



# The Communication

Fall 2022

News from Glen Burnie Lodge, No. 213 A. F. & A. M.

## WM's Gratitude

WM Lucas reflects on his year in the East so far.

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Charles Matulewicz, PM gives a talk at Glen Burnie Lodge's Festive Board, July 8, 2022.

## Glen Burnie Lodge Festive Board

July 8, 2022

**The Brethren met informally over the summer to celebrate and socialize at the 2022 Festive Board.** The event was catered by Primo Pasta Kitchen and served delicious food and cannons of wine or beverage of choice to each guest as toasts were called out and fun had by all.

Special guest, Charles Matulewicz, PM (Palestine, No. 109 - Catonsville) gave a talk on the spirit of Freemasonry and how Glen Burnie Lodge embodied that spirit. PM Matulewicz is the author of three books on Freemasonry, the latest of which is *Who Can Best Work and Best Agree: A 21st Century Approach for Inclusion and Growth in the Lodge* (available on Amazon).

WM Lucas also discussed his pride in Glen Burnie Lodge and thanked the Brethren and Officers for their dedication to the Lodge and continued attendance. The attendees of the Festive Board received commemorative cannons for the toasts featuring the our lodge name and the square and compasses.



Bro. Treasurer and Mrs. Stephanie Jenkins



## Brotherhood Corner

When I first thought about masonry it was because of my family lineage. My father, grandfather, and uncle were masons. I have since lost all of them and after my father passed, I was looking for other good men with whom to have a deeper connection. In the lodge, I found that and much more than I anticipated. Being a mason has changed my life for the better. I know that the friends I have made through masonry are ones that I can trust and count on with anything.

I went through a rough time when I got divorced and who was there for me? My brothers. That support showed me how this brotherhood is bigger than any one of us. It also was the spark for me to understand that I need to serve others as their support in that same way. This was the beginning of my work towards the officer line that I am honored to serve on for our lodge.

I did not join initially with the thought that I would be an officer or would one day could become Worshipful master. But I am honored that I have the privilege to serve this great fraternity and all my brothers. I joined to belong to something bigger than just my own small piece of the world, and I have found that in Glen Burnie lodge.

I hope you have found something great here and I encourage you to think about your own WHY.

**Brent Fox**  
**Senior Warden**

## Worship Master's Message

We, as Glen Burnie Lodge, are truly blessed. As I am traveling and talking to other Masters, I am reminded of this more every day. To have a chance to run one of most active Lodges in the state is a true honor and privilege.

I have seen some members whom I have not seen in a few years; some of them I have never met before. I can't say how much this means to me. Life happens. We all get busy with work, family, and so on. But it really warms my heart to see brothers come home when they can. I welcome all of you back, no matter how long it's been, with open arms.

I would like to thank my Officers line for all their hard work and support. We shine together and I couldn't ask for a better group of guys to work with this year.

Last, but definitely not least, I definitely would like to thank the Masters who came before me. The Past Masters are definitely the *pillars that support* Glen Burnie Lodge. Some of these men are your Brothers seen at all the meetings, some every now and then. But not one that I have called on for advice of support has let me down. Their Love, Passion, Dedication to the Lodge and the Craft is unmatched. For that reason, I want to give the extra special thank you.

**Sincerely and Fraternity**

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Dennis W. Lucas Jr." with a small flourish at the end.

**Dennis W Lucas Jr.**  
**Worshipful Master**

# Keeping Home Healthy

## Updates from our Holding Corp President

Brethren - I hope that this note finds you and your families well and prosperous. Please be aware that we at the 213 Temple Holding Corporation are working for you to keep our grand old building functioning and in top condition.

I am happy to report that all the Smoke alarms, emergency lights and other safety equipment is up to date. We have recently had the Fire Marshall by to inspect for safety issues and he has reissued our occupancy permits for the next 10 years. We did have one thing that needs to be corrected with the stove hood: It evidently needs to be cleaned and certified. I am working this problem and hoped to have had it resolved by our meeting in July.

We are looking to create a committee to coordinate the rental of the hall / building to members and affiliated organizations.

We elected Chuck Motta, HPM as an assistant secretary to work with PM Rice to assist with the processes we are using for a smooth transition in the future. Anyone interested in helping, please attend the next Holding Corp Meeting. These meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every Month.

