



APRIL- 2025

TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

Message from the East

WOR. DAVID W. RENNER

Happy Spring, Brethren. March has been a tough month for our Lodge. We lost a great Pillar of our Lodge and a wise human being. The world lost a great man, the Lodge lost a fantastic brother, and the family lost a valuable loved one. Our hearts and prayers are with the family. But, we can rejoice as the Great Architect of the Universe and heaven gained a brand new Star as Lee traveled "on the broad level of time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns". In the Gospel of John, we read that Jesus told his disciples that he was leaving them to prepare a place for them that where he was going they could be there also giving them a certain hope to hold on to of a life beyond this one on earth. Brother Lee now knows the fullness of this certain hope that the Bible and Masonry teaches. Glory be to God.

April is shaping up to be a busy month. We hope to be raising brother O'keeffe to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Stay tuned. If you were unable to attend March's stated dinner, you missed a great presentation from Jamie Jackson of Patrick Henry High School's Food Pantry. They have expanded their efforts to include clothing. We are starting a campaign to raise food, clothing, and personal hygiene items for the month of April. Brother Robert Tribble III, myself, and anyone who would like to join us will deliver the items at the end of the month. We want to try and fill the large box downstairs at the Lodge. We have a comprehensive list of items needed attached. On Saturday, April 26th, we will be selling lunch at the Lodge on Train Day to help raise funds for the lodge and offer the community an affordable lunch while enjoying time with their friends and families. We will offer lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 pm. Worshipful Tomlin has agreed to cook on the grill to help attract attention to the Lodge. We will need all who are helping to be at the lodge by 11 am. We are having a joint stated meeting with Sandston Lodge this month. They will be bringing 20 members with them. Brother Walker from the Fisher House will be speaking at the dinner about how donations have impacted Veterans and their families. Dinner will be Ham, yams, peas, rolls, and cake for dessert. Hope to see you there.

We are continuing to put the Car Show for June together. Brother Killian made us an awesome flyer to help promote the event. We had a signup sheet at our March Stated Meeting. We are still in need of Judges, traffic controllers, and trophy presenters. Please let me know if you are willing to help out in any of these areas. May God continue to bless you, our Lodge, and our great Fraternity.

Blessings and Peace,
Wor. David Renner

Upcoming Lodge Events

Hotdogs at Lodge

APRIL 11 @ 11:30 AM

Stated Meeting

APRIL 17 @ 7PM
SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM
MEAL @ 6PM

District Ritual School

APRIL 22 @ 6:30 PM

Lodge Practice

THURSDAYS @ 6:30 PM



Masonic Education Corner

SEASON OF RENEWAL: REFLECTIONS ON EASTER AND FREEMASONRY - BRO. JEREMY KILLIAN

As the days grow longer and spring breathes new life into the world around us, many take time to reflect on themes of renewal, growth, and unity. These ideas are often associated with seasonal and spiritual observances like Easter, but they also resonate deeply within the teachings and traditions of Freemasonry. At first glance, Easter and Freemasonry may seem quite different—one being a sacred celebration, the other a fraternal organization rooted in moral philosophy. Yet both offer meaningful insights into personal transformation and the enduring strength of community.

Spring naturally invites togetherness. Historically, communities have gathered during this season to reconnect, reflect, and celebrate shared values. Freemasonry reflects this same spirit through regular lodge meetings, where members come together not only to engage in ritual but also to foster mutual support, reflection, and growth. These gatherings reinforce a shared journey toward personal improvement and collective upliftment.

Renewal, whether symbolized through tradition, nature, or introspection, plays a central role in both Easter observances and Masonic practice. In the Craft, the symbolic journey through the degrees, especially the transformation experienced in becoming a Master Mason, encourages individuals to embrace new insights about themselves and their purpose. It represents a kind of rebirth where timeless lessons in perseverance, virtue, and fraternity are brought to light.

At their core, both traditions promote growth—of character, spirit, and community. Whether one finds that inspiration through the season's sense of awakening or within the quiet reflection of a lodge room, the message remains consistent. Growth and transformation are most powerful when experienced through the bonds we share with others.

