



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Greetings Brethren

Freedom has installed a new cadre of Officers for 2014, there are candidates to be moved through the degrees, many events are planned for both in and out of the Lodge during the upcoming year, and there is a great deal of fellowship to be shared by all. It is the beginning of another great year for the Brethren of Freedom Lodge and I want each of you to be a part of it!

I'd like to thank Worshipful Tom Brierton for his leadership of Freedom in 2013. In 2014, we will look to continue to build upon the foundation laid down the past few years. Continuing to make the Lodge's positive presence felt within the community, improving our Temple both physically and internally, and seeking for new ways to spread the generous principals of Freemasonry to as many people as possible.

How can you help? Participate! Attend Lodge meetings, learn a part for degrees, travel with us to other Lodges, take on a repair project in the Lodge, and join the fraternal activities outside the Lodge as well. Be an ambassador both for yourself and the Lodge within the community. There are so many ways to take part and each one is extremely important.

As an example, I offer my thanks to Brother David Lang for two recent items. He has found us a source for Masonic themed ball caps. Consider obtaining one of these caps to let others know that you are a Mason. He also is the latest Brother to turn in a filled mason jar of change for the benefit of the Lodge's Building Endowment Fund. Thank you Brother Lang for your support of Freedom Lodge.

In January we have the DLC, Lodge and D2 Schools of Instruction. At our February Stated, Freedom will receive our DDGM Kevin Harp. Keep tabs on these and other Lodge activities on our Lodge website – <http://FreedomLodge118.org>. You can also keep tabs on all District 2 activities at <http://vamasonicdistrict2.org>. This website is a collaborative effort amongst all the District Lodges to keep the Brethren apprised of meetings and other activities within District 2.

A couple of administrative notes... Dues notices will be reaching you soon. Please consider making a donation to the Building Endowment Fund with your dues payment. Also, please ensure the Lodge Secretary has your up-to-date contact information.

I wish you all the very best for the New Year and am very much looking forward to seeing you at Freedom Lodge in 2014.

Philip Brooks

Worshipful Master

Please wish these Brethren a Happy Masonic Birthday!

Milton Hummer (1987) and Ray Mauk (2011)

Correct in the West

Happy New Year Brethren. I hope your Christmas season included quality time with friends and family and that Santa treated you well. Now we are at that point in the year where we make resolutions to go forth and do good in the new year. My resolution is to bring you quality Masonic Education this year. But you will have to attend the meetings to receive it. I'll put forth the effort to research and present it, your duty is to attend our meetings to receive it. We should both be more enlightened from it.

Continuing our discussion of misperceptions of Masonry found on the internet, especially on misperceptions concerning Lucifer, one of the articles I found while researching Lucifer and Freemasonry was "Rituals of Freemasonry, Freemasonry Proven To Worship Lucifer, Part 3 of 5". I must say that I am amazed at what I read. Words known primarily to occultists are used to "prove" a foregone conclusion. Here's an example:

"Concrete evidence is then given by (Albert) Pike of Freemason's worship of *Satan/Lucifer* on the very front of the cover of *Morals and Dogma*. Pike writes a Latin phrase just below the round seal of "God," this is a phrase proven to be *Satanic*. Any '*Satanic brother*' looking at this phrase would know that the contents of this book are *Satanic*. They would also understand that the entire religion of Freemasonry is *Satanic*. "DEUS MEUMQUE JUS" is this phrase. The literal meaning is 'God and My Right.'

Doc Marquis says this statement is a typical one within Satanism. There is one meaning within another with this statement. The first meaning is that the Freemason can depend upon their God to determine their Right and Justice. The second meaning is, since the God of Freemasonry is Lucifer, Masons are saying that they are 'using occult methods,' through Lucifer, to achieve their Rights and Justice.

This phrase is very powerful and dangerous within Satanism says Marquis. A Satanist knows the content within Pike's book is Satanism just by reading, 'DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.' They don't even have to read the book, just the phrase to know."

There are so many examples here of unwarranted assumptions of fact leading to the foregone conclusion of Masonry being Satanic that it overwhelms the mind. Suffice it to say, Brethren, that we must be ready to firmly state what are the tenets of Masonry to refute these allegations. Spend some time thinking about what we as Masons believe so you are prepared to answer accusations that Masonry is Satanic.

Right in the South

Brothers, a happy and prosperous New Year to you. Calling the craft to refreshment is one of my key duties that embraces and fosters the fellowship and Freedom Lodge No. 118 tradition. The breaking of bread before each communication allows everyone to share nourishment, fellowship, and world events. It is a great casual opportunity get to know visiting Brethren and candidates.

The position of Junior Warden is very gratifying though not without its own set of challenges, including planning, setup, and cleanup which is made possible with the help of the Senior and Junior Stewards, and Brethren. Suggestions and ideas from the Brethren for our 2014 dinners and other events would be most welcome to help assure that we are providing a variety that appeals to everyone and makes our evenings more enjoyable.

I am honored to be your new Junior Warden and look forward to working with all of you to make 2014 a Masonic memory in our journey. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings, degrees, and practices.

By the Plumb,
J. David King
Junior Warden

Join us for our January 2014 Stated Meeting where I will give a presentation on the Hiram's - Hiram, King of Tyre, Hiram Abi, and Hiram Abiff. It is based on the descriptions of the building of King Solomon's Temple in 1st Kings and 2nd Chronicles and an analysis done in the 1920s by Morris Marks and the Rev. Morris Rosenbaum.

Loyd Davis
PGM, Senior Warden

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3 Freedom 118 Stated - 8p 	4
5	6 Olive Branch 114 Stated - 8p	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated - 7:30p	15 Meet Up & Freedom School 	16 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated - 7:30p	17	18
19	20	21	22 D2 School @ Olive Branch 7:30p	23	24	25 DLC in Alexandria 8:00a
26	27 Potomac 88 RAC Stated 7:30p	28	29	30	31	

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