



JUNE - 2023

TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

Brethren, I hope you all are enjoying the warmer weather and the spring rains recently. As we transition into the summer months, I wanted to remind everyone that lodge polos are approved for all members at our stated meetings including elected and appointed officers.

As most of you are aware, Worshipful Greg Duvall has moved away from Ashland to be closer to his son and soon to be born grandson. We wish Worshipful Duvall well and thank him for his many years of invaluable service to Ashland Masonic Lodge.

We will be hosting our first monthly "hot dogs at the lodge" event on Friday June 9 at 11:30AM. This event is open to all masons who receive this Trestleboard. The purpose of this event is to keep the spirit of Worshipful Billy Smith alive by continuing the tradition he started many years ago. Worshipful Smith used to invite Masons over to his garage for fellowship and masonic instruction, while serving hot dogs on his grill. Ashland Lodge recently purchased a new hot dog grill and we are excited to keep this tradition going. We will meet every second Friday of each month at 11:30AM for hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Please let Worshipful Six know if you plan to attend so we can ensure we have enough food.

Finally, we hosted our second blood drive on Tuesday May 23 in cooperation with the Patrick Henry YMCA, hosted our annual Law Enforcement Memorial Breakfast, and had our first of two pancake breakfasts. We had a great turnout at all events. We had two brothers from Prince George Lodge #115 come visit us at our blood drive and report that they see all the good things we are doing through our social media page. Your efforts are not going unnoticed.

Keep up the great work!

Upcoming Events

Lodge Practice
JUNE 1, 6:30PM

Entered Apprentice Degree
JUNE 8, 7:00PM

Stated Meeting
JUNE 15 @ 7PM
SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM
MEAL @ 6PM

District Ritual Class
Fredericksburg, VA
JUNE 20 @ 7:00PM

Fellowcraft Degree
JUNE 22 , 7:00PM

National Night Out
AUGUST 1 6:30PM
COME OUT AND FELLOWSHIP
WITH US AND LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT.



The Proper Way to Wear a Masonic Ring

BY WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

The following from Temple Topics (Illinois) is now being quoted with approval by other Masonic papers. "What is the proper way to wear a Masonic ring? Should the points of the compass be toward or away from the body?"

"If you were hanging the American flag, would you put the stars down? The same holds true of the ring. Usually it is a gift, and has sentimental value for the wearer. It should look right side up to him. Rings are therefore worn with the points of the compass toward the wearer."

This subject is one on which Grand Lodges have made no regulation and popular opinion is divided. We must therefore reason from analogy. When the emblem of the square and compasses is displayed on a building, pennant, button, watch charm etc., universal custom requires the points of the compass point downward. When displayed on the Altar they point away from the Master. As the Master from his station views the compass from the Altar of his lodge, the points are from, not towards him. As the wearer of a compass watch charm views it, the points are down and away from his eyes. In a similar way as he views the emblem on his ring the points should be down or away from his eyes.

The square is the symbol of earthly, the compass of heavenly perfection. As a combined emblem the ends of the square point up as a symbol of man's aspirations toward God; the points of the compass are down to represent heavenly qualities coming down from God to earth. Therefore it would seem that the proper way to wear a ring would be that in which its symbolism is best expressed; namely, that in which, when the hand is held in its usual position the points of the compass are towards the earth and away from the wearer's eyes.

Thus it will be seen that our conclusion does not agree with the writer in Temple Topics. He truly says that in hanging an American flag we would not put the stars down, but in hanging a compass or a square and compass, he surely would put the points of the compass down.

The same rule holds when worn as a ring or button or a watch charm; namely, they would be worn the same way with the points down.

When so worn they all serve the same purposes, and by no means the least of these purposes is to announce to the world the proud wearer is a Mason. -- IowaMasonic Bulletin.

