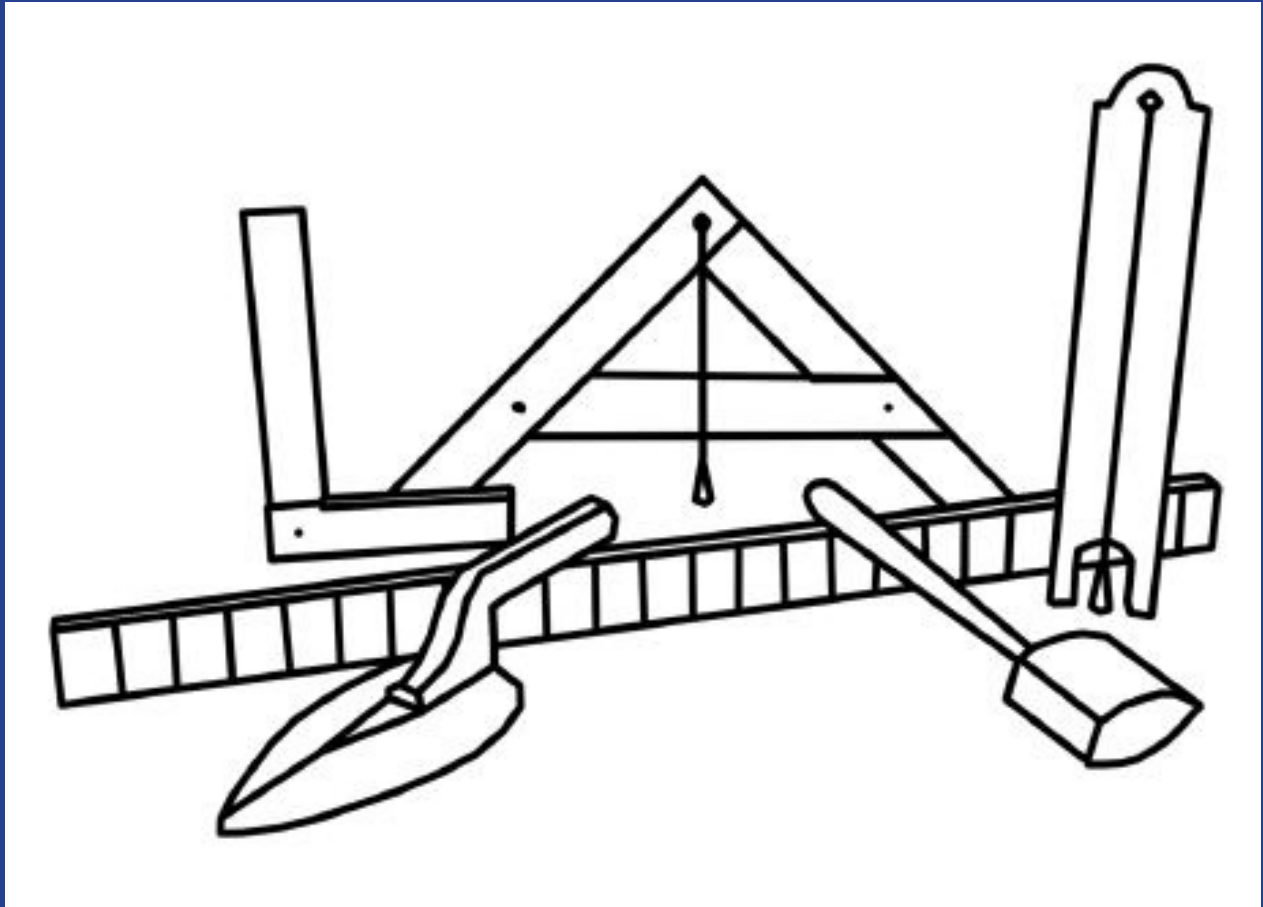


John A. Lejeune Lodge

No. 350 A.F. & A.M



Master's Theme: "Earn the title... Every Day!"

MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

June 2023

Chartered February 11, 1925

FROM THE EAST: WB BRANDON BATEMAN

Brethren all,

Greetings from the East of JAL350. In celebration of our patron saint this month, let us be reminded of the kindness espoused by the philosophy that is the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist, the precursor or forerunner, played a significant role in shaping the philosophical and spiritual landscape of what became the traditional Christian doctrine. As such, the founders of the modern order adopted the representation of the same, as it relates to the core philosophical tenets of our beloved craft.

In exploring the ideas which became manifest among the keepers of the holy doctrine, we are necessarily reminded of a certain repentance, and indeed a felt belief in the transformative power of self-reflection, as well as a sincere desire to exact lasting change and be an example of progress toward the betterment of Humanity. St. John recognized that true spiritual growth required acknowledging one's faults, seeking forgiveness, and making a genuine effort to lead a righteous life.

Another key component of this philosophy is

an unwavering commitment to humility and selflessness. St. John famously proclaimed a priority of service to others before self (in his recognition of the perceived divinity-to-come). This philosophy expressed a 'surrendering of personal ambitions and ego to serve a higher purpose'. Our patron saint was an advocate for social justice and ethical living. He tenaciously worked toward correcting various societal issues, including corruption, exploitation, and injustice, calling upon others to act with fairness and integrity. As such, we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are called to express the same. These are the generous principles which are the operative kindnesses that we must offer to the world – with no small amount of courage and audacity. Govern yourselves accordingly!

More to follow on St. John, as we will discuss at our June Stated Communication. I hope to see you all there this coming Monday, June 19th. Dinner and fellowship to commence at 1800hrs, and meeting to follow at 1900hrs. Attire: Polo Night!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. Brandon Bateman

FROM THE WEST: BRO. MORGAN TOLLIVER

Being a movie buff is easy these days having gone through a pandemic: so, I visited a classic—BraveHeart. The line about everyman dies but not everyman lives struck a chord with me 27 years after the fact. Fast forward. We said good bye to our dear brother Leo Powell—a man who truly knew how to live. From the brilliance he had to kindness he showed to all was reflective of how he wanted to live. In short Leo was kind. If you knew Leo, you saw the definition of kindness personified. Today, we think of kindness as this

overt gesture. It can be; or, it could be being the attentive ear and actively listening. Kindness is everywhere. The real question is what can you do about it? Get involved, offer some assistance, listen twice as much as you speak and you will find how kind a person can become. My son recently said to me, "Dad every story ends." So, make sure your kindness meter runs on empty and remember, "... kindness begets kindness..."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

Every Friday of the month at 1930hrs
“Garodge” Work & Instruction at one of the WB’s residence.
FXBG Location TBA (Monitor GroupMe app)

First Thursday of each month, recessed July & August at 1830hrs
Calvin A. Lloyd #81, O.E.S., Dinner & Stated Meeting
235 Potomac Avenue, Quantico VA

Second and Fourth Sunday at 1600hrs
Rainbow Quantico-Freedom Assembly, Meeting
235 Potomac Avenue, Quantico VA

Second Friday of each month at 1830hrs
Alexandria Scottish Rite Stated Communication
1430 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302

Third Monday of the month except Decemeber when it meets the
second Monday of the month for elections at 1900hrs
John A. Lejeune Lodge 350 Dinner & Stated Communication
235 Potomac Avenue, Quantico VA

June 22 at 1800hrs
Quantico Chapter #44, National Sojourners Meeting
17934 Liming Ln, Triangle, VA 22172

July

July 12 at 1800hrs
Samuel Nicholas Camp, Heroes of 76 (National Sojourners)
17934 Liming Ln, Triangle, VA 22172



TEAMS

“Ye Aforementioned Team Names...Hear Ye, Hear Ye”

As we are still in the process of forming and filling our Teams this Masonic Year, PLEASE read this Trestleboard, volunteer to join ANY Team, *and* let me know which one you want to be a part of, send me an e-mail message indicating such, and help JAL 350 to *Be the Difference!!!* I'll publicize the Team Members in the February Trestleboard as an ongoing TEAM(We're hoping for **at least 3** team-members per team, some will have more, out of necessity, such as JAL's FINANCE TEAM, e.g.

