

ASHLAND LODGE NO. 168, A.F. & A.M.
CHARTERED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA DECEMBER 14th, 1857



THE TRESTLE BOARD



Fellowship 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM
Stated Communication 7:30 PM

Stated Communication Third Thursday 7:30 PM
*EXCEPT SECOND THURSDAY IN DECEMBER

APRIL 2022

“Make A Difference In Our Community!”

“Laying the Cornerstone for the 21st Century”



ASHLAND MASONIC LODGE NO. 168

Goals & Objectives

“Laying the Cornerstone for the 21st Century” 2022 Major Goals:

1 – Ashland Lodge No. 168 will “Lay the Cornerstone for the 21st Century”

- *Build upon the existing strengths of Ashland Lodge No. 168*
- *Be there for, and focus on, current members facing illnesses*
- *Identify and address short-term goals of Ashland Lodge No. 168*
- *Identify and address long-term goals of Ashland Lodge No. 168*

2 – Establish the Executive Leadership Committee

3 – Establish Ashland Lodge No. 168 as a leader in the 8th Masonic District and within the Ashland area

4 – Build lasting relationships with local lodges (Glen Allen Lodge No. 131 & Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344) and the Hanover Chapter of the OES

5 – Continue excellence in ritual and degree work and establish protocols to ensure that subordinate officers are prepared for advancement to the East

6 – Reemphasize the importance of Masonic Education by providing meaningful Masonic Education at every Stated Communication



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Message from the East

Brethren, welcome to April! Momentum continues to build as we have many big projects on the horizon. Here are the current events planned for this month:

- 04/07 – Lodge Practice (FC Degree)
- 04/14 – Called Communication (FC Degree – Bro. Robert Lee Tribble, III)
- 04/18 – Hanover Chapter OES Stated Communication (7:30 PM)
- 04/21 – Stated Communication
 - Social @ 6:00 PM
 - Dinner @ 6:30 PM
 - Stated @ 7:30 PM
 Guest Speaker – Bro. David Cline, Lodge Education Officer
- 04/23 – Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT) Bowling Green @ 9:00 AM
- 04/26 – District Class at Fredericksburg
- 04/28 – Lodge Practice (MM Degree)
- 04/30 – Train Day Pancake Breakfast (7:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
- 05/05 – Called Communication (MM Degree – Bro. Charles Randall Aylor)

***** We will have THREE Called Communications in May 2022 *****

We have much to be proud of! Over the last month, the Lodge was very active with a number of projects and events. In addition to making a presence at a number of Lodges throughout the area, we also assisted a Brother in need who had a downed tree on his property. On March 12, Grand Master James Winfield Golladay, Jr. made his official visit to the 8th Masonic District. Many Brothers were able to attend these events, and a great time was had by all.

We also held our Q2 Executive Leadership Committee meeting. These meetings have been very productive in helping to shape and guide the future direction of the Lodge. We reviewed the results of the “Survey Monkey” questionnaire that was dispersed earlier in the year. In addition, we continue to discuss our goals and objectives for 2022. In the coming months we plan on hosting a “rusty nails” class for those members who want to become more active in the Lodge. We are also planning multiple fundraisers, Spring & Fall cleaning dates, continued innovations with technology integration, the introduction of a Masonic Book Club, and I am continuing to work to ensure the Lodge is legally-sound to receive “estate gifts” for those of you who have contacted me about this option. More information will be forthcoming for all of these projects!

Dues for 2022 can be made payable to the Lodge. In fact, there are still a number of members who have not yet paid their dues for this year. Dues for 2022 are \$178.57 and can be mailed to the Secretary or you can pay by check card/debit card on our new website www.ashland168.com. If you are struggling financially and are unable to pay dues for this year, please contact me, or you can request financial assistance through our website.

In March we initiated Bro. Brian Paul Carlucci as an Entered Apprentice, and we will have an additional four degrees on the books over the next two months! I am excited for the future of this Lodge. If you are in need of ANYTHING, please reach out and we will be here to support you.

With the utmost fraternal respect,

Wor. John M. Parrish
Worshipful Master

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR DEACON:

Gentlemen and Brethren,

I am honored to be your current Senior Deacon and to have been requested to share with you my thoughts about Masonry. As I thought about what to share, I kept returning to what I was told very early on in my Masonic journey, which is “everything has a deeper meaning.”

