



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 - April/May 2011

Brethren, we've been a busy Lodge over the last two months! We started off with a wonderful visit at our April Stated from Mr. Joe Alonso, Master Operative Mason for the National Cathedral. He gave us an amazing presentation using slides to show how the Cathedral was built from the ground up and what he does nowadays to maintain it. He also presented us with a gift—a stack of books containing post card photos of the Cathedral. We hope to pay a visit to the Cathedral in person to see firsthand what was presented to us. Stay tuned for this later in the year!

On Saturday, April 30th, we participated in the GMU Relay for Life. We walked our a***s off from about 5:30 pm until midnight, but it was a very interesting event that raised about \$75,000.00 overall for cancer research. Thanks to Bros. Bob White, Steve Fowler, Ron and Christine Kellogg, and Evan Mulloy for putting in some sweat and tears — biggest thanks to Bro. Ira Dreyfuss for organizing the event and showing me that old guys can still gut it out!

In the picture above, you see our very first EA, Brother Stan Hanzel.

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BY-LAWS
Edmund Cohen, PGM

LIVING PAST MASTERS
None!

(Greetings From the East cont'd)

We performed his ceremony at Acacia Lodge on Monday, May 9th. Now that we've kicked off degree work, we hope to do about five candidates before the year is through.

Coming up in May

We will be having our May Stated on Friday, 5/20. We have a special guest speaker, Dr. Patrick Mendis, a GMU professor and brother from Cherrydale Lodge. He will be speaking on his new book, "Commercial Providence," and how it relates to our Masonic principles. He was unable to visit us in March, so we're happy to have him in May.

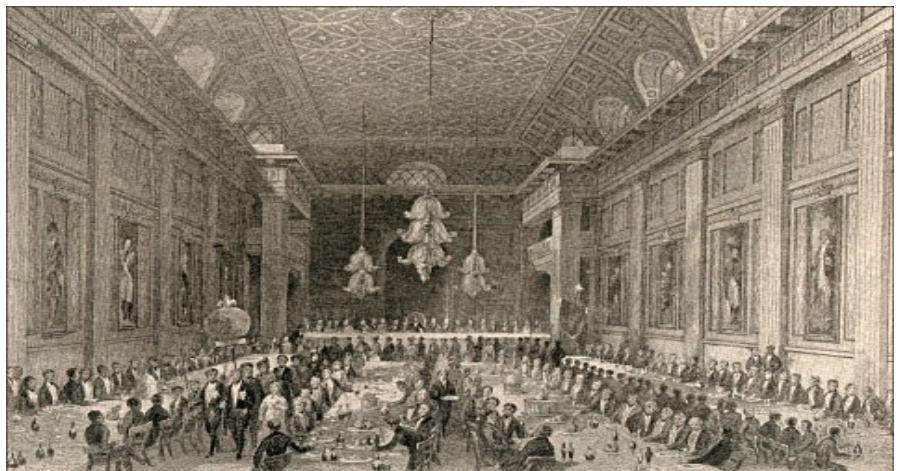
On Saturday, May 14th the Grand Master will make a casual visit (Hawaiian shirts) to District Four at Henry Lodge from 1-4. Please join us for some good food and fun if you're available.

From Labor to Refreshment

TO ALL BRETHREN, WHEREVER SO DISPERSED, GREETINGS: THE SEVENTH STATED COMMUNICATION OF THE PATRIOT LODGE, U.D. WILL BE HELD AT THE MASON INN HOTEL ON MAY 20TH, 2011. MEMBERS OF THE LODGE ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED TO ATTEND.

Dinner will run from 8:00 to about 9:15 and will include our speaker, Bro. Mendis. This is an open event, so please bring your friends and/or those interested in Masonry! *Your best jokes will be entertained by the 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 \$25.00, which includes the tip. Dessert and coffee only is \$8.00, or feel free to simply fellowship with us. Please contact Bro. Jon Ruark with any questions. jonruark@gmail.com



FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,

I use e-mail extensively for performing the duties of Lodge Secretary as well as for maintaining contact with friends, family, and other organizations. The volume of e-mails I receive has been increasing and to facilitate my management of them I have initiated a new address for communications relating to Lodge business: PatriotLodgeSecy@aol.com. This should also help ensure continuity of operations when the time comes for me to step aside for the next generation. Your cooperation in using this address for future communications is greatly appreciated.

Someone once said "The payment of dues is always in order" and while we have no dues to pay while we are under dispensation, we do have to pay our bills so we can keep the lights on, etc. Each of us should have received and paid our individual assessments of \$180. If you have not yet paid, please do so prior to **19 May 2011**. The funds are needed to ensure our continuing operations.

I will be busy helping my spouse at OES Grand Chapter from 15-19 May and so may not be as responsive as I normally would be. The best way to contact me will be via e-mail (remember PatriotLodgeSecy@aol.com). If you have an urgent issue please contact WB Shelton.

FYI: In case anyone asks what the name & number of that academic or university Lodge at GMU is, the current correct answer **The Patriot Lodge, U.D.** We have requested this be changed to The Patriot Lodge #1957 when we receive our Charter.

Robert White, PM
Secretary
The Patriot Lodge, U.D.



MASON INN HOTEL

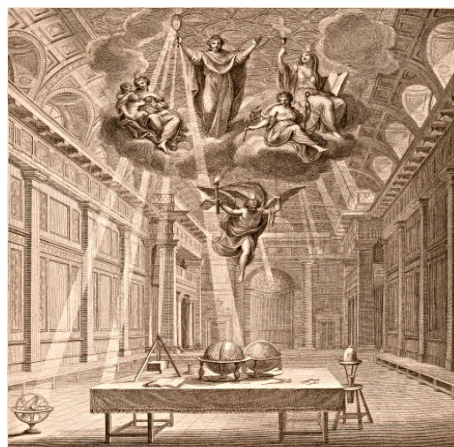
We will be having our regular Stated Communications at the hotel, where we can enjoy hospitality, excellent catered dinners, and the flexibility to stay overnight if necessary.

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.

If you would like to participate in degrees, please contact the LIW.



New Members

We will vote on a new member in May and have a couple more in the pipeline.

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

Please see this link for upcoming events in May <http://today.gmu.edu/month/2011/05>



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:

10th - The Patriot Lodge Stated, 7:00 pm, DEO OV
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:

14th – GM open visit picnic, Henry
18th – District Class, 7:00 pm, Mt. Carmel
20th – The Patriot Stated, 7:00 pm, Dr. Patrick Mendis

June:

15th – District Class, 7:00 pm, Manasseh
18th - Hay Market 100-yr Day with GM, 2:00 pm
24th - The Patriot Stated, Joint Stated with Columbia Lodge at Arlington Campus of GMU

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

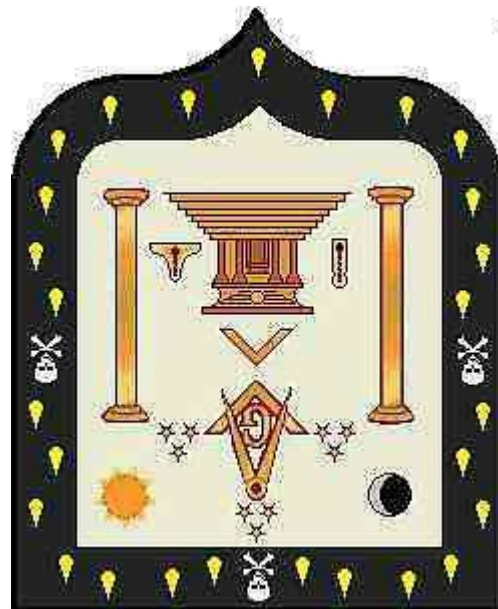
November:

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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