



Freedom Lodge No. 118 AF&AM
 28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>



Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

Month in Review – 2013 got off to a very fast start for the Brethren of Freedom 118 with a large number of activities. On January 4, several Brethren attended the official visit of the Grand Master to Patriot Lodge at George Mason University. All enjoyed a good meal and the interesting remarks of the Grand Master and others.

On January 8th, Freedom made its first official visit of the year to Job's Daughters Bethel #52 in Herndon. Five Brethren, including two stationed officers, were present. This is the first official visit Freedom has made to a Masonic youth body in quite some time, and nicely compliments our Grand Master's focus on youth groups this year.

Our January stated was moved by dispensation to the 11th, and was very well attended by the Brethren. Highlights of the stated included the presentation of an authentic Civil War-era hat to PM Brooks, a presentation on Masonic public ceremonies, and the formation of a new committee to identify and prioritize amongst the numerous building repairs and improvements that will be made possible by commemorative brick sales.

Freedom showcased its bowling skills on Jan 21st, when a team from Freedom finished in 2nd place in a District 2 bowling competition/social night organized by Ashburn-Sterling #288. Next up will be a pool/darts/poker night that AS #288 anticipates holding in March.

Finally, Freedom participated in great numbers at the January D2 Ritual School at Olive Branch, and the Division Leadership Conference in Alexandria. At the DLC, Freedom had more attendees signed in than any other Lodge in District 2, despite having to travel further than most everyone else. Freedom Lodge can be proud of the levels of participation and enthusiasm of the Brethren.

SIDEWALK FUNDRAISER REMINDER

Order your Commemorative Bricks at
<http://freedomlodge118.org/2012/12/walk-of-masonry/>

Freedom Valentine's Brunch – Mark Sunday, Feb 10th on your calendars as the date of the Freedom Lodge Valentine's Brunch. All Brethren, their wives, daughters, and Masonic sweethearts are invited to attend. This event will be held early in the afternoon at a restaurant in Leesburg. RW McGarrah and MW Davis are in the process of finalizing the location and details of the event, which will be discussed further at our February stated. Please join us in showing our gratitude to our better halves for their support of our activities.

DISTRICT DEGREES IN FEBRUARY

2/7 Fellowcraft HT37@7 pm
 2/25 Master Mason Olive Branch 114@7 pm
 2/28 Ent. Apprentice Olive Branch 114@7 pm
Come out and support our fellow Lodges and new Brethren by attending or assisting with degree work

A Look Ahead – February's stated will once again be busy with several agenda items to discuss, including the first reading of two new petitions for membership, and an interesting educational program. Our stewards report they have a hearty meal of Sloppy Joe Barbecue sandwiches planned. I hope all Brethren can join us at the February stated and help Freedom build off of the momentum we gained in January!

Sincerely & Fraternally
 Tom Brierton, WM

February Ritual Instruction

Freedom School of Instruction – Feb 14 at 7p
 D2 School of Instruction – Feb 27 at 7p
 (District School at Ashburn-Sterling 288)

Wish this Brother a Happy Masonic Birthday in February!
Gary Ing

“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”

Please bring your donations to the February stated meeting to support the Lovettsville Food Bank. The food bank has a need for non perishable food items and other household items for those less fortunate than us. There is a need for bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergents and bleach, dish soap, and other cleaning materials in addition to non perishable food items. With the cold weather in full force and the demands of the recent Holiday season, the Food Bank needs our help to restock their provisions.



Upcoming Events

Feb 1 Freedom Stated, Dinner @7p, Meeting @8p
 Feb 10 Freedom Lodge Valentine’s Brunch@TBD
 Feb 14 Freedom Lodge School of Instruction @7p
 Feb 20 Meet Up! Lovettsville Pizza and Subs@7p
 Feb 27 District 2 School of Instruction Olive Branch@7p
 Mar 1 Freedom Stated, Dinner @7p, Meeting @8p
 (Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master)
 Mar 2 (Tentative) Installation of new Sidewalk@TBD
 Mar 9 Ken Shelton School of Instruction
 Hosted by Freedom Lodge @TBD

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February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Freedom 118 Fellowship – 7:00 Stated – 8:00 	2
3	4 Olive Branch 114 Fellowship – 7:00 Stated – 8:00	5	6	7	8	9
10 Freedom 118 Valentine’s Brunch@TBD	11	12 Ashburn Sterling 288 Fellowship – 6:30 Stated – 7:30p	13	14 Freedom Lodge School of Instruction 7pm	15	16
17	18	19	20 Freedom 118 Meetup – 7 pm Lovettsville Pizza and Subs	21 Hamilton- Thompson 37 Fellowship 6:30 Stated 7:30	22	23
24	25 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	26	27 D2 School of Instruction – Ashburn-Sterling Lodge – 7p	28	1 Freedom 118 Fellowship – 7:00 Stated – 8:00 	

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