



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

<http://FreedomLodge118.org>

Stated Communication – Jan 6, 2017

Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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From the East

Freedom No. 118 is open under new management

Greetings Brethren:

First, I would like to thank everyone who was able to make the installation and the wives and girlfriends who attended. I do hope you had an enjoyable and enlightening experience. Speaking of spouses and girlfriends, I want to do more with these special ladies and our families this year as we can. Apparently at Brother Jason's Bistro the ladies are to be dropped off prior to the Stated for social time and we are to pick them up promptly at the close of the Lodge. I hope we can build this tradition into a positive long lasting one. So with this said, I will do everything I can as your 2017 Master to keep the Lodge meeting to 1-hour total.

In February we will have a Sweethearts and Widows dinner, announced as to the date and time at the January Stated. I am looking for another event later in the year event and suggestions where to go, please send.

January will be the Deputy District Grand Master's official visit to Freedom so with that momentum we have a pace to keep working on Warden Certificates, The Hillman, Masonic Home of VA projects, and the Lodge inside and out. 2017 marks 125 years of Freemasonry in Lovettsville VA. So my goal for the Lodge on the physical plant is to get the gathering room plaster repairs finished, painted, rear hall way issues examined and a plan put in motion for repairs. I will be setting a work detail monthly to accomplish this and please attend as you can. With luck we might even get the Lodge room projects started for next year's big anniversary. The Lodge is a second home so if you need a place to go read, cup of coffee, a discussion with a son or daughter who is in need of private time from home challenges, stop in and turn on a light.

Community involvement is another goal and passion I will be working on this year and Freedom will participate in as much as we can and get the public to the Lodge and perhaps drive the active membership up. This includes stopping by are Brothers who cannot make Lodge and visit.

The Senior and Junior Wardens as well as the Senior and Junior Deacons will be very active in Lodge this year, all taking on projects, education, and looking for Masonic Adventure for us all to enjoy and learn from.

This is the first Trestleboard out, the Wardens will be submitting in the following volumes. It has been a fun trip to the East, challenging, educational and rewarding. The education will continue, ritual work will be learned and practiced, and we will have fun. Many people to thank who got me here. I will do my best to make all proud of the Lodge and its accomplishments in 2017 and ready for the next Master.

We have about 300 brick spaces to sell so think about gifts the family can give as a lasting perpetual memorial that you were here as a Mason. The donation goes to the Lodge and its maintenance.

Reminder, your 2017 dues notices are in the mail. You can bring your dues payment to the January 6th stated or mail to RW George Shoemaker, Jr. at **Freedom Lodge No. 118, Attn: Secretary, P.O. Box 293 Lovettsville, VA 20180**. Donations to the Lodge Building Fund are always needed and greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on January 6th, 2017 and followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Coat and tie please. Southern new year's traditional meal will be served. Those who do not eat meat you will be covered as well, and this is not a pizza.

Chuck

Living Past Masters

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
 Loyd Davis 2015
 J.D. King 2016

Mark Your February Calendar

Feb 3 – Freedom #118 Stated
 Feb 6 – OB #114 Stated
 Feb 14 – AS#288 Stated
 Feb 15 – Freedom #118 Meet-up
 Feb 16 – HT #37 Stated

Most Worshipful

Vernon Stuart Cook
 Grand Master
 Grand Lodge of Virginia
 A.F. & A.M.

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January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 Masters and Wardens District meeting 7 pm	6 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	7
8	9 Olive Branch #114 Stated	10 Ashburn Sterling #288 Stated	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	19 Hamilton Thompson #37 Stated	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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