We held a cleanup day on July 16, which included:

- Electrical repairs in mid-level bathroom area, overseen by the JW.
- Sanding and painting of exterior doors.
- Plumbing repairs to the kitchen sink and basement bathroom.
- Cleaning of Kitchen / Hall: Mop Floors, clean windows, and equipment.
- Lodge level bathroom repairs to toilet seal.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [213templeholdingcorp@gmail.com](mailto:213templeholdingcorp@gmail.com) or call/text 443-867-7218

**Bro. Robert P. Thompson, Jr.**  
**President**  
**213 Temple Holding Corp.**

## Secretary's Office

Brethren,

I sincerely appreciate your patience this year as I took on the office of Secretary, not knowing that my necessary vocations would make it one of my busiest years ever.

I hope you find this new format for the newsletter informative and refreshing. I am always looking for ways to make Glen Burnie Lodge the best Lodge in Maryland, and to put us on the cutting edge.

In this issue, you'll not only find the updates from officers you expect, calendar of events, etc., but going forward, I'd like to include a Petition for Membership with every newsletter, so you always have one handy for a discussion with a potential Brother.

I've spent part of the year trying to catch up on the responsibilities of the Secretary and part of the year trying to digitize what my predecessor PM Smith had not already modernized about the job. There is still much to do, but I'm going to have to hand the reigns off to someone else as I've agreed to accept a position as Grand Inspector. I'll be around to assist the next Secretary and I'm going to try to do the next few communications so he doesn't have to.

As always, if you have any questions about dues, membership, Constitutional rules, etc., please let me know by sending me an email at [mfrye@gb213.org](mailto:mfrye@gb213.org).

Matt Frye, PM  
Secretary  
Glen Burnie Lodge, No. 213 A. F. & A. M.

## Calendar of Events

### Sep 15 - Stated Communication

MM Degree.  
Dinner at 6:30pm  
Meeting begins at 7:30pm

### Oct 1 - Harvest Home Day

6:00am-10:00am  
Grand Lodge of Maryland

### Oct 1 - Designer Bag Bingo

Doors open at 5:00pm  
Bingo at 6:00pm  
Glen Burnie Elks Lodge  
878 Stevenson Rd  
Severn, MD 21144

### Oct 6 - Stated Communication

EA Proficiency Examination  
Dinner at 6:30pm  
Meeting begins at 7:30pm

### Oct 20 - Stated Communication

FC Degree  
Dinner at 6:30pm  
Meeting begins at 7:30pm

### Nov 3 - Stated Communication

Imminent Peril (masonic quiz)  
Brotherhood night after

### Nov 17 - Thanksgiving Potluck

6:30pm

## Trestleboard

### Entered Apprentice

Preston Buchanan  
Joshua Poole  
Ben Tochterman

### Fellowcraft

Timothy C. Estell  
Jason R. Hassett  
Oluwasegun K. Olympio

## Write for The Communication

The Brotherhood Corner is a new section in our communication for any member of Glen Burnie lodge to tell their story.

Why did you join?

Was it a family connection, curiosity, or the brotherhood?

What do you or did you expect to get out of Freemasonry?

What are you contributing?

If you would like to write for this section, feel free to email an article to the Secretary or Senior Warden, who will do their best to include in the next or following issue.

## Have an event you want the Lodge to know about?

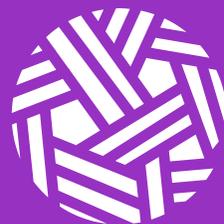
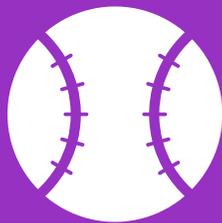
Let the Secretary know!

Email [mfrye@gb213.org](mailto:mfrye@gb213.org) with your event information to get it added to the Calendar of Events in this newsletter.



BETHEL #16, JDI

*presents*



# MASONS VS. YOUTH GAMES DAY

10/16/2022

@ 1 -4 PM

Glen Burnie Lodge

11 Crain Hwy. South

Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Donation  
of  
\$5 pp

Proceeds from this event will benefit our goals to sponsor wreaths for The Wreaths of America project and other service projects this term.

