



The Patriot Lodge U.D.

at George Mason University

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WARRANTED SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

STATED COMMUNICATION ON 3RD FRIDAY AT 7:00PM

DINNER AT 8:00 PM— DARK JULY & AUGUST

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2011 Theme

"BUILDING OUR FOUNDATION"

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Greetings From the East - January 2011 (No. 1)

Brethren, I'm honored to serve as the first Master of The Patriot Lodge - what a great opportunity this is for us to introduce Freemasonry to the academic community and build a new Lodge all at once. Much has been said about the great opportunities we have with this new Lodge, but it will only be as good as our leadership and energy can provide, so I challenge all our members to bring their best to the table.

Our first official event was the ceremony for dispensation on October 23rd whereby the Grand Lodge set us to work. If you missed this event, I can only say you missed a big one... We we're blessed to receive a fantastic gift of \$10,000. from Columbia Lodge No. 285 in Arlington - we will never forget their generosity to help us get this Lodge under way.

This lead to our first Stated on November 15th where we were pleased to have the Immediate Past Grand Master MW Bro. William Earle Rorer as our guest speaker—he spoke on his experience as Grand Master and what that journey entailed.

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SENIOR STEWARD
Steve Fowler

JUNIOR STEWARD
Michael Seay

CHAPLAIN
Andrew Shelton

MARSHALL & LIW
Don McAndrews, PM

MUSICIAN
TBD

TILER
Eduardo Sanchez

LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER
Jon Shelton, PM

MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR
Bob White, PM

BLOOD COORDINATOR
Ron Kellogg

**CANDIDATE COORDINATION
COMMITTEE CHAIR**
Dr. Harold Chadsey, PM

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
CHAIR**
TBD

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Chris Chrzanowski, PM

GMU OUTREACH COMMITTEE
Ira Dreyfuss

WEBMASTER
Jon Ruark

BY-LAWS
Edmund Cohen, PGM

LIVING PAST MASTERS
None!

(Greetings From the East cont'd)

Next, we had our second Stated on December 21, 2010 and Bro. Paul Evancoe was our speaker. He spoke on "The Scottish Rite - The University of Freemasonry," and we discussed ways in which The Patriot Lodge and the Alexandria Scottish Rite could work together.

There are several themes I want to stress with our new Lodge: 1) we will have an academic environment whereby we provide our candidates with top quality degrees and education, 2) we will host interesting speakers and events covering a range of Masonic and related topics, 3) we will work hard to become a valued part of the GMU community, e.g. partnering with the Philosophy Department, fraternities, and others. Some of these activities will be academic, some will be community service.

Brethren, Masonry is a special organization with a special mission in the world. Being able to share this with GMU is a great opportunity for us to strengthen Masonry in Northern Virginia and hopefully will spark the formation of more academic Lodges across the Commonwealth.

From Labor to Refreshment

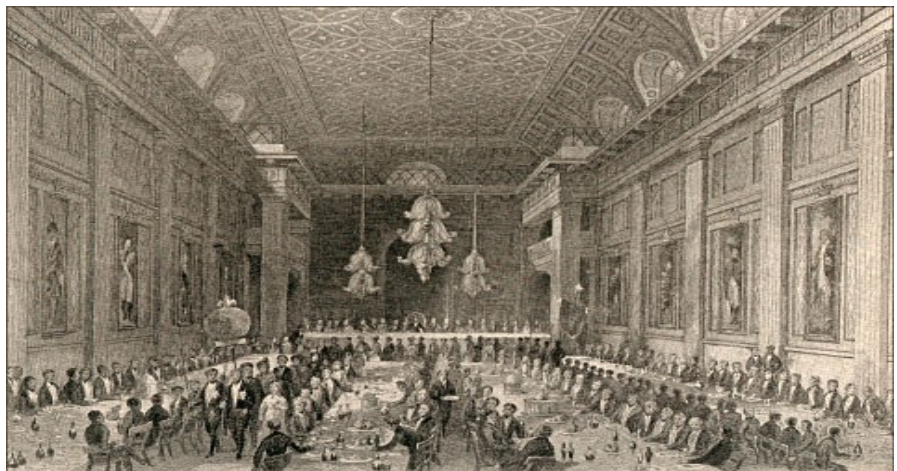
Menu for the January 21st Stated:

Coffee or Tea
Salad & Bread
Flank Steak or Grilled Salmon
Potatoes & Vegetables
Dessert

Dinner will run from 8:00 to about 9:15 and will include a speaker. This is an open event, so please bring your friends and/or those interested in Masonry! Your best jokes will be entertained by the Worshipful Master during dinner.

All brethren who wish to dine with us are requested to RSVP by using the PayPal feature on our website:
<http://www.thepatriotlodge.org>

Dinner is \$20.00
Please contact Bro. Jon Ruark with any questions.



FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,

Patriot Lodge, U.D. is now up and running and operating under dispensation! I feel blessed to have been selected to be the first Secretary of the Lodge and pledge to do my best to help our members & leaders build a solid foundation for Patriot Lodge.