(Copied from THE MONTANA MASON, May 1936, page 15)

Masonic Birthdays

BRO. CHARLES HENRY BURNETTE
JUNE 3

BRO. JACK RANDALL SHOOK
JUNE 5

RW DANIEL MORRIS PEARSON, JR.
JUNE 6

WOR. JOHN SAMUEL NAPIER
JUNE 8

BRO. EDWARD VERNON WALTON, JR.
JUNE 9

BRO. GARY LEE CASE
JUNE 10

BRO. RALPH WALKER JOHNSON, JR.
JUNE 10

BRO. ROBERT CHRISTOPHER NUCKOLS
JUNE 10

WOR. JOHN MICHAEL PARRISH
JUNE 14

BRO. RANDAL JAMES PERDUE
JUNE 15

BRO. DELMAS RAY ROBERTS, JR.
JUNE 15

BRO. PAUL MANUEL ROACH
JUNE 25

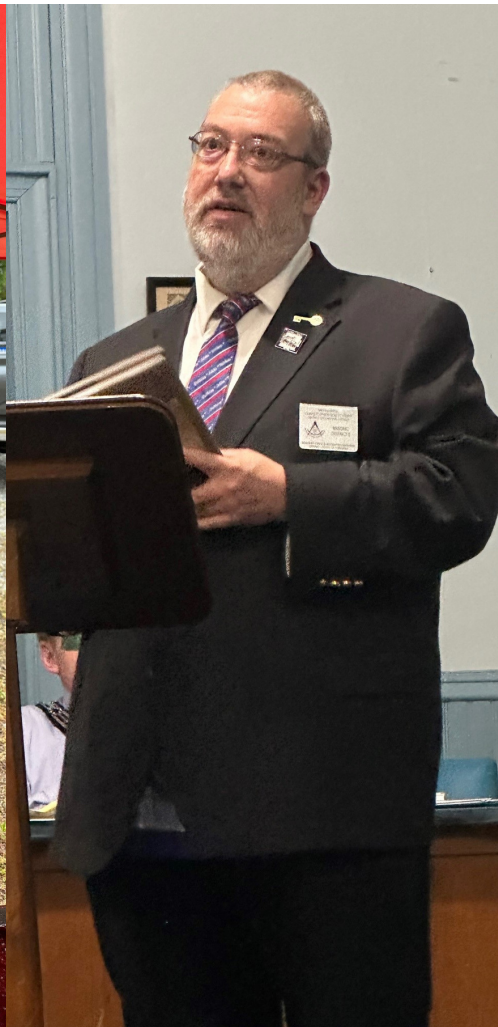
BRO. RONALD THOMAS SANFORD
JUNE 25

BRO. HARRY CLAIBORNE SADLER, JR.
JUNE 28





Highlights from last month



Did we miss something?

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Living Past Masters

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| 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

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

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| 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 |

Trustees

R.W. Johnnie Lowel Harris
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Upcoming District 8 Events

- Fredericksburg # 4 Stated June 9 @ 7:30PM
- Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated June 12 @ 7:30PM
- Hudson-Morris #80 Stated June 13 @ 7:30PM
- Ashland #168 Stated June 15 @ 7:00PM
- Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated June 28 @ 11:00AM
- Stafford # 279 Stated June 22 @ 7:30PM
- Spotsylvania #26 Stated June 26 @ 7:00PM
- District 8 DDGM: R.W. Daniel Wilson Thompson

DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS
 Saturday June 17 @ Tuckahoe Lodge
 Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

***OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE GRANDMASTER TO DISTRICT 8
 Saturday June 10, 2023 @ 6PM
 Tickets are \$25/person. See Wor. Six to purchase tickets.
 Doswell Community Center
 16433 Washington Highway
 Doswell, VA 23047

Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

- June 2 GMOV District 24
- June 3 Secretary/Treasurer User Conference
- June 10 GMOV District 8
- June 10 Secretary/Treasurer User Conference
- June 16 GMOV Districts 37 & 38
- June 17 GMOV Districts 22A & 22B
- June 24 Secretary/Treasurer User Conference
- June 24 GMOV District 19

Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Donald Ellis Strehle

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