



JULY - 2023

TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

Brethren, I hope this transmission finds you all safe and healthy as possible, and cheers to a great July 4th holiday where we celebrate our nation's independence.

June was a busy month. We had our first lodge hot dogs event and it was well-attended. Our next hot dog lunch will be Friday July 14 at 11:30AM. If you plan to attend, please let me know so I can ensure we have enough food for everyone.

We held two degrees in June. We initiated Rodney Smith (Wor. Billy Smith's son) as an entered apprentice and passed Josh Rosengaft to the degree of fellowcraft. Congrats to both these men as they continue their masonic education and journeys. We will have called degree meetings for both of these men in August.

We will hold a joint stated communication on Thursday July 20 at 7:00PM at Ashland Lodge with Metropolitan #11 from District 15A. I have been in contact with Worshipful Ashley Thomas and we are working to finalize the meeting details. During dinner, the Rainbow Girls will come to Ashland Lodge to sell baked goods for our dessert as part of their fundraising program. Please be aware of this change and bring a few extra dollars to support their endeavors.

Finally, we are gearing up for our first National Night Out event to be held at the lodge on Tuesday August at 6PM. The lodge will purchase hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone and we'll ask that everyone bring a side and/or dessert to share. More specific communication will be sent out later this month.

Lastly, we are still working on HVAC and floor replacement quotes. I hope to have those finished and ready to present to the trustees later this month.

Thank you all again for everything you do to make our lodge successful and if I can be of any assistance, please reach out to me.

Upcoming Events

Lodge Practice
JULY 6, 6:30PM

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JULY 13, 6:30PM

Stated Meeting
JULY 20 @ 7PM
SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM
MEAL @ 6PM
***JOINT STATED MEETING
WITH METROPOLITAN # 11

District Ritual Class
Fredericksburg, VA
JULY 25 @ 7:00PM

Lodge Practice
JULY 27 , 6:30PM

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



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The making of a Freemason consists of a continuing course of education, of training, 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 more interesting course for the Master Mason seeking Masonic knowledge. Its historical background can provide in 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. The 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

WOR. MICHAEL PATRICK COYLE
JULY 10

BRO. JAMES RAY COOPER
JULY 12

WOR. JAMES UTLEY HARRISON
JULY 23

BRO. CHRISTOPHER SCOTT TOMLIN
JULY 25





Highlights from last month



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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.	

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

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R.W. Johnnie Lowel Harris
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Upcoming District 8 Events

- Fredericksburg # 4 Stated July 14 @ 7:30PM
- Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated July 10 @ 7:30PM
- Hudson-Morris #80 Stated July 11 @ 7:30PM
- Ashland #168 Stated July 20 @ 7:00PM
- Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated July 26 @ 11:00AM
- Stafford # 279 Stated July 27 @ 7:30PM
- Spotsylvania #26 Stated July 24 @ 7:00PM
- District 8 DDGM: R.W. Daniel Wilson Thompson
- ***DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS***
- Saturday July 22 @ Tuckahoe Lodge
- Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

- July 7 GMOV District 40
- July 8 Secretary/Treasurer User Conference
- July 8 GMOV District 41
- July 14 GMOV District 39
- July 15 Secretary/Treasurer User Conference
- July 21 GMOV Districts 15A & 15B
- July 22 GMOV District Research
- July 29 GMOV District 29
- Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Donald Ellis Strehle

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