



OCTOBER - 2023

TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

Brethren and Friends of Ashland Lodge,

September was an incredibly busy month. We raised two new master masons, so please welcome Brother Rodney Smith and Brother Josh Rosengaft! They are now card-carrying masons and afforded the right to travel freely. Members of Ashland Lodge participated in the annual Kinsale Ritual School and received great feedback on their performance. Thank you to all that participated. We held our fall waffle breakfast last weekend, even though the weather was not that great. We had a decent turnout and earned some well-needed revenue for our Lodge. We also cleaned up the lodge room and dining areas. We passed Brother Kevin Whitlock to the Fellowcraft's Degree after being examined by his father, Worshipful Wayne Whitlock. We also held another blood drive at the Patrick Henry YMCA and had 32 units of blood donated.

We held a meeting with our trustees and leadership team immediately following the waffle breakfast fundraiser. We are working on a plan to make some much needed improvements to the lodge prior to the end of the calendar year. Stay tuned for more information.

Our next fundraising event will be Friday October 27 from 6-8PM. Worshipful Garry Corker will be making his almost world-famous spaghetti sauce for our spaghetti dinner. Please pass the word and come out to fellowship with us if you are able.

During our stated meeting this month, we will be having our awards night where members will be receiving their service pins. This celebration will happen during the meal for those not wanting to attend the meeting, and the remainder will be presented at the regular meeting immediately following the meal.

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

Upcoming Events

Lodge Practice

OCTOBER 5, 7:00PM

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OCTOBER 12, 7:00PM

Stated Meeting

OCTOBER 19 @ 7:00PM
SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM
MEAL @ 6:00PM
AWARDS NIGHT

District Ritual School

OCTOBER 24, 6:30PM

Lodge Practice

OCTOBER 26, 7:00PM



What Freemasonry Means to Me - Wor. Greg Six

When I first asked the question to a work colleague about masonry, I was told that I needed to pick a day when we could all go have lunch at Worshipful Billy Smith's house. After a somewhat brief and interesting conversation that was clouded in secrecy, I submitted a petition to join Ashland Lodge. I progressed through the traditional method with Worshipful Greg Duvall as my catechism coach. Between hot dog lunches with Billy and many hours spent at Greg's house, they both instilled in me what I wanted out of being a mason. Simply put, my reasons were to be around other men who wanted to better themselves and do the right things for the right reasons.

I eventually entered the "line" after I was raised a master mason and have matriculated through to the East this year, and currently serve as the Worshipful Master of Ashland Lodge. Since 2018, I have regularly visited the lodge on Thursdays to attend lodge practices, degree work for called communications, and stated meetings. I enjoy the camaraderie of being a mason and appreciate the fraternal aspect of being brothers in masonry.

As we enter this fall season and contemplate change for the next leadership team in our lodge, the 8th Masonic District, and masonry in general, I encourage you all to think about why you wanted to become a mason. What was it that drew you to ask the question? Was it because you wanted to be Worshipful Master and govern a lodge one day? Maybe a District Deputy GrandMaster or a member of the GrandMaster's leadership team? Some may not have any interest in serving in leadership positions and that is perfectly fine. We all have our own ambitions, so any answer is fine... but don't forget what brought you here and the values that have been passed down from those before us.

We should not take shortcuts in masonry and never take the easiest path when difficulties arise. If being a Mason was easy, everyone could do it. That's why we have a strict vetting process, and we must guard the west gate well. Masons do things for the right reasons and remember that service of others should be placed above serving yourself.

Masonic Birthdays

BRO. JEFFREY ADAM KATZ
OCTOBER 2

BRO. THOMAS JENNINGS DANEKER
OCTOBER 3

WOR. KENNETH WAYNE STONE
OCTOBER 3

BRO. STEPHEN MARK WOLFORD
OCTOBER 3

BRO. MARK PHILIP WALSH
OCTOBER 3

BRO. DAVID WINFRED RENNER
OCTOBER 3

BRO. SEAN ANDREW MCDONALD
OCTOBER 5

BRO. DONALD EUGENE SAMUELS
OCTOBER 10

BRO. CHRISTOPHER PAUL NEAULT
OCTOBER 11

WOR. GARRY CHRISTOPHER CORKER
OCTOBER 22

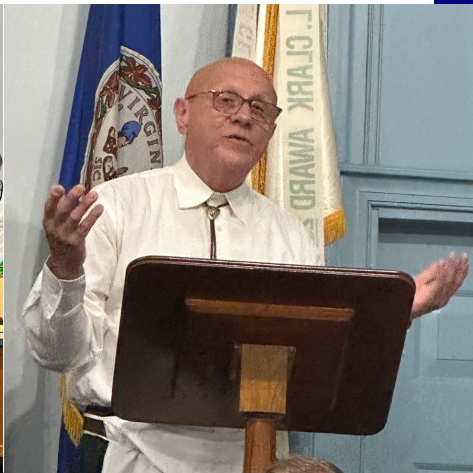
BRO. JEREMY LEE KILLIAN
OCTOBER 28

BRO. ARTHUR LINWOOD TRAYLOR, JR.
OCTOBER 28





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.	

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
Bro. R. Allen Davidson

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Upcoming District 8 Events

Fredericksburg # 4 Stated October 13 @ 7:30PM

Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated October 9 @ 7:30PM

Hudson-Morris #80 Stated October 10 @ 7:30PM

Ashland #168 Stated October 19 @ 7:00PM

Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated October 25 @ 11:00AM

Stafford # 279 Stated October 26 @ 7:30PM

Spotsylvania #26 Stated October 23 @ 7:00PM

District 8 DDGM: R.W. Daniel Wilson Thompson

DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS

Saturday October 21 @ Tuckahoe Lodge

Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

October 7 MAHOVA Family Day

October 14 GMOV Districts 1A & 1B

Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Donald Ellis Strehle

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