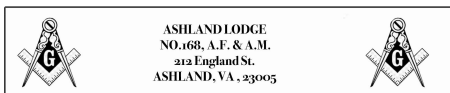
As many of you know, I was initiated, passed, and raised on October 3, 2020, at the one-day conferral held in Fredericksburg. It was there that I heard for the first time that everything has a deeper meaning. As you can imagine, after watching all three degrees I was completely overwhelmed with the amount of information that had just been thrown at me. I was so intrigued and I had so many questions that I wanted answers to. I began to attend lodge practices, and stated communications, in an attempt to soak up as much information as I possibly could. I began to listen to Brothers who were much farther along in their Masonic journey and listened to their explanations of the different rituals. I soon found out that every Brother would explain the same ritual slightly different. I finally began to understand that while we joined this great fraternity to be a part of something greater than ourselves, I also learned that Freemasonry is a personal journey that we are able to experience with Brothers who will not let us fall.

I can remember hearing something at lodge practice, or taking something new out of a lecture during a degree, and I could not wait to get home so I could begin digging into what I had just learned and trying to find out what the “deeper meaning” was. I believe it was this desire, and the eagerness to learn, that enabled me to discover several truths and principles that have in turn made me a better husband, father, friend, and a better man in general.

I guess my message to you Brethren is to think back to when you were a new Mason, whether it was trying to learn your Catechisms, a lecture, or Masonic ritual. Try to remember the drive and determination you had to learn something new and try to rekindle it. If we can all strive to continuously improve and better ourselves as Masons, and as men, we will be able to keep our Lodge strong as well as preserve this great and important fraternity for generations to come.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bro. Thomas “TJ” Daneker
Senior Deacon





April 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31 Lodge Practice Catechism @ 6:30 PM Degree @ 7:00 PM	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Lodge Practice Catechism @ 6:30 PM Degree @ 7:00 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 CALLED - FC Degree @ 7:00 PM	15	16
17	18 Hanover OES Meeting @ 7:30	19	20	21 STATED MEETING Fellowship @ 6:00 Dinner @ 6:30 Meeting @ 7:30	22	23 SLOT Training Bowling Green 9:00 AM
24	25	26 District Ritual Class (Friedburg) 7:00 PM	27	28 Lodge Practice Catechism @ 6:30 PM Degree @ 7:00 PM	29	30 2022 Train Day Pancake Breakfast 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
1	2	Notes *** April Stated Communication: Guest Speaker Bro. David Cline (Lodge Education Officer)				

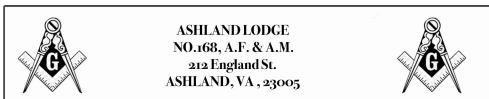
2022 Lodge Officers

April 2022 Masonic Birthdays:

Worshipful Master	Wor. John Michael Parrish
Senior Warden	Bro. Gregory Wayne Six
Junior Warden	Bro. Christopher Scott Tomlin
Treasurer	Bro. Adam Bartlett Long
Secretary	Wor. Lloyd Thomas Hall, III
Senior Deacon	Bro. Thomas Jennings Daneker
Junior Deacon	Bro. David Winfred Renner
Chaplain	Bro. Terrence Lee Sullivan, Jr.
Senior Steward	Bro. James Lamar Macfarland, Jr.
Junior Steward	Bro. Jeremy Lee Killian
Marshal	Wor. Alvin Sanders Peyton Wor.
Tiler	Garry Christopher Corker

Wor. Clyde Monroe Reece	64 Years
Wor. Albert Christiansen, Jr.	61 Years
Bro. Jobe King Deshazo, III	37 Years
Wor. Alvin Sanders Peyton	37 Years
Wor. James Madison Puryear, Jr	26 Years
Bro. Roger Thomas Gilbert	26 Years
Bro. Johnnie Earl Merritt, II	24 Years
Bro. Terrence Lee Sullivan, Jr	4 Years
Bro. Gregory Wayne Six	4 Years

Lodge Instructor of Work	Wor. Gregory Cline Duvall
Lodge Education Officer	Bro. David Russell Cline





SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren,

Our current dues are \$178.57 for 2022. At this point, only about 50 members have paid for the year. Please send your payments to:

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or pay by credit or debit card at <http://www.ashland168.com>

We have paid our bill to the Grand Lodge, so our resources are now depleted below where they should be. If you have not paid your dues for 2022, please do so now. Don't let your brothers down. If your circumstances make this impossible, please contact Wor. John Parrish immediately.

