



MARCH - 2023

TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

We had another busy month in February and we are gearing up for a busy spring and summer. We've laid out our plans for completing our 10 acts of community service and are currently accepting toiletry and non-perishable food items up until March 16, which is the night of our stated meeting. If you would like to donate supplies and are unable to get to the lodge, please contact me at 804-839-2278 and I will come to your location and pick up your donation. Thank you to all those who have already donated. Our supplies will be going to support the food pantry at Patrick Henry High School.

There is no doubt that our social media presence and our community efforts are drawing people to our lodge. We've read petitions for membership and affiliation at both stated meetings so far this year and rumor has it that it will continue in March. Know that all of your hard work and efforts are being noticed and felt throughout the Ashland community!

As you are able, please plan to attend any of our lodge ritual classes every Thursday at the lodge beginning at 6:30PM with a selected catechism review and ritual practice immediately following at 7:00PM. Throughout the next few weeks, we will be practicing to receive the District Deputy Grand Master at our March stated meeting. It is very important that we continue the rituals and traditions as those before us have instituted.

We've had two excellent meals prepared by the Eastern Star so far... wonder what they have in store for March? Show up and find out!

Thank you all for your trust in me.

Greg Six

Upcoming Events

Lodge Practice

MARCH 2, 6:30PM

Lodge Practice

MARCH 9, 6:30PM

Stated Meeting

MARCH 16 @ 7PM

SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM

MEAL @ 6PM

OFFICIAL VISIT OF DDGM

R.W. DAN THOMPSON

CALLED COMMUNICATION

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

MARCH 23, 7:00PM

Lodge Practice

MARCH 30, 6:30PM

District Ritual Class

Fredericksburg, VA

MARCH 28 @ 6:30PM



Masonic Education

BY WOR. GREG SIX

Brethren of Ashland Lodge,

On Monday February 20, 2023, members of Ashland Lodge 168 participated in the reenactment of the cornerstone dedication at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Most Worshipful Donald Strehle lead the cornerstone laying reenactment and our very own Worshipful Lee Sloppy participated as an appointed officer of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Many thanks to those who attended on the Lodge's behalf.

The following is an excerpt from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial website:

"The groundbreaking ceremony took place on June 5, 1922. Louis A. Watres, President of the Memorial Association and Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and Charles H. Callahan, Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, and a future Grand Master of Virginia participated in the ceremony. Despite the great expense, the Memorial Association was determined not to borrow money. Construction only proceeded as money was collected for each stage of the project.



On November 1, 1923, the Memorial's cornerstone was dedicated in a Masonic ceremony. President Calvin Coolidge, former President and Chief Justice William H. Taft and numerous other dignitaries performed the ceremony before a crowd of thousands of Freemasons from around the nation. The onset of the Great Depression did not stop work on the Memorial. For over 10 years, Freemasons steadily and faithfully contributed to the construction of the Memorial. On May 12, 1932, the bicentennial year of George Washington's birth, the dedication of the Memorial took place with President Herbert Hoover participating."

Masonic Birthdays

WOR. LLOYD THOMAS HALL III
MARCH 26

BRO. JOHN CARROLL BECK
MARCH 26





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
 Bro. R. Allen Davidson

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Upcoming District 8 Events

- March 10 Fredericksburg # 4 Stated @ 7:30PM
- March 13 Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated @ 7:30PM
- March 14 Hudson-Morris #80 Stated @ 7:30PM
- March 16 Ashland #168 Stated @ 7:00PM DDGMOV
- March 22 Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated @ 11:00AM
- March 23 Stafford # 279 Stated @ 7:30PM
- March 27 Spotsylvania #26 Stated @ 7:00PM

District 8 DDGM: R.W. Dan Thompson

DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS

Saturday March 18 @ Tuckahoe Lodge
Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

- March 10 GMOV Districts 36 & 56 - Chesapeake
- March 11 GMOV District 33 - Portsmouth
- March 17 GMOV District 14 - Newport News
- March 24 GMOV District 16 - North Chesterfield
- March 25 GMOV District 17
- March 31 GMOV District 7 - Syria

Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Donald Ellis Strehle

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