



Trestle Board

Olive Branch Lodge 114
Leesburg, Virginia



July - August 2026

From The East

Greetings from the East! Summer is upon us in more ways than one. Our 29-year-old HVAC system has taken care of our lodge, but no more. The new one is currently being installed, and our lodge will be cool once again.

Attire

Business casual or Lodge Polo shirts at our August stated meeting.

Lodge Business

Due to the HVAC situation, our stated meeting was abbreviated for July. Thank you, Bro Vince (WM), PM Alex (SW), Bro Joe (JW), RW Fred (Tres/SD), and PM Greg (Sec, JD, Chaplain, Tyler) for taking care of business.



Big shout out to Brother Chris for mowing our Lawn!

Wor. John Leonard Rutan

Fraternal Visits

It's my goal this year to visit as many lodges as possible and to possibly complete a Masonic Passport or two! It's also my goal to ensure that the Traveling Gavel isn't sitting in the East, come December!

Fraternal Visits:

There were no Fraternal Visits scheduled for July/August.

Potential Fraternal Visits:

August - TBD

September - TBD

Upcoming Events

3 August 2026, Olive Branch Lodge Stated Meeting at 8:00 P.M. – Dinner at 6:30 P.M. (DeMolay will be cooking Breakfast for Dinner with a special program).

8 August 2026, Youth-Group Breakfast, Ashburn/Sterling #288.

30 July 2026, Masters and Wardens Meeting, Olive Branch Lodge, 6:30 P.M.

25 August 2026, Master Mason Degree, Ashburn/Sterling #288

12 September 2026, Kenneth O. Shelton Area Ritual School, Ashburn/Sterling #288

14 September 2026, Olive Branch Lodge Stated Meeting – Gavel in the Gravel!

Practice and Fellowship

We will continue to meet on Saturday & Sunday mornings for study, practice, and fellowship. We will gather at the lodge at 8:30 am for fellowship and start working around 9:00 am. Special recognition to our Lodge Brothers working diligently to learn their Catechism. Thanks to all the brothers who spend time meeting with these brothers and teaching catechism or just talking to them and answering questions they may have.

Looks like life events are hampering the progression of our EAs; the lodge mentorship will work with each one to determine if an alternate route might be more beneficial, along with an extension.

JW Al Monica – working on his Warden's Certificate and preparing to sit in the East for the next FC Degree.

Masonic Birthdays

Hoeltzel, Edwin	34 years
Martinez, Rueben	30 years
Good, Clint	21 years
Miller, Ted	20 years
Tattersall, John	20 years
Holman, Kevin	19 years
Tompkins, Daniel	11 years
Pavan, Daniel III	7 years

Staying in Touch with the Lodge

Our primary method of reaching out to members is email. Please contact our secretary at secretary@olivebranch114.org if you are not receiving our emails.

2026 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master - John Rutan
Senior Warden - Vince Williams
Junior Warden - Al Monica
Treasurer - Fred Bishopp, PM
Secretary - Jon Stecker, PM
Senior Deacon - Matt Lankenau
Junior Deacon - Joe Schwarz
Chaplain - Chris Riorden, PM
Senior Steward - Stephen Sixbey
Junior Steward - Mahmood Sory
Marshall - Joe Garrone
Tiler - Don Walker



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