

ASHLAND LODGE NO. 168, A.F. & A.M.
CHARTERED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA DECEMBER 14th, 1857



THE TRESTLE BOARD



Fellowship 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM
Stated Communication 7:30 PM

Stated Communication Third Thursday 7:30 PM
*EXCEPT SECOND THURSDAY IN DECEMBER

MARCH 2022

“Make A Difference In Our Community!”

“Laying the Cornerstone for the 21st Century”



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, welcome to March! I have two things on my mind... warmer weather and Masonry! March will be the “calm before the storm,” as we are projecting to put on a minimum of five degrees in the next three months. Here are the current events planned for this month:

- 03/03 - Lodge Practice (EA Degree)
- 03/05 – Tree Cleanup Project @ 9:00 AM
- 03/10 - Called Communication (EA Degree)
- 03/12 – Grand Master’s Official Visit to 8th Masonic District
Bowling Green Town Hall @ 6:00 PM
Tickets are \$20.00
- 03/14 - Fraternal Visit to Kilwinning-Crosse Lodge No. 2-237
- 03/17 - Stated Communication
Social @ 6:00 PM
Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Stated @ 7:30 PM
Guest Speaker – Bro. Thomas Daneker, Senior Deacon
- 03/19 – Executive Leadership Council (Q2 Meeting) @ 9:00 AM
- 03/22 - District Class at Fredericksburg
- 03/24 - Lodge Practice
- 03/31 – Lodge Practice

Grand Master James Winfield Golladay, Jr. will be visiting the 8th Masonic District on March 12. I have a limited number of tickets remaining for the event. The tickets are on sale for \$20 each. If you are interested in attending, please contact me as soon as possible to secure your tickets.

Dues for 2022 can be made payable to the Lodge. In fact, there are still a number of members who have not yet paid their dues for this year. Dues for 2022 are \$178.57 and can be mailed to the Secretary or you can pay by check card/debit card on our new website www.ashland168.com. If you are struggling financially and are unable to pay dues for this year, please contact me, or you can request financial assistance through our website.

Last month we raised Bro. Jeremy Nathaniel Williams to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and this month we will have an Entered Apprentice Degree to welcome a new Brother into the Craft. I am excited for the future 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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3 MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER:



Gentlemen and Brethren,

Last month, Brother Tomlin was kind enough to reflect on the gratitude he has for the Brethren who take leadership roles in teaching and mentoring. This month, I would like to echo that sentiment, and thank him for his dedication to the Lodge as well.

I was raised a Master Mason in 2015. When I joined, I was fortunate enough to have had two Brethren vouch for me, having not known anyone in the Lodge. Since then, Masonry has become more than I can possibly encapsulate in the limited time and space I have in this brief writing. Nonetheless, I shall endeavor to at least offer a whisper of its importance in hopes that my words may meet some ready ear and offer an idea of how Masonry helps me to understand, and to balance, the two worlds in terms of body (the objective world) and spirit (the subjective world).

We have all heard that Masonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbolism, which of course is as concise and accurate as anyone has ever put it. To me, though, I have found it to be even broader in scope than this definition.

Whether you dive into the Lectures or reflect on the Ritual floor work, not only moral philosophy (relation of Self to the Good) can be found, but you can discover metaphysics (study of reality), epistemology (study of knowledge), politics (study of Self to the group), and even aesthetics (study of beauty). It's simply a matter of searching, asking questions, and being open to what Masonry teaches that brings to light these secrets. I'll try to briefly explain what I mean with a simple article with which we are all familiar.

Take the use of the Hoodwink in Ritual. How might a Hoodwink help me understand life?

The Hoodwink, to me, speaks to metaphysical truth, a truth about reality. It teaches us that as we amble through life, even with the aid of guidance, we are blind in the flow of experience. Those things that are the dark side of life - fear, ignorance, resentment, etc. - are at every turn. Without the Light of intellectual and spiritual understanding, we remain in their darkness, or, at minimum, prone to submit to them in trying times. In life, it's those with a healthy and proper mindset that constructively reflect on life's experiences. It's only when we are removed from events by the fullness of time, when emotion has dimmed, fear has fled, frustrations have waned, that we see the events for what they were to us.

Such as it is in the Lodge, it's only when the journey (circumambulation) is over, and if we have been well-guided (by our Brother Deacon), that the veil is lifted (hoodwink removed) and we can look back and understand the events as they occurred to us (Lecture). And when the Hoodwink is lifted, we see the representations of the only things (the Great and Lesser Lights) that allow us to gain that proper and healthy understanding, if indeed we have kept them at the center of our journey, as they are in the Ritual.

Moreover, the Hoodwink speaks to epistemology, or at least what epistemology should be. Masonry seems, to me, to comprehend what the Neo-Atheists (or the masses for that matter) don't, to wit: that wisdom is the highest rung of the cognitive hierarchy, not knowledge; that the bridge between knowledge and understanding is experience; and that faith should have never been considered a means of acquiring knowledge (and therefore ridiculed by the profane), because it doesn't belong in that hierarchy at all. Rather, faith is the acceptance of inevitable limitations of our rude and imperfect state by nature. It is the tool that begins where epistemology ends and ethics begins. It is the lifeblood of the hope of redemption. The Hoodwink represents all of this. It forces the Candidate, without his volition, to embark on his journey blind, trusting only that which he cannot see, placing his hope beyond his cognitive faculties, that he may arrive at a place where he will finally understand in fullness, and live peacefully in the quiet repose of having gained the ability to 'let go.'

As I said, Masonry is a profound and complex Craft, and I apologize if this brief communication has been poorly or ineffectually articulated.

