



DECEMBER - 2023

# TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

## Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

Brethren and Friends of Ashland Lodge,

This is the last Trestleboard I will write to you as Master of Ashland Lodge. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Worshipful Master of Ashland Lodge during this masonic year. One of the values instilled in me when I was in the United States Marine Corps was to always leave things better than you found them. I hope that we've accomplished that. You've heard me say several times that no one man is above the lodge. The lodge is made up of all its members and each contributes in their own way. All of your efforts have contributed to the success we've had this year and from the bottom of my heart I thank you.

My goal was to continue to increase the footprint of Ashland Lodge through community engagement so that people in the community know that we are attempting to contribute to the greater good. Due to the efforts of all our friends and members, we've accomplished more than I ever imagined we would. We've begun to volunteer at local blood drives, contribute to local foodbanks and nonprofits, and host community engagement fundraisers and events. We host a monthly hot dog lunch in honor of Worshipful Billy Smith, where friends and masons can gather to fellowship and talk about masonry.

Lastly, I thank all the appointed and elected officers of Ashland Lodge for their service this year. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and I appreciate your support and engagement this year. We're not quite finished yet... we still plan to replace our upstairs HVAC units and install a new floor downstairs in the near future. So please come out to the lodge and see all the good things happening.

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

## Upcoming Events

Installation Practice

DECEMBER 7 @ 7:00PM  
ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED  
OFFICERS MUST ATTEND

Stated Meeting

DECEMBER 14 @ 7:00PM  
SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM  
MEAL @ 6:00PM  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

No Hot Dog Lunch This Month

Open Installation of Officers  
DECEMBER 17 @ 7:00PM



## A Knowledge of Free-Masonry

Source: <https://masonicshop.com/masonic-articles/article/?a=114>

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND. The making of a Freemason consists in a continued course of education, and of character forming. While it may be accepted that it is an innermost desire, followed by obligations that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer form and better sense, a man is never a Freemason until he truthfully and loyally lives up to his obligations. And he cannot do that until he understands them, and eventually knows their scope and real meaning.

Freemasonry can very well be divided into many phases. Its landmarks, its customs, its constitution and its laws, just to mention a few, if studied and mastered, can provide a most interesting course for the Master Mason seeking Masonic knowledge. Its historical background can provide an interesting program of investigation to the member attracted to a desire for research.

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will stand investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated. A member of the Craft who merely takes his degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and then remains as just a spectator at Lodge meetings, may hold to the opinion that Freemasonry differs little from other societies. To the contrary, the Master Mason who delves deeply into Masonic literature, takes a lively interest in every part of the Ritualistic and lodge Work, and learns the origin, meaning and moral bearing of its symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations.

The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. May it be accepted that Freemasonry is a way of living to the Master Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his, and his alone, by virtue of his Masonic Membership.

The best informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic reading, our Masonic studying and our research for more Masonic Light.

## Masonic Birthdays

BRO. JAMES EUGENE COLLISON  
DECEMBER 3

BRO. LEWIS VAUGHAN MILLS  
DECEMBER 4

BRO. RONALD MICHAEL BRYAN, SR.  
DECEMBER 7





# 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.	

Legacy 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 December 8 @ 7:30PM

Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated December 11 @ 7:30PM

Hudson-Morris #80 Stated December 12 @ 7:30PM

Ashland #168 Stated December 14 @ 7:00PM

Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated December 20 @ 11:00AM

Stafford # 279 Stated December 14 @ 7:30PM

Spotsylvania #26 Stated December 18 @ 7:00PM

District 8 DDGM: R.W. Richard J. Fisher

\*\*\*DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS\*\*\*

Wednesday January 17 @ Manchester Lodge

No dinner, meeting begins at 6:30PM

May serve pizza, but not sure.

Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

- December 1 - Lodge Official Visit - Purdie No. 170
- December 2 - Lodge Official Visit - Fairmont No. 9
- December 5 - Lodge Official Visit - Marshall No. 39
- December 9 - Lodge Official Visit - Andrew Jackson No. 120
- December 14 - Wreath Laying: Mt. Vernon
- December 16 - Commandery: Christmas Observance
- December 19 - MAHOVA Winter Solstice Dinner

Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Jack Kayle Lewis

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