LODGE EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

WB Barry Mensh LEO, WB Brandon Bateman,
Bro. Bill Smith

LODGE INSTRUCTOR OF WORK

WB Jim Solomon LIW, WB Barry Mensh,
Bro. Morgan Tolliver

MASONIC WELLNESS/PEACE & HARMONY

WB Leo Powell, Bro. Terry Jones, Bro. Bill Stevenson,

MEMBERSHIP & MEDIA, A.K.A., MASONIC VISIBILITY!

Bro. Brian Potvin, Bro. Stefan Walter,
WB Jim Solomon, Bro. Brandon Bateman,
Bro. Morgan Tolliver, Bro. Kalil DeBerry,

FROM THE WEST GATE

No one left at the brow of the hill

Bro. Brian Potvin, is the team leader, Bro. Stefan
Walter, Junior Deacon, Bro. Morgan Tolliver

FINANCE

WB Randall Arnold, WB Jim Solomon*,
Bro. Bill Smith*, RW Rex Rockhill*(Emeritus)

EXPLORATION & ORIENTATION

“Guarding the West Gate”

We'll have “3-brother teams” Chaired by our Wardens,
Bro. Brandon Bateman*, and Bro. Morgan Tolliver*,
with other members added as needed, including WB
Jim Solomon, Bro. Terry Jones, WB Barry Mensh, and
others welcome!

APPENDANT BODIES & FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Bro. Bill Stevenson, WB Leo Powell,
Bro. Ian McIntyre,

JAL LODGE MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR

WB Barry Mensh

JAL LODGE BLOOD COORDINATOR

WB Barry Mensh

**Drives involve the entire JAL Brethren!*



OFFICERS 2022



Worshipful Master

Bro. Brandon Cashon Bateman

Secretary

WB Randall Arnold, PM

Senior Steward

To be appointed

Senior Warden

Bro. Morgan Adam Tolliver

Senior Deacon

Bro. Terrell Lee Jones

Junior Steward

Bro. William Mathew Stevenson

Junior Warden

Bro. Brian Thomas Potvin

Junior Deacon

Bro. Willie David Woodson

Marshal

Bro. Ian Hall McIntyre

Treasurer

Bro. William Lee Smith

Chaplain

WB Barry Alan Mensh, PM

Tiler

WB James Anthony Solomon, PM

APPENDANT BODIES

Order of the Eastern Star

Calvin A. Lloyd Chapter 81

Worthy Matron Laurianne Murphy

International Order of the Rainbow For Girls

Quantico-Freedom Assembly No. 6

Mother Advisor Ange Malmquist

Order of the Amaranth

RW Rex Rockhill

Scottish Rite

WB Brandon Bateman

Shriners

To be assigned

Sojourners Chapter 44

Randall Arnold

York Rite

Leo Powell



Living Past Masters

1976 Donald Ritenour	1999 Jack Williams
1980 Eddie Sykes	2000 Emory Kelley
1982/2010 Rex Rockhill	2002/2018 Jim Solomon
1983 Richard Fravel*	2003/04 Kenneth Wrisley
1985 Frank Harris III	2009 Donald Radeke
86/07/16/17 Harold Leo Powell, Jr.	2012 Jason Newcomer
1987 James Day*	2013/2015 Robert Lane
1990 James Van Fleet	2014 Carl DeSantis
1992 Thomas Blizzard*	2019/20/21 Randall Arnold
1994 David Ekren	2022 Barry Mensh
1996 Ronald Bigger	* = Demitted



50+ Year Members

80-Year Member

Donald E. Martin

70-Year Member

Richard T. Spooner

60-Year Members

Frank W. Harris III

Donald R. Briner

Victor D. Freudenberger

Donald L. Meek

Donald F. Ritenhour

50-Year Members

Joseph Brooks

John R Covington Jr.