These types of truths can be garnered in every aspect of Masonry: in the movements of the floor work, the emblems, the symbols, the jewels, in everything. It is comprehensive, and it is personal. Most of all, Masonry helps me, personally, live life in the way I aspire to... meaningfully and purposefully.

At any rate, I appreciate all of you, and I appreciate being a part of Ashland Lodge No. 168. I'm proud to be a Brother among you, and I look forward to having these kinds of conversations about Masonry with anyone who's willing.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bro. Adam Long

Treasurer



March 2022



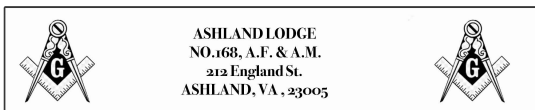
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3 Lodge Practice Catechism @ 6:30 PM Degree @ 1:00 PM	4	5 Tree Cleanup Project @ 9:00 AM
6	7	8	9	10 CALLED - EA Degree @ 7:00 PM	11	12 Grand Master's Official Visit (Bowling Green) 6:00 PM
13	14 Fraternal Visit to Kilwinning-Crosse	15	16	17 STATED COMM. Fellowship @ 6:00 Dinner @ 6:30 Meeting @ 7:30	18	19 Executive Leadership Meeting (Q2) 9:00 AM
20	21 Hanover GES Meeting @ 7:30	22 District Ritual Class (Fredburg) 7:00 PM	23	24 Lodge Practice Catechism @ 6:30 PM Degree @ 1:00 PM	25	26
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3	4	Notes *** March Stated Communication: Guest Speaker Bro. Thomas Daneker				

2022 Lodge Officers

March 2022 Masonic Birthdays:

Worshipful Master	Wor. John Michael Parrish
Senior Warden	Bro. Gregory Wayne Six
Junior Warden	Bro. Christopher Scott Tomlin
Treasurer	Bro. Adam Bartlett Long
Secretary	Wor. Lloyd Thomas Hall, III
Senior Deacon	Bro. Thomas Jennings Daneker
Junior Deacon	Bro. David Winfred Renner
Chaplain	Bro. Terrence Lee Sullivan, Jr.
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	Wor. Gregory Cline Duvall
Lodge Education Officer	Bro. David Russell Cline

Bro. John Carroll Beck	24 Years
Wor. Lloyd Thomas Hall, III	14 Years





SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren,

Our current dues are \$178.57 for 2022. At this point, only about 50 members have paid for the year. Please send your payments to:

**Ashland Lodge No. 168
PO Box 89
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**or pay by credit or debit card at [https://
www.ashland168.com](https://www.ashland168.com)**

We have paid our bill to the Grand Lodge, so our resources are now depleted below where they should be. If you have not paid your dues for 2022, please do so now. Don't let your brothers down. If your circumstances make this impossible, please contact Wor. John Parrish immediately.

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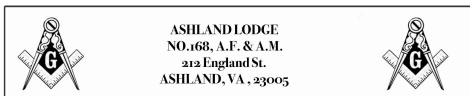
Our new website is up and running! Please visit the website and give us your feedback.

The new site includes:

- Dues Payments Online!
- View the Current Trestleboard
- Updated Calendar of Events
- Anonymously Request Financial Assistance
- View Current Line Officers
- Visitor can sign up for our Mailing List



Also... Join our new Facebook page! Just search for "Ashland Lodge No. 168" and follow the page for upcoming events.





WHAT YOU MISSED IN FEBRUARY:



On February 17, 2022, Ashland Lodge held its Stated Communication. In addition to a visit from DEO, Wor. Chris Tripp, Wor. John Parrish presented a Master Mason Proficiency Certificate to Wor. Alvin Peyton. The Ashland Lodge received several gifts at the Stated Communication, including a picture of the Holy Sts. John presented by Wor. Barry Bland (Glen Allen Lodge No. 131), on behalf of RW. Don Cunningham, DDGM (15B).



On February 11, the Ashland Lodge presented a Master Mason Degree and raised Bro. Jeremy Nathaniel Williams to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. On February 15, Ashland Lodge completed its first Fraternal Visit of 2022 as member visited Temple Lodge No. 9.



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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 Jr. – 1992
 S.F. Stone Sr. – 1994
 D.F. Lyons – 1999
 A.L. Christiansen Jr. – 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
 R.McIntire – 2018
 C.Duval – 2019
 G.Corker – 2020 – 2021

TRUSTEES

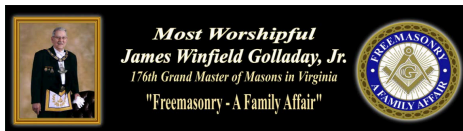
R.W. – Johnnie Lowell Harris
 R.W. – Anthony "Tony" Boor
 Wor. – Robert Leroy McIntire, III

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. – Lee Sloppy – 2005 (1B)

LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPITUITY

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

**EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT LODGES
STATED COMMUNICATIONS**

KILWINNING-CROSSE LODGE #2-237
 2nd MONDAY, 7:30 PM

HUDSON-MORRIS LODGE #80
 2nd TUESDAY, 7:30 PM

EDWARD H. CANN DAYLIGHT #1752
 4th WEDNESDAY, 11:00 AM

ASHLAND LODGE #168
 3rd THURSDAY, 7:30 PM

STAFFORD LODGE #279
 4th THURSDAY, 7:30 PM

FREDERICKSBURG LODGE #4
 2nd FRIDAY, 7:30 PM

SPOTSYLVANIA LODGE #26
 4th MONDAY



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