ASHLAND LODGE N0.168, A.F. & A.M.



Doors Open at 5:30 PM Dinner at 6:00 PM Stated Communication 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 2022

"Make A Difference In Our Community!"





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 and friends of the Ashland Masonic Lodge... Welcome to December!

I never thought my final Trestleboard would be the most difficult for me to write... With just over two weeks left until our Open Installation, I feel that there is still so much left to be done. The realization that there is but little time left in my year as Worshipful Master, it has re-motivated me to double down my efforts on the last few projects I have for this year.

But you may ask... What is the future of Ashland Lodge? I have asked this question perpetually over the last 12 months. Did I do enough? Did I steer the ship in the right direction? Is there more I could have done to support the members of my Lodge? Well... I can't answer most of those questions, but I do have insight on two aspects of the future of Ashland Lodge.

ONE... The future is BRIGHT! I have only had a slight glimpse into the year that Greg Six has planned for 2023, but it has me excited. Soon-to-be Worshipful Six will take this Lodge to new heights and solidify us as one of the premier lodges in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Greg's leadership style is well suited for this Lodge, and there is no one I would rather have follow me in the East!

TWO... Regardless of what comes down the pipe, I can assure you that our December Stated Communication will be FUN! In addition to holding our elections for 2023 Lodge Officers, I will have gifts for all of my elected and appointed officers who served in 2022. Also, I will be reinstituting Awards Night! I have awards for Master Mason of the Year, Rookie of the Year, as well as multiple other Certificates of Appreciation for worthy Brothers who have helped lead Ashland Lodge in 2022. This will be an exciting night that I hope our Lodge will remember for years to come. Ashland Lodge has not celebrated the tradition of "Master Mason of the Year" in almost 30 years. The last recorded Master Mason of the Year was awarded to RW Frank Stone in 1993!

Finally, at our December Stated I will be giving my "State of the Lodge" address. Essentially, this will be my farewell address to the Lodge. I will discuss which goals we have achieved, where we have excelled, and where we have failed. I will also share my thought on the future of our Lodge and what we can do to build upon the success we experienced this year.

Here is what we have planned for December 2022:

12/01 - Lodge Practice

"<u>Laying the Cornerstone for the</u> <u>21st Century</u>"

12/08 - Stated Communication

Doors Open @ 5:30 PM

Dinner @ 6:00 PM

Stated @ 7:00 PM

Special Event: Elections & Awards Night!

12/10 - Lodge Cleanup at 9:00 AM

12/13 - Open Installation PRACTICE at 7:00 PM

12/16 - Open Installation at 7:00 PM

As always, I continue to be excited for the future of this Lodge. I am grateful for your trust, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the members 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
"Laying the Cornerstone for the 21st Century"



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Please bring any new toy/book donations to Ashland Lodge. We will continue to collect toys through early-December. Please contact Wor. Parrish or any Lodge officer if you wish to make a donation.

NEW ASHLAND LODGE LOGO:



(Join us at our December Stated to see the unveiling of our new logo!)

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WHAT YOU MISSED LAST MONTH:





2022 GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION:



Congratulations to Scott Davis (Meridian Lodge) for receiving his **GOLD CARD**. Thank you for your continued support of our Lodge!





Congratulations to RW
Lee Sloppy who was
appointed as
ASSISTANT GRAND
CHAPLAIN!



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Tuesday

Practice at 7:00 PM

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December 2022 Monday

Meeting @ 7:30 PM

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Sunday



*** December Stated Communication: Special Presentation - Elections & Awards Night!

2022 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master Wor. John Michael Parrish Senior Warden Bro. Gregory Wayne Six

Junior Warden Bro. Christopher Scott Tomlin

Treasurer Bro. Adam Bartlett Long Wor. Lloyd Thomas Hall, III Secretary Bro. Thomas Jennings Daneker Senior Deacon Bro. David Winfred Renner Iunior Deacon Bro. Terrence Lee Sullivan, Jr. Chaplain

Senior Steward Bro. James Lamar MacFarland, Jr.

Junior Steward Bro. Jeremy Lee Killian

Marshal Wor. Alvin Sanders Peyton Wor. Tiler Garry Christopher Corker

Lodge Instructor of Work Lodge Education Officer

Wor. Gregory Cline Duvall Bro. David Russell Cline

December 2022 Masonic Birthdays:

Bro. James Eugene Collison......52 Years Bro. Ronald Michael Bryan, Sr......50 Years Bro. Lewis Vaughan Mills......36 Years





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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 Ir. - 1992 S.F. Stone Sr. - 1994 D.F. Lyons - 1999 A.L. Christiansen Ir. - 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

G.Duval - 2019 G.Corker - 2020 - 2021

R.McIntire - 2018

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. – Les Sloppy – 2005 (18)

LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPITUITY

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



Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle

177th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

"Uniting All Mankind"







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