Responsibilities and duties of a Lodge Secretary are several and include the following:

Carefully observe the Lodge and keep a fair record of all things to be written.

Receive all money's due the

Lodge and pay them over to the Treasurer taking his receipt therefore.

Complete the Lodge report for the DDGM's official visit.

Complete and transmit to Grand Lodge the Monthly Activity Report for the Lodge & also prepare the annual status report of the Lodge for the Grand Secretary.

Prepare and transmit Membership/Dues cards to members.

To accomplish most of the above, the Secretary needs to maintain an accurate roster of the Lodge membership. Your assistance in keeping the Lodge apprised of your most current contact information is a must and is much appreciated.

And last, but certainly not the least, the Secretary performs other such duties as are directed by the Worshipful Master.

I look forward to working on your behalf for the coming year and greeting each of you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Bob White, PM
Secretary
Patriot Lodge, U.D.



MASON INN HOTEL

We will be having our regular Stated Communications at the hotel, where we can enjoy hospitality, excellent catered dinners, and the flexibility to stay overnight if necessary.

We will hold our Called Communications at Acacia Lodge, Henry Lodge, and other local Lodges. *Suggestions are welcome!*

LODGE RITUAL

Lodge ritual practices will be held at the call of the Master based on the LIW's (Wor. Bro. Don McAndrews) available schedule. Please watch for these dates on the Lodge website and by e-mail.

Our first EA Degree will likely be during the last week of January. Again, please watch the website and e-mail. If you would like to participate in degrees, please contact the LIW.



New Members

We will vote on our very first candidate at the January Stated, so please come out and see another piece of history occur!

Please remember that signers of all petitions will be required to personally know their candidate, be mentors and participate in his Masonic education.

In addition, candidates will be required to attend at least two Patriot social functions, i.e. dinner, breakfast, or another GMU event, and become known to members before their petition is voted on.

UPCOMING GMU EVENTS

On Saturday, February 5th GMU will hold its Second Annual Homecoming Parade. Kena Shrine and The Patriot Lodge are trying to finalize plans to participate jointly in the parade and host a tent afterwards for the tailgate party. Please watch for updates on the website.

On Saturday, April 15th GMU will host its annual "Relay for Life," which raises money for cancer research. Patriot Lodge will field a team and must keep one person on the track for an entire 24-hour period. Sound fun? Contact Bro. Ira Dreyfuss.



THE PATRIOT CALENDAR

The 2011 Master Calendar can be found on our website at www.thepatriotlodge.org. Please check this calendar for the most up to date information. Please call or send an email to the WM or Secretary to inform us of any events you would like put on the calendar or any conflicts you see.

January:

3rd – Herndon Stated, DDGM OV, 6:30 pm
17th - Fraternal Visit to Columbia No. 285, 6:00 pm
19th – District Class, 7:00 pm, Hay Market
21st – The Patriot Stated, 7:00 pm, Acacia Frat. Visit
22nd – Masters and Wardens with GM at Kena, 9:00 am

February:

3rd - Acacia Stated, DDGM OV
5th - GMU Homecoming Parade
8th – Henry Stated - DDGM OV, 6:30 pm
14th - Hay Market Stated DDGM OV, 6:30 pm
16th – District Class, 7:00 pm, Acacia Lodge
18th – The Patriot Stated, 7:00 pm – DDGM Official Visit, Fraternal Visit by The Colonial Lodge No. 1821

March:

The Patriot Lodge Stated - TBD
16th – GM OV Practice, 7:00 pm, Mt. Carmel
18th – DLC Leadership Meeting, 6:30 pm, Alexandria
22nd – GM OV, Mt. Carmel, 6:30 pm
25th – 26th – Sinclair Instructional School, Herndon

April:

Academic Lodge Convocation, Harvard, TBD
15th - The Patriot Stated, 7:00 pm, Speaker: Joe Alonso, Master Operative Mason for National Cathedral
16th - GMU Relay for Life, Cancer Fundraiser
20th – District Class, 7:00 pm, Henry Lodge

May:

7th - Fraternal Visit to The Colonial Lodge No. 1821
14th – GM open visit picnic, Henry
18th – District Class, 7:00 pm, Mt. Carmel
20th – The Patriot Stated, 7:00 pm

June:

The Patriot Stated, TBD
15th – District Class, 7:00 pm, Manasseh
18th - Hay Market 100-yr Day with GM, 2:00 pm

July & Aug: Dark

September:

16th - The Patriot Stated, Roll Call Night, 7:00 pm
21st – District Educational School, details TBD
23rd – 24th Ed Ray School

October:

1st – District Four picnic, Acacia Barn, 3:00 pm
19th – District Class, Acacia, 7:00 pm
21st - The Patriot Stated, 7:00 pm

November:

11th - 12th Grand Annual Communication, Richmond, Receive Charter
16th – District Class, 7:00 pm, Henry
18th - The Patriot Stated, 7:00 pm

December:

The Patriot Stated & Elections, TBD



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