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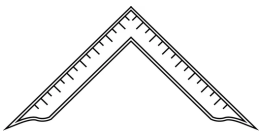
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

Stated Communication - Third Thursday

Dinner at 6:30p, Lodge at 7:30p

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April 2024



From the East

Greetings, Brothers,

I hope you and your family had a happy and healthy Easter holiday. At our February 21st stated meeting, we discussed and voted on the dues increase for the 2025 Masonic year. The Grand Lodge of Virginia intends to increase their assessment from \$55 to \$65. To get ahead of this, we will raise our dues from \$205 to \$225. Dues will increase by 2.5% each year starting in 2026.

We also had a fraternal visit from the Brothers of Ashburn-Sterling 288. We will be visiting the Brothers from Ashburn-Sterling on April 9th for the Grand Master's visit there. If you would like to attend, please join us.

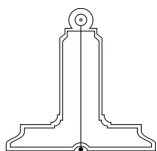
Over the past couple of years, the Brothers of Mount Airy Lodge in Maryland have been visiting our lodge. We have been invited by our Brothers from Mount Airy to attend a Fellowcraft degree on April 19. If you are interested in attending, please contact me for further information.

A final thought

Religion holds significant importance within Freemasonry, serving as a foundational element that underscores the fraternity's moral and ethical teachings. While Freemasonry itself is not a religion, it embraces a belief in a Supreme Being and encourages members to uphold their religious faith as an essential aspect of their personal development. This emphasis on spirituality fosters a sense of reverence and humility among Masons, guiding them to approach life with integrity, compassion, and a deep respect for the divine. Moreover, the shared reverence for a higher power unites Masons of diverse religious backgrounds, emphasizing the universality of moral principles and the inherent value of human spirituality. Through ritualistic ceremonies and symbolic teachings, Freemasonry encourages members to contemplate their relationship with the divine, reinforcing the importance of

faith, virtue, and duty in their daily lives. Ultimately, religion in Freemasonry serves as a catalyst for spiritual growth, fostering a bond of brotherhood grounded in shared values and a common pursuit of moral excellence.

Joshua Goff
Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren:

Scholarship applications are published at both LVHS and WGHS. If anyone knows of anyone who would like to apply for one of our two scholarships, please see me for an application.

March's stated meeting had a full agenda. If you missed it, please catch up with someone who was there. We had several visitors, two great presentations, open discussion on due increases, and read two petitions. We will be starting the Masonic interview process for both, and if you would like to be involved, please reach out to me. I had several Brothers express interest in being on these committees, and I will likely need a few more willing to help. Likewise, if any Brother knows of any reason why these two petitioners would not make good candidates, please speak with me directly. It felt great to be in lodge this past month. Thank you to everyone that came out and helped make it that way.

S&F,
Larry Brissing
Senior Warden



From the South

From labor to refreshment,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with their families. For those of us with school-aged children, March was eventful. Leigh-Ann and I appreciated spring break with our kids, and I expect you did the same. I look forward to sharing stories at dinner before our stated meeting.

Thank you, everyone, who has signed up for dinner. We have a full schedule of volunteers for the rest of the year. I will be providing a ground beef taco dinner for this upcoming stated meeting. Once again, my gratitude goes out to our Stewards who have done an excellent job coordinating meals, serving, and maintaining the Lodge. They do it without fail or complaint and are a credit to themselves and the Craft.

Join us for our lodge of refreshment at American Legion Post 293 after Lodge to share some additional fellowship in a relaxed setting.

Jon Herman
Junior Warden



Masonic Humor

One night (a long time ago in a jurisdiction far, far, away) a brother was heading home after indulging a bit too much at the festive board after his lodge meeting.

He was weaving a little across the path, steadying himself against the lamp-posts.

A concerned policeman saw him, and walked over.

"Well sir, where are we going at this time of night, eh?" he asked.

The brother replied "I, officer, am going to a lecture on Masonry!"

Bemused, the policeman asked, "And just where are you going to hear a lecture on Masonry at this time of night?"

The brother replied, "From my wife!!!"

Announcements & Upcoming Events

5	APR, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	Fraternal Visit to Freedom Lodge 118 Freedom Lodge 118, Lovettsville, VA
9	APR, TUE	● 7:30 – 9:30pm ● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 43881 Waxpool RoadAshburn VA 20147-6 Fraternal Visit to Metropolitan Lodge 161 14 Liberty St SW, Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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18	APR, THU	● 6:30 – 9:30pm	Hamilton Thompson Stated 320 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132
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