



SEPTEMBER - 2023

TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

Brethren and friends, we remain busy in Ashland and September is gearing up to be a very busy month. To the right, you will see our events scheduled for the month of September. Please look at your schedules and try to attend one of our called meetings for degree work or the stated meeting, particularly the first two Thursdays when we will be conducting master mason degrees for Brothers James Rodney Smith and Joshua Andrew Rosengaft. We have been working hard the last few weeks to prepare for these degrees. Please come out and support these brothers in their masonic journeys.

Of note this month, we are CANCELLING our monthly hot dog lunch, which was scheduled for Friday September 8 at 11:30AM. I have a work committment that day, as well as several people who normally attend. We will host our next hot dog lunch on Friday October 13 at 11:30AM. Please pass the word to those who have been attending.

We will be hosting a waffle breakfast on Saturday September 23 from 8-10AM. We will be serving waffles, scrambled eggs, and sausage. Please pass the word and let's have a great turnout. Immediately following the pancake breakfast, we will hold a lodge clean-up session, and following that we will have a leadership meeting with our trustees to discuss capital projects. If you are interested in having your opinions heard, please feel free to come and provide input.

Finally, we completed our last Act of Community Service in August. We donated \$600 worth of school supplies to go to children in need at John Gandy and Henry Clay Elementary Schools. We also made a donation to Maui relating to the request for assistance received last month because of the wild fires. The total for both was almost \$1,000!!! We continue to do great things in Ashland and people are noticing.

Thank you for all of your efforts and be safe.

Upcoming Events

Master Mason Degree
SEPTEMBER 7, 7:00PM

Master Mason Degree
SEPTEMBER 14, 7:00PM

Stated Meeting
SEPTEMBER 21 @ 7:00PM
SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM
MEAL @ 6:00PM

Kinsale Masonic Ritual School
SEPTEMBER 16, 9:00AM
WESTMORELAND LODGE # 212

District Ritual Class
Fredericksburg, VA
SEPTEMBER 26, 7:00PM

Entered Apprentice Degree
SEPTEMBER 28, 7:00PM



Masonic Education - Bro. Chris Tomlin, SW

When asked to write a short article about Masonic Education, at first, I thought this would be easy. It has proven to be a challenge to decide from the vast number of topics that we come to know as Masons. I finally settled on Jachin and Boaz, representatives of those two, famous, brazen pillars, placed on the right and left within the outer porch of King Solomons Temple. They are mentioned throughout the Bible and are found all around the world.

2 Chronicles 3:17 “And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left, and called the name of the one on the right hand, Jachin, and that on the left Boaz.”

They were made of brass, which represents a combination of copper, the sun metal, and tin or zinc, known as moon metals, representing balance and harmony. They were hollow, which not only provide safe storge for the records of freemasonry, but represents a place to deposit the past before passing through the porch to the temple, or dwelling place of God. They were cast by Hiram Abiff, the Master Builder of the temple. The pillars were very tall, said to be about 60 feet tall. They were decorated and ornamented with great and beautiful detail of Lily, checker, and pomegranate. The Lily representing peace, the checker or network representing unity, and the pomegranate, the bounty of the blessing of God. The globes topping the pillars not only represent the universality of masonry, but the earthly man in Jachin, and the spiritual man in Boaz.

Both Jachin and Boaz were regarded as loving, caring, upstanding men. Not much is know of Jachin, other than he was the son of Simeon, travelled with Jacob, and his character of upstandingness and thankfulness. We are able to learn much more about Boaz in the book of Ruth. He was thoughtful, kind and generous. Both were given much favor by God, and would prove themselves worthy brothers. The pillars are also said to represent the Tree of Life, found in Jewish teachings, signifying the connection between heaven and earth. It is known to represent 3 pillars, Strength, Wisdom, and Harmony. The outer pillars are strength and wisdom, with harmony placed in between. When a candidate is passed between them he, in essence becomes harmony and enters a life dominated by the spiritual. These great and important pillars stand for so many of our principals not mentioned in this article. They certainly afford the accomplished scholar or mason to study. They contain infinite meaning, which do not appear to all, but have deep significance to the Craft.

Masonic Birthdays

MW ALAN WAYNE ADKINS
SEPTEMBER 11

BRO. DAVID WILSON CLARK
SEPTEMBER 11

BRO. LEONARD PAIGE DEAN, JR.
SEPTEMBER 12

BRO. JAMES THOMAS WEIS, III
SEPTEMBER 13

BRO. DAVID ALLEN EMERSON
SEPTEMBER 14

RW EDWARD EUGENE FISHER
SEPTEMBER 22

BRO. ADAM BARTLETT LONG
SEPTEMBER 24

BRO. BENSON ELDRIDGE SHELTON
SEPTEMBER 29





Highlights from last month



Did we miss something?

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Living Past Masters

1964- C.M. Reece	1992- W.T. Marshburn, Jr.	2013- L.T. Hall, III
1976- D.M. Pearson, Jr.	1994- S.F. Stone, Sr.	2014- A.M. Boor
1976- J.L. Harris	1998- D.F. Lyons	2015- J.U. Harrison
1980- D.M. Boor	1999- J.S. Napier	2016(17)- R.R. Seitz
1981- W.B. Howard	2004- A.L. Christiansen, Jr.	2018- R.L. McIntire
1987- W.T. Cage	2007- J.M. Puryear, Jr.	2019- G.C. Duvall
1988- E.E. Fisher	2010- M.P. Coyle	2020(21)- G.C. Corker
1989(90)- A.S. Peyton	2011- M.S. Ball	2022- J.M. Parrish

Past District Deputy Grand Masters

1960- RW M.B. Young	2001- RW E.E. Fisher
1969- RW J.D. Nelson	2005- RW L.J. Sloppy (1B)
1975- RW D.M. Pearson, Jr.	2007- RW J.L. Harris
1976- RW R.L. Gibbs (15C)	2013- RW L.S. Ball
1982- MW A.W. Adkins	2019- RW D.M. Boor
1995- RW S.F. Stone, Sr.	

Life Members in Perpetuity

1996- C.H. Burnette	2005- J.M. Puryear, Jr.
1996- W.T. Cage	2011- K.G. Sands
1995- S.F. Stone, Sr.	2012- J.M. Parrish
1996- A.L. Traylor, Jr.	2012- R.R. Seitz
1997- E.F. Fisher	2016- M.P. Coyle
1998- D.F. Lyons	2016- J.C. Perry
2000- J.C. Beck	2016- L.T. Hall, III
2002- J. L. Nuckols, Sr.	2017- D.A. Emerson
2004- R.C. Nuckols	2018- J.U. Harrison

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Upcoming District 8 Events

Fredericksburg # 4 Stated September 8 @ 7:30PM

Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated September 11 @ 7:30PM

Hudson-Morris #80 Stated September 12 @ 7:30PM

Ashland #168 Stated September 21 @ 7:00PM

Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated September 27 @ 11:00AM

Stafford # 279 Stated September 28 @ 7:30PM

Spotsylvania #26 Stated September 25 @ 7:00PM

District 8 DDGM: R.W. Daniel Wilson Thompson

DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS

Saturday September 16 @ Tuckahoe Lodge

Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

September 1 GMOV District 35

September 15 GMOV District 27

September 22 GMOV District 31

Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Donald Ellis Strehle

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