For Information,  
please contact

Gordon Munholland

[gmunholland92@hotmail.com](mailto:gmunholland92@hotmail.com)

## Officers of Glen Burnie Lodge

### Elected Officers

#### Worshipful Master

Dennis Lucas, Jr.  
(410) 746-4787  
wm@gb213.org

#### Senior Warden

Brent Fox  
(443) 615-4725

#### Junior Warden

Bill Jarman  
(443) 750-0035

#### Secretary

Matt Frye, PM  
(443) 962-0150  
mfrye@gb213.org

#### Treasurer

Bryan Jenkins  
(410) 255-3675

### Appointed Officers

#### Senior Deacon

Nick Blitz

#### Junior Deacon

Patrick Wolfrey

#### Senior Steward

Kias Bynum

#### Junior Steward

Robbie Wertz

#### Assistant Secretary

Rick Smith, PM

#### Chaplain

Keith Johnson  
(410) 404-1148

#### Marshal

Charles Motta, HPM

#### Tyler

Robert Hitchcock

## Living Past Masters

Carl Loudermilk, 1978  
Ozzie Kinat, 1978  
Daniel Rehmert, 1979  
Donald Fox, 1983  
Gerald McLean, 1986  
Clarence Kiessling, 1987  
Willard Gunter, 1988  
Robert Beck, 1989  
Roy Rapp, Jr., 1990  
Robert Lumbert, 1991  
Keith Williams, 1993  
David Brain, 1996  
John Lynch, 1997  
James Lynch, 1998  
Conrad Vollmerhausen, Sr., 1999  
Anthony Ringer, 2000  
Paul Knuckey, 2001  
Robert Creech, 2002  
James Bohn III, 2004, 2005  
Matthew Hovatter, 2007, 2008  
Mark Biggerstaff, 2009, 2010  
William Shoe III, 2011, 2012  
Andrew Wilson, 2013, 2014  
Richard Burkman, 2015  
Michael Cusick, Jr., 2016  
Gordon Munholland, 2017  
Richard Rice, 2018  
E. Allan Potts, Jr., 2019  
Conrad Vollmerhausen, Jr., 2020  
Matthew P. Frye, 2021

## Grand Lodge Officers

#### Grand Inspector

Carroll Parker, PM  
(443) 739-1235

#### Deputy Grand Lecturer

Lee Ballenger, PM  
(410) 802-4599



## Honorary Past Masters

James G. Creeger, II, Honorary  
Kenneth L. Williams, Honorary  
Bruce Colburn, Honorary  
David L. Hovatter, Honorary  
Thomas Keller, Honorary  
Jack Johns, Honorary  
Charles Motta, Honorary

**Standing Committees**

**Audit**

Keith Johnson  
Richard Burkman  
Mark Biggerstaff

**Budget**

Bryan Jenkins - Chair  
Dennis Lucas, Jr.  
Matt Frye, PM

**By-Laws**

Richard Rice, PM - Chair  
CJ Vollmerhausen, PM  
Rick Smith, PM

**Committee Chairs**

**Membership**

Matt Frye

**Investment**

Scott Clause

**Events**

Bill Jarman

**Outreach**

Spencer Evans

**Education**

John Flack

**Scholarship**

David Robley

**Museum**

Scott Clause

**Sick & Visitation**

Keith Johnson



**Brethren Recently Called From Labor**

Brooks Broome.....August 6, 2022



# The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland

## PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Every applicant must have been a resident of the State of Maryland for 12 months and must state whether he has or has not, heretofore, applied to any Lodge, anywhere, to become a Mason.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland*

The undersigned respectfully prays that he may be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry and become a member of your Worshipful Lodge.

He declares his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

He further declares that he is free by birth, unbiased by improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other improper motives; that he is prompted solely by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, and a desire of knowledge; that he freely and voluntarily offers himself a candidate; and that, if his petition is approved, he will conform to the Ancient usages and Customs of the Fraternity.

Name in full \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do not use initials) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Age \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, County or Province) (State or Country)

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
(State specifically and in detail the character of the occupation; and if employed, give the name and business of the employer.)

