Section

1. Revenue of Grand Lodge, Section 1. Revenue subsection D. 1. To phase in over two years an increase of the Annual Assessments per member by \$20 from \$18 to \$38 by striking the entire section and insert in lieu thereof the following new section.

1. For each new member, semiannual dues, effective January 1, 2019, Fourteen Dollars (\$14); effective January 1, 2020, Nineteen Dollars (\$19). except that no Lodge shall be charged for any of the following members;_

A. Clergymen who are exempt from the payment of dues virtue of the Lodge By-Laws;

B. Members who are guest of The Maryland Masonic Homes and

C. Members who are determined legally to be mentally incompetent

Past Masters

1926- 27	U.D.J. Hofferbert *	1971	Kenneth Hardesty*
1927- 28	E. Robertson *	1972	Norman Abney ~ *
1929	Thurston Brown *	1973	Harry Cotton
1930	Floyd Martin *	1974	James Arnold *
1931	Raymond Wilburn *	1975	John Pierce, Jr. PM *
1932	F. Wright, 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	Eliza 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 *	1993	Melvin Harrison, WPGT PGI
1950	August Duchene *	1994-95	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1951	Norris Robinson *	1994	Leonard Proden + MWPGM-DC
1952	William Alvey *	1996	Urban Peters, PM PGI Oswald
1953	C. Hubbard ~ *	1997	Lockard, PM + *
1953	John Ball * #	1998-99	John Gluth PM + *
1954	F. Freeman *	2000-03	Oswald Lockard, PM + * Frank
1955	Chester Towns *	2001	Wilburn +
1956	James Patterson *	2002-03	Thomas Mason PGI +
1957	Charles Gidden *	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 + * Urban
1961	Lloyd Bertholf *	2006-08	Peters, PM PGI
1962	George McCullogh *	2008	James Cloud, Jr. +
1963	Gordon Pearson ~ *	2009	Grover Brewer
1964	Reidar Haug *	2010-11	Terry Royce, PM PWGP Gerald
1965	Jesse Ross *	2012	Poe, Jr.
1966	Joseph Harris *	2012-13	Steven Walls, PM PJGS GI +
1967	William McPherson *	2013-14	Rudy McCumber, PM PJGS PGI
1968	John Pierce, Jr. *	2015	Marlon Curtis
1969	Boris Tenner * PGI	2016	Marlon Curtis, PM
1970	Peter Cleland*	2017	Kenyatta Galbreth

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped