



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Greetings Brethren

Welcome to 2015, the year of Inspiration & Education. Our first stated meeting will be a busy night, so come prepared to be inspired and educated as well as have fun and fraternity. I was talking to a Past Potentate of Kena Temple at the Loudoun County Shrine Club Christmas Party last month and we were talking about lodge upkeep and maintenance. I was telling him that we had just established an Endowment Fund last year to assist in collecting funds to cover maintenance and upkeep of our temple and immediately we needed to replace our furnace. He turned to me and said that he was impressed with our dedication to our building and our craft and promptly handed me a \$100 bill to show his support for our endeavor. You just never know where your conversations might lead and if you talk to people about how we are working to preserve and improve what we have, they just might offer to help us out.

I want to thank all who attended our public installation. There were several in the audience who had never before seen any Masonic work and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to observe it. I was also told that since we had fed all of District 2 so well, the other lodges could relax on that part. Thanks to all the Brethren and their ladies who provided the food.

The calendar below will give you a concise list of our scheduled activities for the rest of January as well as what we currently know for February. We intend to qualify for Noah Hillman Award again this year. That means our travel will begin this month. We need five Freedom Brothers at each of these visits so please be prepared to join with me as we celebrate with our District 2 Brethren. RW Brother Jeffrey Robert Gould will make his first Official Visit as District Deputy Grand Master to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 on Tuesday January 13. We need to be present for all his Official Visits to show our support for him. We will host the District 2 School at Freedom Lodge on Wednesday January 28. We will receive RW Brother Gould at our stated meeting on February 6 for his Official Visit to Freedom Lodge. He will then make an Official Visit to Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 on Thursday February 19. I fully expect that we will be holding an EA Catechism return and a Fellowcraft return in the next two months, so there will be degree practices and conferrals as well. And don't forget our Meetup and Lodge School on the 3rd Wednesday, January 21. Please keep our LIW, Harris McGarrah, our LEO, Dick Phillips, and me apprised of your need for ritual work assistance. We are ready to help.

So now, Brethren, Happy New Year and let's get to work!

Loyd

Correct in the West

David King
Senior Warden

Happy and prosperous New Year's Brothers.

My new role as Senior Warden is assisting the Worshipful Master with duties that embraces and fosters the fellowship and tradition of Freedom Lodge #118. Our Worshipful master has requested a 15 - 20 minute educational program be provided at each stated. It is great opportunity to expand our Masonic knowledge and share with visiting brethren. Suggestions and ideas from the Brethren for education topics other events would be most welcome to help assure that we are providing a variety that appeal to everyone and make our evenings more enjoyable.

I am honored to be your new Senior Warden and look forward to working with all of you to make this one of our memorable Lodge's year. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings, degrees, and practices to come.

On the level,

Br. J. David King
Senior Warden

Living Past Masters

Robert B. Jones, 1971
Larry D. Frye, 1983, 2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm, 1985
Roy Harris McGarrah, Jr., 1992-1995, 2011
Clifford S. Free, 1996-1999
Richard A. Phillips, 2000-2003
Gary R. Ing, 2004
George M. Shoemaker, Jr., 2008-2010
Philip B. Brooks, 2012, 2014
Thomas W. Brierton, 2013

Right in the South

Chuck Wyant
Junior Warden

Thank you all for the confidence that I can fill this chair post a great man who did a fantastic job this year in this position.

I am excited that we are in the new year of our lodge with all officers for the first time in the seats, well except for the Marshall who kept his seat. I am looking forward to this rewarding challenge. As we all know a duty of the Junior Warden is to call the craft from labor to the refreshments, not to always bring but to ensure we are properly fed and hydrated. I think Friday's Stated we should kick the year off with Pizza and Wings, Salad and drinks. February I think perhaps a stew night, and March Irish night. I was also thinking of a Widows and Sweethearts luncheon at the Market Table Bistro for Valentine's Day mid day gathering; if there is interest I can work on that and report out to the brethren on that.

I am learning everyday and look forward to more learning in and out of lodge. I had planned on a called back to laborer cleaning up the south east corner of our lodge lot Sunday past but the weather was not cooperative. I will get the next date to the master for the trestle board prior to the next attempt.

Your JW

Chuck

January Masonic Birthdays

Milton Turner Hummer
Mariano Daguilar

On the Left of the Master

RW George Shoemaker, Jr.
Secretary

I hope you are all doing well and if you are like me, recovering from eating too much during the holidays. This time of year dues are due and you should have received a notice. For those of you who are not 50 year veterans or have Life Membership in Perpetuity, dues are \$145 and are made up as follows: \$45 to Grand Lodge, of which \$10 goes to MAHOVA (up from the previous \$3 per brother). Freedom's individual lodge dues are \$100 which was increased with a bylaw change in October of 2014. Although an increase, we did an analysis and \$100 was what was needed to cover operating costs. Any donation you can give will benefit our Endowment Fund which we plan to use to defer future expenses.

Observing the Will and Pleasure of the Worshipful Master

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Calendar

Jan 2 Stated Meeting 8 PM
Dinner 7 PM
Jan 13 DDGM Official Visit
Ashburn -Sterling No. 288
Dinner 6:30PM
Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Jan 15 Hamilton-Thompson 37
Dinner 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
**Jan 21 Meetup @ Lovettsville
Pizza & Subs**
Meetup 6:30 PM
Lodge School 7:30 PM - Practice
receiving the DDGM
**Jan 28 District 2 School at
Freedom Lodge**
Masters & Wardens 7 PM
Brethren 7:30 PM
**Feb 6 Stated Meeting 8 PM
DDGM Official Visit**
Dinner 7 PM
**Feb 19 Hamilton-Thompson 37
DDGM Official Visit**
Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM