



JUNE- 2025

TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

Message from the East

WOR. DAVID W. RENNER

Happy June Brethren! Summer is about here. May was another great month as we delivered food to the PHHS Food Pantry and served 30 of our Community's First Responders breakfast. It was a great turnout. Thank you to Brother Fox, Tribble, Whit, Worshipful McIntire, and Worshipful Harris for helping it to be a great success.

We are going into another busy month. Starting with the Strawberry Faire. We will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers at the Lodge during the hours of 11 am to 2 pm this Saturday June 7th. Hopefully it will be as successful as Train Day. Please plan on being there by 10 AM to help us get ready. Worshipful Tomlin has agreed to cook for us again. June 12th we will be raising Brother O'keeffe. Please come out and support our newest Master Mason. Refreshment will follow the degree. June 28th is our Car Show. Last push to get it out there and let folks know we are having it. We will need to get there by 8 AM to set up and be ready as car folks love to get to shows early. Also Worshipful Tomlin will be back this month and wants to remind us of the Tiler's Challenge. He will have a place for us to make donations to help win him and future Tiler's a new sword.

Finally I would like to extend an invitation to the Lodge to come out to New Hope Community Church (At Duke's Chapel at 12755 Old Ridge Rd Beaverdam, Va. 23015 to celebrate St. John's Day. Service is at 10 AM. RW Tom Cage has agreed to host lunch after the service.

Finally, Brethren, in Romans 12: 9-10 Paul encouraged his readers to display brotherly love to those who followed Christ and were part of the faith. He wrote "Let love be genuine, abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor." The use of the trowel seems to echo this very message. "It is used symbolically for the far more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection which unites us into one sacred ban or society of friends and brothers--a Temple of living stone, among whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention or rather emulation of who can best work and best agree". As we prepare to raise Brother O'keeffe to Master Mason it is a good time to ponder over the brotherly love Paul and the Trowel teach.

Blessings and Peace,
Wor. David Renner

Upcoming Lodge Events

Master Mason Degree

JUNE 12 @ 7:00 PM

Hotdogs at Lodge

JUNE 13 @ 11:30 AM

Stated Meeting

JUNE 19 @ 7PM

SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM

MEAL @ 6PM

District Ritual School

JUNE 24 @ 6:30 PM

Lodge Practice

THURSDAYS @ 6:30 PM



Masonic Education Corner

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES: A HISTORICAL REFLECTION - BRO. JEREMY KILLIAN

In late March and early April, I had the pleasure to visit North Wales. As I explored its landscape and communities, I found myself thinking about the roots of Freemasonry in this proud region. The journey, filled with castle visits and small town walks, led me to consider the quiet but lasting presence of the Craft in North Wales.

Freemasonry here has its roots in the early spread of speculative Masonry across Britain during the 1700s. Operative stonemasons had long worked the quarries of the area, especially around Gwynedd where slate and stone were central to life. These practical traditions gave way to organized lodges as Freemasonry evolved from its working origins into a system of moral instruction and fellowship. The first known lodge in North Wales appeared in Caernarfon during the 1760s, in a town already important to Welsh history.

Lodges in this area often included local leaders, landowners, and those interested in personal improvement and community involvement. As time went on, the number of lodges grew, especially during the industrial period. Bangor, Wrexham, and Llandudno all became home to vibrant Masonic groups. Some lodges began incorporating the Welsh language into their meetings, showing how the Craft adapted to the culture and identity of its members.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales was officially formed in 1852. This allowed for better coordination and helped solidify Freemasonry's role in the region. To this day, the province remains active, with members continuing to support local causes and maintain the traditions of the Craft.

What struck me most during my visit was how naturally Freemasonry fits into the fabric of North Wales. It is not loud or showy. Its strength lies in quiet consistency, a shared sense of purpose, and a long-standing commitment to values that matter. In many ways, it reflects the ideal of building lasting bonds among men who, despite differences in background or belief, strive to work together in harmony. It is the kind of unity that is not forced, but formed over time, like mortar binding stones in a well-built wall. My visit to North Wales gave me a deeper appreciation not only for the history of the Craft but also for the quiet impact it continues to have on communities like these.

Masonic Birthdays

BRO. CHARLES BURNETTE
JUNE 3
RW DANIEL PEARSON
JUNE 6
WOR. JOHN NAPIER
JUNE 8
BRO. EDWARD WALTON
JUNE 9
BRO. RALPH JOHNSON
JUNE 10
BRO. GARY CASE
JUNE 10
BRO. ROBERT NUCKOLS
JUNE 10
WOR. JOHN PARRISH
JUNE 14
BRO. RANDAL PERDUE
JUNE 15
BRO. DELMAS ROBERTS
JUNE 15
BRO. PAUL ROACH
JUNE 25
BRO. HARRY





Highlights from Last Month



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INAUGURAL REV & ROAR RALLY

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

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
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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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