James D. Delp

John A. Jones

Harold R. Knowles

John C. Kriska

Lloyd L. Loy

Thomas A. McNight

Harold L. Powell Jr.

Donald E. Schneider

Jack Williams

Teams

Brethren, we value your opinions, so please let the Worshipful Master know if you would like to head up a team or start a new one. Do you see something missing in what we as a lodge are accomplishing? Do you want to see us more visible in the community and know of a great way to accomplish this? We are open for suggestions. Several of our teams are transient and change from year to year. Many of these would benefit from a stable person heading up the team year-after-year. If you have some time and would like to make a difference, let us know.

Do you have e-mail?

If so please let the secretary know. You can add your email on the Lodge contact page, that way it goes to both Randall and Jim for receiving the Trestleboard. Also, If you have noticed that you do not receive the Trestleboard any more, please check the email you sent us. If we get an address kicked back to us more than three times, we will delete it.

E-mail will give us the ability to send to you short notices, effective and timely communications, including reminders of meetings and activities. Please remember that failure to let the secretary know of address changes costs the lodge money and it delays any correspondence we would like to send out.

Volunteers needed

Lawn: If you have the time and don't mind sweating a little bit, there are times that the lawn needs to be mowed. We do not pay anyone to mow it. The mower, rake and gas are at the lodge, we just need the manpower to get it done as needed.

Mentors: Many of you remember spending lots of quality time working on the catechism with a coach or mentor whether at the lodge or in a more personal setting. Well it's time to pay it forward. We are always in need of some dedicated Brothers to teach our up-and-coming Brothers the finer arts of the catechism. No matter where you live or work, there is always a possibility that a new Mason may be in your area and open to meet with you more frequently than once a week.



Staying Connected

In the past, you wanted to become a Mason. You asked a Mason to join their lodge as a Mason. They accepted you with open arms as a brother. Brethren, do you remember that point in your life when three distinguished men came to visit your home or place of work and discussed with you your interest in Freemasonry? Many of you were excited to become Masons and informed the investigation committee just how much you wanted to be involved in the lodge as well as in Freemasonry. I have sat on many committees and have heard those words spoken by many of our members.

Well, that time has come. You took the time to learn the catechism or book method with your coaches and mentors, but it shouldn't stop there. There is so much more you can do to make YOUR Lodge successful. Being a Mason is not about having a card with your name on it. It's about attending your lodge before you no longer have a lodge to attend. It's about socializing with your brethren inside as well as outside the lodge. It's about taking a role in your lodge. I am not talking about feeling forced to take an officers position. I am talking about showing your Worshipful Master support by attending lodge, volunteering to help with Lodge events, or being on a committee (or forming a committee) to further the communities we live in. We should be pillars of our communities as many Masons in the past.

Becoming a Master Mason is a great milestone in all of our lives. And now it's time to live that enlightened life. The Worshipful Master this year has taken several initiatives to try and keep the members active. There are numerous community activities that we could participate in, even at our very own home, no matter where we live. We just need more good men to head up the groups. One small group of men can't do it all.

<http://www.jal350afam.org/calendar/>

<https://www.facebook.com/JohnALejeune350/>

GroupMe App: John A Lejeune 350 AFAM.

Ask an officer and we'll add you.

Stated Communications

We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m., except December, when we meet on the second Monday. We start with Fellowship and food at 6:30 p.m. for those coming there without stopping at home first. We welcome all visiting recognized Masons.

Physical Address:

235 Potomac Avenue
Quantico, Virginia

Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 214 Quantico, Virginia 22134
703-640-7350 (call or text)

Call us by extension:

703-718-5204
Secretary Ext. 201
Treasurer Ext. 206
Webmaster Ext. 203

District Schools 2022

Fellowship will go at 6:00 p.m. with the District Education Officer giving a short presentation at 7:00 pm and the school beginning at 7:30 sharp. Keep an eye out for this year's schools.





Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, the John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was established in Quantico, Virginia in February 1925. The lodge is named in honor of Lieutenant General John Archer Lejeune, U.S. Marine Corps. General Lejeune was an exemplary Marine having led combat forces in WWI, guided the establishment of schools at Quantico, and later served as the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps. After the war while still deployed, General Lejeune was made a Master Mason in a lodge in Coblenz, Germany and became a devoted member of our Masonic fraternity.

On July 2, 1924, twenty-four Masons signed a petition to the Grand Lodge of Virginia to grant a charter to establish Quantico Lodge No. 350. On March 6, 1925, a Provisional Lodge was opened for the installation of the first officers. Major General Lejeune, an attendee, was introduced

by Most Worshipful (MW) Callahan, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. General Lejeune spoke about the characteristics of Freemasonry – tolerance, brotherly love, obedience to both human and Divine laws, and democracy. The Bible used to open the Provisional Lodge was provided by Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, the same Bible used by George Washington. The first stated communication with the newly installed officers was held on March 11, 1925, during which both MW Callahan and General Lejeune were elected to honorary membership in the Lodge.

At the stated communication of July 20, 1927, the Lodge not having a permanent meeting place, Brother Zalanka recommended that the Marine Memorial Church in Quantico would be fitting and a building fund was established with members initially assessed \$1.00 per month, and later raised to \$10.00 per month for a period of five years. Brother F.P. Moncure was authorized to consummate the purchase of the Marine Memorial M.E. Church as the permanent home for \$5,000.00 and purchase the adjoining lots for \$500 each.

The cornerstone of our Lodge was laid on June 4, 1934 in a ceremony led by the grand Master of Virginia, W.M. Brown. The cornerstone contains many items to include the traditional vials of corn, wine, and oil, a Lodge roster, an 1816 copper penny; an Indian arrowhead; a civil war bullet, and a picture of the officers of this Lodge for 1934. On May 24, 1940, the Lodge held a mortgage burning ceremony and a changed our By-Laws to re-set dues at 75 cents per month.

From the first petitioners on July 16, 1925, Earl J. Zalanka, James H. Spalding, Ernest W. Beck (the first raised to Master Mason in our Lodge), Thomas D. Collins, and Cyrus A. Gould, and the first Masons to affiliate with the Lodge, many Masons have called John A. Lejeune Lodge

No. 350 as their Lodge. Because of our unique location within Marine Corps Base Quantico, many notable Marines have also called John A. Lodge No. 350 their Lodge, these include:

- LtGen John A. Lejeune
- MajGen Randolph C. Berkley
- BGen Merritt A. Edson
- MajGen Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.
- LtGen Merwin W. Silverthorn
- Maj Calvin A. Lloyd

But the affiliation of Marines with the Masonic fraternity is not without precedence. Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, the birthplace of the Corps on 10 November 1775, was at the time an active Masonic Lodge with membership that included not only Benjamin Franklin but Samuel Nicholas, the first commissioned Marine Officer and the first Commandant of the Marines.

As the Masons of John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350 reach our 100th anniversary as part of the Quantico community and as members of one of the world's oldest Fraternities, we remain dedicated to the legacy of our namesake and the Masonic concepts of faith, hope, and charity.