As we move through this season of reflection and renewal, it is worth considering how these values appear throughout our lives. Whether through longstanding traditions or the steady fellowship of the Craft, we are encouraged to rise, reflect, and renew. Not just once a year, but continually, with intention and purpose.

Masonic Birthdays

BRO. TERRENCE LEE SULLIVAN
APRIL 5
BRO. JOHNNIE EAL MERRITT
APRIL 9
WOR. GREGORY WAYNE SIX
APRIL 12
WOR. JAMES MADISON PURYEAR
APRIL 18
WOR. CLYDE MONROE REECE
APRIL 24
BRO. JOBE KING DESHAZO
APRIL 25
BRO. ROGER THOMAS GILBERT
APRIL 25
WOR. ALVIN SANDERS PEYTON
APRIL 29
BRO. BRADLEY THOMAS BERG
APRIL 29
BRO. BRIAN PAUL CARLUCCI
APRIL 29
BRO. MATTHEW TAYLOR RAAB
APRIL 29
BRO. JOSEPH RAYMOND STROHMAN
APRIL 29
BRO. AUSTIN CARTER WHITE
APRIL 29



ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL APRIL 30



PATRICK HENRY PANTRY DRIVE

In partnership with Patrick Henry High School, Ashland Lodge No. 168 is accepting non-perishable food items and toiletries donations which will be distributed to those in need.

What are they looking for?

Canned items - Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Manwich, Vienna Sausages, Ravioli, Vegetables, Soups, etc.

Dry Goods - Granola Bars, Ramen, Slim Jims, Oatmeal, Pasta, Sauces, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Chips, Drinks

Clothing/Hygiene Items - Items for both Males and Females

Refridgerator/Freezer Items - Sliced Meats, Cheese, Fresh Fruits, Hot Pockets, Corn Dogs and various individually wrapped items

ASHLAND LODGE NO. 168 PRESENTS



INAUGURAL REV & ROAR RALLY

REV THOSE ENGINES AND SHOW OFF YOUR RIDE AT THE INAUGURAL REV & ROAR CAR SHOW, HOSTED BY ASHLAND LODGE NO. 168! WHETHER YOU ROLL IN WITH A TIRE-SHREDDING MUSCLE CAR, A TUNED IMPORT, OR A CLASSIC BEAUTY, ALL BUILDS, ALL ERAS, AND ALL HORSEPOWER LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

FREE EVENT FOR THE COMMUNITY

TROPHIES: BEST IN SHOW

30'S-40'S, 50'S, 60'S, 70'S, 80'S, 90'S, 2000'S+

ENTRY FEE: \$20



SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

10.00 AM – 2.00 PM

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Living Past Masters

1964- C.M. Reece	1994- S.F. Stone, Sr.	2018- R.L. McIntire III
1970- D.M. Pearson, Jr.	1998- D.F. Lyons	2019- G.C. Duvall
1976- J.L. Harris	1999- J.S. Napier	2020(21)- G.C. Corker
1981- W.B. Howard	2007- J.M. Puryear, Jr.	2022- J.M. Parrish
1987- W.T. Cage	2013- L.T. Hall, III	2023- G.W. Six
1988- E.E. Fisher	2014- A.M. Boor	2024- C.S. Tomlin
1989(90)- A.S. Peyton	2015- J.U. Harrison	
1992- W.T. Marshburn, Jr.	2016(17)- R.R. Seitz	

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.	

Legacy Members in Perpetuity

1996- C.H. Burnette	2011- K.G. Sands
1996- W.T. Cage	2012- J.M. Parrish
1995- S.F. Stone, Sr.	2012- R.R. Seitz
1996- A.L. Traylor, Jr.	2016- M.P. Coyle
1997- E.F. Fisher	2016- J.C. Perry
1998- D.F. Lyons	2016- L.T. Hall, III
2000- J.C. Beck	2017- D.A. Emerson
2002- J.L. Nuckols, Sr.	2018- J.U. Harrison
2004- R.C. Nuckols	2019- R.L. McIntire III
2005- J.M. Puryear, Jr.	2024- J.N. Williams

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April 22- District Ritual School

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