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Residence of Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give Street, Number, Town, Zip and Post Office)

Which is in \_\_\_\_\_ City or \_\_\_\_\_ County

Where I have continuously resided since \_\_\_\_\_ Immediately before that my residence was at

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years preceding that at \_\_\_\_\_ for

\_\_\_\_\_ years, and before that at \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

☛ Have you any physical infirmities?  Yes  No

Have you petitioned any Lodge before?  Yes  No

If so, what Lodge? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge of Masons?  Yes  No

If the answer is Yes, give the following information:

Rejected by \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, located at

\_\_\_\_\_, Date of Rejection \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State)

☛ Have you ever been convicted of any crime?  Yes  No

Fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have read carefully all of the answers to questions on this petition and take full responsibility for them, and the signature is my own handwriting.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

( Prior to signing, ALL SPACES MUST be filled in. )

☛ If answer to either or both is Yes, furnish full and complete details on separate sheet. For portions that you have or choose to print, please do so legibly.

**CANDIDATES WILL GIVE REFERENCES**  
(not including recommenders)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_



***This Section is Optional.***

Are you married?  Yes  No  
If so, spouse's name? \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a relative of a Master Mason?  Yes  No  
If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_ His Lodge? \_\_\_\_\_  
Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a present or former member of DeMolay?  Yes  No  
If so, what Chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently or did you serve in the armed forces?  Yes  No  
If so, what Branch? \_\_\_\_\_



***RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MEMBER OF THE LODGE  
PETITIONED***

I recommend the petitioner as worthy, and certify that I have been personally acquainted with him for \_\_\_\_ years immediately preceding this date.  GL or Member Referral

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of recommender Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name here) Date \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend the petitioner as worthy, and certify that I have been personally acquainted with him for \_\_\_\_ years immediately preceding this date.  GL or Member Referral

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of recommender Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name here) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Solomon II Petition?  Yes  No

Name of Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder's Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

The secretary must have the statements hereon verified by the Grand Secretary's Office before referring to the Committee.

**NOTICE**

*This form of Petition for Initiation and Membership is an Official Document of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland. The Master must require all blanks to be properly filled out, and the Secretary must file and preserve this paper among the archives of the Lodge.*

**KENNETH R. TAYLOR**

*Grand Secretary*

Amended by the Grand Lodge May 18, 1919; May 20, 1947; November 17, 1948;  
November 16, 1949; May 18, 1954; May 20, 1958; May 19, 1970; December 14, 2017

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**INFORMATION TO THE SUBSCRIBER OF A PETITION FOR THE DEGREES  
IN FREEMASONRY**

As the exact nature of the institution of Freemasonry is unknown to you, it is deemed advisable that before signing the attached petition you should be informed on certain features and phases of that institution which may affect your decision to apply for membership therein.

Free masonry has in all ages required that men should come to its doors entirely of their own free will; not as the result of importunity nor from feelings of curiosity but from a favorable opinion of the institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to their fellow creatures.

Masonry is a system of morality based on the belief in the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the brotherhood of men; therefore no atheist can be made a Mason. It strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, to his country, to his family, to his neighbor, and to himself. It inculcates the practice of every virtue and makes an extensive use of symbolism in its teachings. It interferes with neither religion nor politics, but strives only after light and truth, endeavoring always to bring out the highest and noblest qualities of men.

It should be clearly borne in mind that Freemasonry is not to be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission must not be sought from mercenary or unworthy motives. Anyone so actuated will be bitterly disappointed. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men, and to help the distressed and afflicted to the extent of his ability.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not a benefit Society, although the practice of charity is a fundamental virtue taught in Freemasonry. We do not pay so much a year to entitle us to draw sick pay or other benefits, or to make provisions for those we leave behind. There are other excellent societies founded for this purpose.

Loyalty to one's country is an essential qualification in Freemasonry, and those only are acceptable who cheerfully conform to every lawful authority. Disloyalty in any form is abhorrent to the teachings of Freemasonry and is regarded as a serious Masonic offense. Freemasonry is not contrary to the beliefs of any man of upright heart and mind, and has in it nothing inconsistent with his civil, moral or religious duties.



*No Master Mason may make application for membership in any Masonic order or appendant organization which requires as a requisite for membership, membership in a subordinate Masonic Lodge, until he has successfully passed the Master Mason Catechism. Ref.: Article XVI, Section 6, D.*





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