



APRIL - 2023

# TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

## Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

Spring appears to be rearing its head and with it comes a lot of busy times ahead for our lodge. During April, we will assist with our first lodge sponsored blood drive at the Ashland YMCA on Tuesday April 11th from 12p-5P. We will be working the registration table and assisting with logistics at the event. Please contact me if you are interested in assisting. We will be reading several petitions for the second time at our Stated Meeting on April 20th and we will potentially have 6 candidates at the One-Day Conferral in Fredericksburg on April 29. Our lodge is growing exponentially and we'll have more information about our newly raised brothers soon.

In March, we welcomed District Deputy Daniel Wilson Thompson to Ashland Lodge for his official visit. We had a great turnout and heard an excellent message on the masonic history of Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. We also made a donation of toiletries and non-perishable food items on behalf of the lodge to the Patrick Henry High School food pantry. We initiated Brother Kevin Wayne Whitlock as an Entered Apprentice and he is assigned to his father for catechism work. Pictures from these three events are included on page 3 of this document.

On behalf of the Hanover Chapter of the Eastern Star, thank you to all those brothers and family members who assisted with their annual Easter egg production and sale! As of Saturday April 1, there are still eggs left for sale. They are out of peanut butter, but still have orange-cream, buttercream, and coconut flavored eggs for sale. Please reach out to me or Beverly Samuels if you wish to purchase additional eggs to support their cause.

We are in for quite a busy spring and summer, so please come out and see us or reach out if you need assistance with anything.

## Upcoming Events

Lodge Practice

APRIL 6, 6:30PM

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APRIL 13, 6:30PM

Stated Meeting

APRIL 20 @ 7PM

SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM

MEAL @ 6PM

SHRINERS PRESENTATION

CATECHISM RETURN

Lodge Practice

APRIL 27, 6:30PM

District Ritual Class

Fredericksburg, VA

APRIL 25 @ 6:30PM

One-Day Conferral

APRIL 29, 8:00AM

FREDERICKSNURG LODGE #4



## Masonic Education

BY BRO. T.J. DANEKER

### The Apron

Brethren, we are taught that the apron is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a free and accepted mason. If we were to stop our masonic education at this description of what the apron symbolizes, then we would never find the true meaning which is veiled in allegory.

In the Entered Apprentice Degree, we are taught that the flap of the apron is turned up to prevent soiling their clothes, Masonically, to prevent dobbing in untempered mortar. In this degree we learn not to focus on the material things in life. Using the information we learned in the degree, we can deduct that the flap, which is a right triangle, is turned up to signify that the man (the square or oblong square) has not yet obtained a psychical or spiritual level of thinking, the man is still concerned with the material parts of the world, so the right triangle is still separated.

In the Fellowcraft Degree, we are taught that at the building of King Solomon's Temple, fellowcrafts wore their aprons with the flap turned down to distinguish them from entered apprentices. In this degree, the fellowcraft begins to focus on the psychical part of man, so it makes sense that the spiritual or psychical part of the apron, the right triangle, is now included in the square or oblong square. This represents that the fellowcraft has now reached the second degree and consistently works to include the psychical or learned arts in his everyday journey. The fellowcraft should strive to improve his knowledge in the liberal arts, and focus on improving his wealth of knowledge rather than his material wealth.

In the Master Mason's Degree, we are taught that a Master Mason wears his apron with the right corner tucked up, to distinguish them from the rest of the Craft. The Master Mason Degree is entirely spiritual. The Master Mason is taught to strive to search for Light, or rather, enlightenment. The Master Mason still wears his apron as a fellowcraft as he is constantly searching for spiritual enlightenment. The apron, with the right corner tucked up, does not form a square but now becomes a triangle. It is an emblem of the spiritual and symbolizes the compasses elevated above the square. The apron is to be worn by the evolving man, up to and including his attainment of "completement." However, the apron is still a material object regardless of what it symbolizes, and, as it is a material object, cannot be worn by the perfected man.

## Masonic Birthdays

WOR. TERRENCE LEE SULLIVAN, JR.  
APRIL 5

BRO. JOHNNIE EARL MERRITT, II  
APRIL 9

WOR. GREGORY WAYNE SIX  
APRIL 12

WOR. JAMES MADISON PURYEAR, JR.  
APRIL 18

WOR. ALBERT CHRISTIANSEN, JR.  
APRIL 21

WOR. CLYDE MONROE REECE  
APRIL 24

BRO. JOBE KING DESHAZO, III  
APRIL 25

BRO. ROGER THOMAS GILBERT  
APRIL 25

WOR. ALVIN PEYTON SANDERS  
APRIL 29





# Highlights from last month



Did we miss something?  
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Living Past Masters

1964- C.M. Reece	1992- W.T. Marshburn, Jr.	2014- A.M. Boor
1976- D.M. Pearson, Jr.	1994- S.F. Stone, Sr.	2015- J.U. Harrison
1976- J.L. Harris	1998- D.F. Lyons	2016(17)- R.R. Seitz
1980- D.M. Boor	2004- A.L. Christiansen, Jr.	2018- R.L. McIntire
1981- W.B. Howard	2007- J.M. Puryear, Jr.	2019- G.C. Duvall
1987- W.T. Cage	2010- M.P. Coyle	2020(21)- G.C. Corker
1988- E.E. Fisher	2011- M.S. Ball	2022- J.M. Parrish
1989(90)- A.S. Peyton	2013- L.T. Hall, 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.	

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

Trustees

R.W. Johnnie Lowel Harris  
 Wor. Robert Leroy McIntire, III  
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Upcoming District 8 Events

- Fredericksburg # 4 Stated April 14 @ 7:30PM
- Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated April 10 @ 7:30PM
- Hudson-Morris #80 Stated April 11 @ 7:30PM
- Ashland #168 Stated April 20 @ 7:00PM
- Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated April 26 @ 11:00AM
- Stafford # 279 Stated April 27 @ 7:30PM
- Spotsylvania #26 Stated April 24 @ 7:00PM
- District 8 DDGM: R.W. Daniel Wilson Thompson
- \*\*\*April 22 Meridian 284 Table Lodge @ 12:00PM\*\*\*  
 Varina Masonic Lodge 272  
 1600 Burning Tree Road  
 Henrico, VA 23231
- \*\*\*DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS\*\*\*  
 Saturday April 22 @ Tuckahoe Lodge  
 Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

- April 15 GMOV District 3
- April 20 26th Annual Ian McLaurin Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament
- April 21 GMOV Districts 42 & 43
- April 28 GMOV District 9
- Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Donald Ellis Strehle

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