



NOVEMBER - 2023

TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

Brethren and Friends of Ashland Lodge,

We've entered the last two months of the calendar year and when I look back on all the lodge has done this year, I am proud of all we have accomplished together. However, the work is not over yet! At the stated meeting this month, we will be making a nomination for the 2025 District 8 Deputy GrandMaster position, as well as voting on a petition for affiliation. Please come out and make your thoughts known or let me know if you are interested in the DDGM position.

We had our last fundraiser of the year this past Friday evening and it was a success. We raised over \$600 for our lodge to support our capital improvements program. If you are interested in making a donation towards the HVAC and floor replacement, please see me. Checks can be made out payable to Ashland Lodge 168, or donations can be made on our website via PayPal. These projects should be starting soon!

We learned that Brother Gerald W. Maxey laid down his working tools early last week. There will be no obituary or funeral service for him. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

As we head into the holiday season, please keep those who are in harms way and keeping us safe around the globe in your prayers. Please make time to visit with your families this holiday season and remember the reasons we celebrate the holidays.

As always, please contact me if the lodge can be of assistance to you and be safe.

Upcoming Events

Lodge Practice

NOVEMBER 2, 7:00PM

Lodge Practice

NOVEMBER 9, 7:00PM

Stated Meeting

NOVEMBER 16 @ 7:00PM

SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM

MEAL @ 6:00PM

DDGM NOMINATION

Hot Dog Lunch

NOVEMBER 17, 11:30AM

MM Degree Practice

NOVEMBER 28, 7:00PM

NO DISTRICT RITUAL

SCHOOL THIS MONTH

MM Degree

NOVEMBER 30, 7:00PM



From the Senior Deacon - Brother David Renner

I am the great grandson of Brother Winfred Knott Renner Sr. and grandson of Winfred Knott Renner Jr. both of whom were raised in the Manchester Lodge. Although I personally didn't know either of them, I was told that my great grandfather was a very spiritual man and a great man of faith. This is evident in his commitment to lead Hymn Sings all over Richmond and he even traveled to West Virginia to conduct in the 60's which I got hear on a reel to reel player.

Like many of you, I had often heard that Masonry was a cult. I knew that if my great grandfather was a part of the Masons then what I was hearing couldn't be true. It was the spiritual aspects of Masonry that that drew me to knock on the west gate of Ashland Lodge 168 four years ago. When my three distinct knocks were answered by a like number from within with the question "Who comes there?" and my name was given, I was filled with emotions I will never forget. I was in awe that I was going through the same thing as my grandfathers went through. Once I was brought to light and beheld the Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses laying on the altar in the center of lodge it solidified I was in the right place as I was surrounded by brothers of faith.

The Holy Bible's contents can be discovered in all aspects of Masonry. They can be found from the catechisms, floor work, all the way to opening and closing of a lodge. Did you know that the prayer given at the grave in the second part of the Master Mason's Degree comes directly from Psalm 139 and Job 14? The beginning of the prayer can be found in Psalm 139 verses 2 through 4 while the rest is taken from Job 14. In the first of part of the prayer taken from Psalm 139, David teaches us that the Creator knows us intimately. God's knowledge is thorough. It is perfect and God knows our moral qualities and what motivates us. In Job 14, Job seems to be asking the Great Architect of the Universe to take away the affliction he is experiencing so that he can find rest. Job seems to understand that if it is his last days that only God knows the day and time when we will leave this life to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns". This is not a prayer for God to turn away from him because of the ending that is found here, "Have compassion on the children of Thy Creation. Administer comfort in the time of trouble". It seems to be a prayer for the Giver of all good gifts and graces to take away the sufferings that come from times of trouble. There is also a hint of resurrection in the prayer at the grave and is also displayed in the raising of the body.

Discovering these kinds of connection to the Holy Bible is what draws me to Masonry. The Holy Bible and it's contents are the rule and guide of our faith. The contents of the rule and guide of our faith can be found in the several compartments of Masonry. For me, it is fun to discover. "Seek and you shall find, ask and it will be given." Glory Be To The Great Architect of the Universe. So mote it be.

Masonic Birthdays

BRO. JOSEPH SCOTT WHITE
NOVEMBER 3

BRO. GARY GEORGE VITEK
NOVEMBER 6

BRO. PHILLIP HARVEY TATE
NOVEMBER 13

BRO. WALTER BASKETT HOWARD
NOVEMBER 14

BRO. JOSEPH EDGAR MARSHBURN
NOVEMBER 23

BRO. GENE T. ANDREWS
NOVEMBER 27

BRO. EDWARD ANTHONY BLUMBERG
NOVEMBER 27





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
	2023- R. L. McIntyre, III

Trustees

R.W. Johnnie Lowel Harris
 Wor. Robert Leroy McIntire, III
 Bro. R. Allen Davidson

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[Upcoming District 8 Events](#)

- Fredericksburg # 4 Stated November 10 @ 7:30PM
- Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated November 13 @ 7:30PM
- Hudson-Morris #80 Stated November 14 @ 7:30PM
- Ashland #168 Stated November 16 @ 7:00PM
- Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated November 15 @ 11:00AM
- Stafford # 279 Stated November 9 @ 7:30PM
- Spotsylvania #26 Stated November 27 @ 7:00PM
- District 8 DDGM: R.W. Daniel Wilson Thompson
- ***DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS***
- Saturday November 18 @ Tuckahoe Lodge
- Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

[Upcoming Grand Lodge Events](#)

- Grand Lodge Annual Communication November 8-11, 2023
Richmond Hilton, Short Pump
- EA Degree November 8 @ 7:30PM
- FC and MM Degree November 9, 9:00A - 3:00P
- For more information, ask a line officer for the schedule.

Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Donald Ellis Strehle

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