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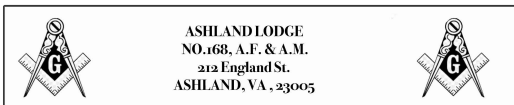
Our new website is up and running! Please visit the website and give us your feedback.

The new site includes:

- Dues Payments Online!
- View the Current Trestleboard
- Updated Calendar of Events
- Anonymously Request Financial Assistance
- View Current Line Officers
- Visitor can sign up for our Mailing List



Also... Join our new Facebook page! Just search for “Ashland Lodge No. 168” and follow the page for upcoming events.





WHAT YOU MISSED IN MARCH :



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On March 17, 2022, Ashland Lodge held its Stated Communication. Following the successful presentation of his Master Mason Catechism, Bro. Jeremy Killian presented Bro. Chris Tomlin with a gift of gratitude for being his instructor through all three degrees. The Masonic education was presented by our very own Bro. Thomas “TJ” Daneker.



On March 10, the Ashland Lodge held a Called Communication to initiate Bro. Brian Paul Carlucci as an Entered Apprentice. On March 12, members of Ashland Lodge attended the Grand Master’s Official Visit to the 8th Masonic District. Over the last month, members attended stated communications at Stafford No. 279, Spotsylvania No. 26, Kilwinning-Crosse No. 2-237, Glen Allen No. 131, and George Washington Lodge of Research No. 1732.

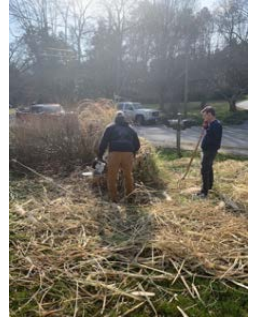


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HELPING A BROTHER IN NEED:

It came to the Lodge's attention that one of our 60+ year members was in need of assistance. Over the last year, he had a tree split and it was threatening to fall on a neighbor's fence. On March 5, almost a dozen members were called to action to assist our beloved Brother. Over a period of 2-3 hours, members cut down the tree, performed landscape maintenance, and hauled all off the debris. Thank you to all who were able to attend!



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**LIVING PAST MASTERS**

C.M. Reece – 1964
 M. Pearson Jr. 1976
 J. Harris – 1976
 D.M. Boor – 1980
 W.B. Howard – 1981
 W.T. Cage – 1987
 E.E. Fisher – 1988
 A.S. Peyton – 1989 – 1990
 W.T. Marshburn Jr. – 1992
 S.F. Stone Sr. – 1994
 D.F. Lyons – 1999
 A.L. Christiansen Jr. – 2004
 J.M. Puryear Jr. 2007
 M.P. Coyle – 2010
 M.S. Ball – 2011
 L.T. Hall III – 2013
 A.M. Boor – 2014
 J.U. Harrison – 2015
 R.Seitz – 2016–2017
 R.McIntire – 2018
 C.Duval – 2019
 G.Corker – 2020 – 2021

TRUSTEES

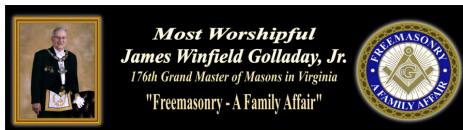
R.W. – Johnnie Lowell Harris
 R.W. – Anthony "Tony" Boor
 Wor. – Robert Leroy McIntire, III

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

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

LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPITUITY

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

**EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT LODGES
STATED COMMUNICATIONS**

KILWINNING-CROSSE LODGE #2-237
 2nd MONDAY, 7:30 PM

HUDSON-MORRIS LODGE #80
 2nd TUESDAY, 7:30 PM

EDWARD H. CANN DAYLIGHT #1752
 4th WEDNESDAY, 11:00 AM

ASHLAND LODGE #168
 3rd THURSDAY, 7:30 PM

STAFFORD LODGE #279
 4th THURSDAY, 7:30 PM

FREDERICKSBURG LODGE #4
 2nd FRIDAY, 7:30 PM

SPOTSYLVANIA LODGE #26
 4th MONDAY



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