

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



September / October

STATED COMMUNICATION

First Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Worshipful Masters Message

From the East

Brethren, Family and Friends,

I hope that each of you have had an enjoyable summer with family and friends and have also remained in good health.

Last September, Patuxent Lodge participated in the Grand Lodge "Challenge for Perfect Attendance" for schools throughout the state. Our lodge donated two bicycles for both a male and female student at two local schools. The bicycles were awarded to the winning students at each school in June in a formal presentation and attended by lodge members. The principals and faculty were thrilled that we offered the challenge and said that the challenge inspired students to attend school and it made a difference in their overall attendance for the year.

Your Lodge has been very active this summer. Several members and their spouses have assisted in bagging food at the local food bank and supporting two National Night Out events, passing out school supplies and information on the Masons and the lodge.

On August 19, our Lodge sponsored the religious service at the chapel at the Grand Lodge for the residents of Bonnie Blink. We had a wonderful turnout of members and their spouses and represented Patuxent Lodge extremely well. On August 23, Brother Conrado Taguba was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

At our September 1 stated communication, we will have a short business meeting from 10 AM till 11 AM. Following the meeting the lodge will sponsor a Family picnic beginning at 11:00 AM. We will begin serving at noon. Bring your family and friends, enjoy a great day of fellowship. All you need to bring is a lawn chair, the food and the drinks will be provided by the lodge. Casual dress. Mark your calendar and plan to attend our September 27, stated communication beginning at 7:30 PM

Due to Harvest Home Day on Saturday, October 6, Patuxent Lodge will not have a stated communication until Monday, October 15.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Terry L. Royce, Sr., PM
Worshipful Master

Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry

Khalil Hutchison
Waldorf, MD

Jasonic Villanueva
Bowie, MD

Kenji Darby
Brandywine, MD

From the West

Greetings, my brothers,

It is time to come on again from summer refreshment to labor. Patuxent lodge had a busy and rewarding summer. We participated in many community events and furthered our masonic education and advanced worthy brothers. Patuxent participated in National Night Out with a booth at both Shady Side and Upper Marlboro. this year at our annual Bonnie Blink Religious Service we were joined by the incoming Grand Line and provided a packed house to celebrate our creator. We again participated in the local food bank.

Patuxent Lodge had a great turn out for the Southern Maryland Summer School of instruction and hosted the Carl Todd Wardens night that capped off the successful school and raised our own Conrado Taguba along with 2 other worthy brothers.

We'll start September off with a bang, the September 1st stated communication will be a short meeting that will lead into the annual Patuxent Family Picnic. Bring your family and friends to share in the fellowship and fun.

The lodge is supplying all of the food and drinks. All you need do is be there.

I look forward to seeing you back in lodge.

Melvin Mason
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,

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

Sick Report

Doug Cohen
Marlon Curtis, PM
Blaine Massey
Brenda Hamilton
(wife of Don Hamilton)

Great News!! Congratulations!!

Congratulations, to Brother Jared and Courtney Reiber on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Mae Reiber.

Congratulations to Calvin and Yvonne Umezerike on the birth of their son, Blake Umezerike.

From the Secretary's Desk 2018 Dues Notice

Brethren,

As a kindly reminder, please check to make sure you have your 2018 dues card. If you have not submitted your dues, please do so now.

If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact me at 443-964-8933.

Melvin Harrison, PM, Secretary

September Trestleboard

- Sept. 1 @ 10 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
Short Business meeting- Casual Dress
- 11 AM Patuxent Lodge Family Picnic at the lodge.
Bring your family and friends, enjoy a great day of food and fellowship.
- 12 PM Meal is served (provided by the lodge)
- Sept. 7 @ 7:30 PM Bethel 41 Masonic and Eastern Star Night
6309 Old Branch Ave. Temple Hills, MD 20748
- Sept. 12 @ 7 PM Grand Lodge Table Lodge
RSVP to the Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600
Cost \$35 EA's FC's and MM's welcome.
- Sept. 17 @ 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Comm.
Business: Regular EA's FC's and MM's welcome.
- 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

October Trestleboard

- Oct. 6 @6 AM Harvest Home Day at Grand Lodge
\$5 donation at the gate. Open to EA's
FC's, MM's and their male guest.
Patuxent Lodge Raffle for 55" VIZIO TV
- Oct. 6 No Stated Communication
- Oct. 15 7:30 PM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
EA's, FC's, and MM's welcome
Business: Regular

Upcoming Events

- Nov.3 @ 10 AM Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication
- Nov. 16 @ 7 PM Grand Master's Banquet
- Nov. 17 @ 10 AM Grand Lodge Annual Communication
@ Grand Lodge

Masonic Wages

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

~ Benjamin Franklin

Congratulations!!!

To our 50 Year

Masonic Birthday Milestone Member

Charles Dean

Masonic Birthdays

September

Stephen Cumberland - 55 Yrs.

Ancel Dolinger - 62 Yrs.

Alex Falanga - 3 Yrs.

Frank Kamm - 38 Yrs.

Benjamin Kamm - 38 Yrs.

Larry Stoner - 3 Yrs.

William Sudduth - 3 Yrs.

Zachary Waterfield - 3 Yrs.

Robert Wilburn, PM - 49 Yrs.

Arnie Williams - 53 Yrs.

Eugene Zamer, Jr. - 33 Yrs.

October

Kenneth Cooper - 7 Yrs.

Herbert Haney – 61 Yrs.

Brian Lynch - 6 Yrs.

George Stephenson - 54 Yrs.

WHY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY BECAME A MASON

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well" said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, If that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

PROMISE

By William R. Fischer

Promise, which is a word of honor. The dictionary describes promise as “a declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specific”. Yet, it has become just another meaningless word we use to get ourselves out of a situation. You know the kind of situation I’m talking about:

1. I’ll call you next week I promise.
2. You do that again and I will ground you forever, I promise you that.
3. I promised my wife three years ago I would paint this house and one of these days I’m going to do it.

A promise made is never forgotten, break a promise and you will lose the trust and respect of others. When you make a promise your word and reputation is on the line. This is why you must weight the benefits and consequences. Do not make a promise you do not intend to keep, and know what you are getting yourself into before the promise.

There are five conditions in which a promise would not be binding.

1. Where the performance is impossible.
2. Where the promise is unlawful.
3. Where you were forced into a promise.
4. Where the conditions in which you made the promise do not exist.
5. Where either of the parties are not moral agents.

It is obvious that these conditions do not apply to Masonic promises.

1. Every promise is possible to perform.
2. No promise is unlawful.
3. There are no false conditions.
4. You voluntarily promise.
5. Both parties to the promise are moral agents.

Our promises are one of the moral secrets of the fraternity and is the cord that “binds” us as Freemasons.

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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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 Keafauber *	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 + MWPGMDC
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 Towns *	2001	Frank 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 + *
1961	Lloyd Bertholf *	2006-08	Urban 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
1965	Jesse Ross *	2012	Gerald 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