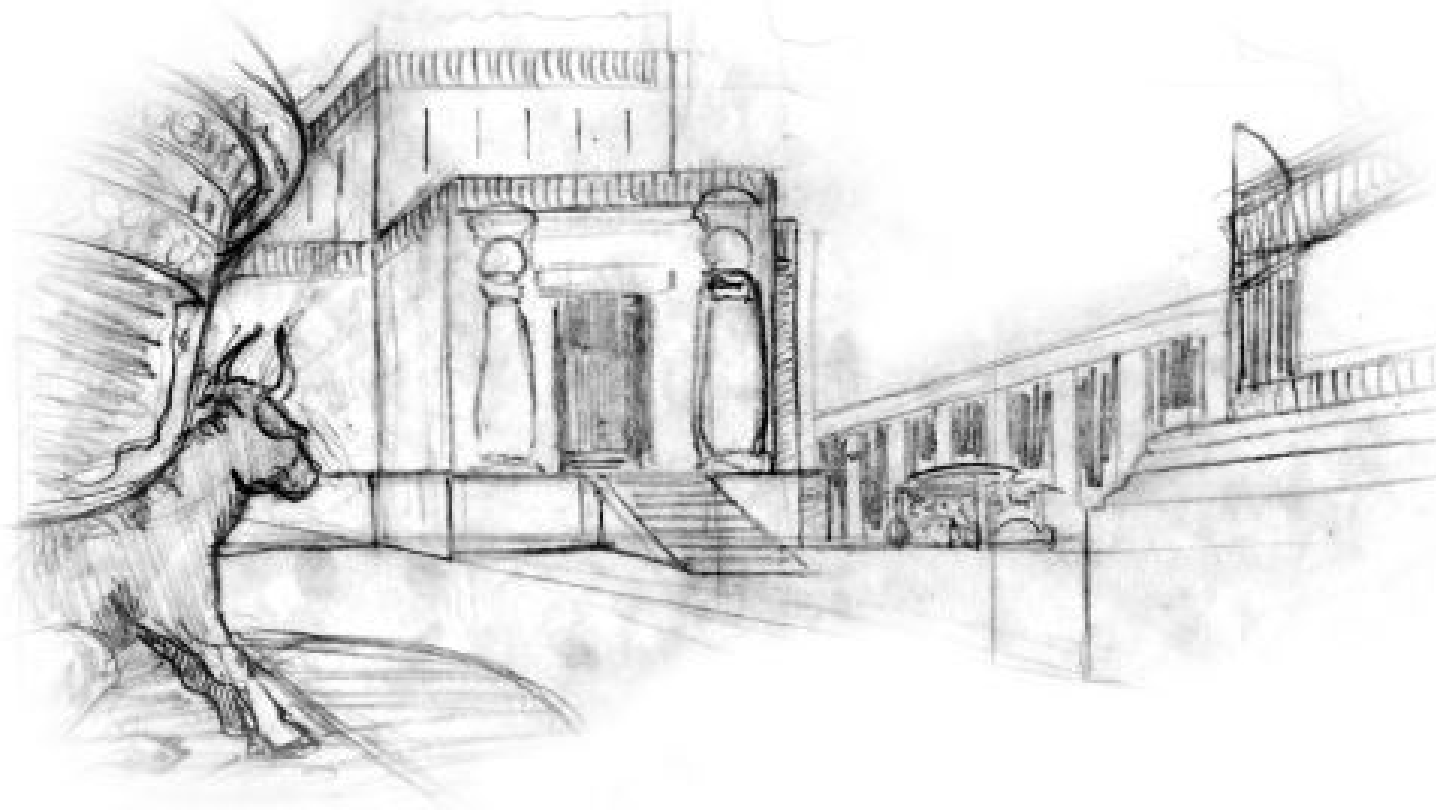
We have arrived at the dawning of a new year, decade, and century. The advancing ages of our older members will not permit the Lodge to grow as deaths, demits, and suspensions will take their respective tolls on our membership. We MUST continue concerted efforts to locate, inform, and provide petitions to prospective men of good report; the future is up to YOU..

Mission Statement of Freemasonry:

To promote a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences; by teaching the great principles of *Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth*; and, by the outward expression of these through its fellowship, to find ways in which to serve God, family, country, neighbors and self.

In John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350, our passion is to strive to inculcate and nurture in our members a sense of *empathy and belonging* by promoting Masonic teachings and practice through the Ritualistic, Educational, Esoteric, Charitable, and Fellowship-Oriented realms in an affable environment that focuses and regards the *INTERNAL*, and not the *EXTERNAL* qualifications of our Brethren.





“... a temple of living stones, among whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.”