



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



Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

Freedom Lodge was very active in September. The Brethren participated in Fraternal Visits to Treadwell and Hamilton Thompson Lodges, cleaned up the Lodge, visited with others at the D2 Picnic, conducted an open house at the Oktoberfest celebration in Lovettsville, and participated in a very lively debate at the September Stated.

At the September Stated, RW Chris Thompson (D2 DIW) and Wor Charles Maranto (D2 DEO) squared off in a debate over which was more important to Masonry – the Ritual or Education. Both Brothers presented well thought out points supporting their cause. Nearly every Brother along the sidelines joined in to offer words in defense of one side or the other. In the end, a consensus was reached and a victor declared. Masonry cannot stand with Ritual or Education alone. Both are needed to provide the foundation upon which we build our Masonic paths.

In addition to a thorough cleaning – THANK YOU to Bro Scott Wallace, Wor Dick Phillips, and RW Harris McGarrah for your labors on this matter- the Lodge now has repaired gutters and all the exterior wood has been repaired / replaced, scraped, sealed and painted. A few broken windows panes were replaced as well. THANK YOU to Bro Ray Mauk for being the first to return a change jar to the Lodge, netting us \$80 in pocket change towards the Building Fund in support of this needed work.

The District turned out in fine fashion for the D2 Picnic at Franklin Park. The gorgeous weather complimented the fine food and terrific fellowship as Brothers from Freedom were joined by Brothers from Hamilton Thompson, Olive Branch, Ashburn Sterling, Metropolitan and Potomac RAC. Three singing groups provided the entertainment during the event. If you missed this year’s picnic hopefully you can join us at next year’s gathering.

Freedom opened its doors and invited the public inside during Lovettsville’s Oktoberfest celebration.

Children received ID information at the CHIP stations, Masonic brochures made their way into a few Dads’ hands; the KENA 500 parked out front and performed maneuvers in the miniature corvettes. A wonderful day for the community and a terrific opportunity to educate others on what Masonry means and what we do. Well done Brothers!

District School reopened its doors toward the end of the month at Ashburn Lodge. D2 School will resume its regular rotation to help prepare the Sr Wardens for their upcoming year in the East.

At the October Stated we will pay tribute to those that have provided leadership for our Lodge for many years. The Past Master’s night program will be provided by RW Ed Ray. Turn out to celebrate those that have served in the East for Freedom.

Pictures from this month’s activities are on the Freedom web site. You can keep up to date with news from your Lodge news at our web site – <http://FreedomLodge118.org>.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Sincerely & Fraternally
 Philip Brooks, WM

Ritual Instruction

Freedom School of Instruction – Oct 11 at 7p
 D2 School of Instruction - Oct 24 at 7p

Masonic Education

Craft Masonry

It is from the Saxon craft, which indirectly signifies skill or dexterity in any art. In reference to this skill, therefore, the ordinary acceptance is a trade or mechanical art, and collectively, the persons practicing it. Hence, the Craft, in Speculative Freemasonry, signifies the whole body of Freemasons, wherever dispersed.

Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

Let us endeavour so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

Brother Mark Twain

“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”

Please bring your donations to the October 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.



Upcoming Events

- Oct 4 Hamilton Thompson MM Degree @ 7p
- Oct 5 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Past Masters Night
- Oct 11 Freedom School of Instruction and called EA
Catechism @ 7p
- Oct 17 Meet Up! @7p
- Oct 24 D2 School of Instruction @ 7p
- Nov 2 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
- Nov 6-7 Grand Lodge – Richmond
- Dec 7 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Elections and Installation of 2013 Officers

**Officers of Freedom Lodge No. 118
A.L. 6011, A.D. 2012**

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| Wor Master | Philip Brooks | 703 909-5532
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| Senior Warden | Thomas Brierton | 540 822-5854 |
| Junior Warden | Larry Frye | |
| Treasurer | Clifford Free | |
| Secretary | George Shoemaker | 703 283.9331 |
| Senior Deacon | Richard Phillips | |
| Junior Deacon | Mariano D’Aguiar | |
| Chaplain | Dick Bond | |
| Tiler | Ray Mauk | |

October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Olive Branch 114 Stated – 8p	2	3	4 Hamilton Thompson Called MM Degree at 7p	5 Freedom 118 Stated – 8:30p Dinner at 7p 	6
7	8	9 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated – 7:30p	10	11 Freedom Called at 7p Lodge School of Instruction	12	13 Herndon Homecoming Parade MAHOVA DAY
14	15	16	17 Freedom Lodge Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza 	18 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated – 7:30p	19	20
21	22 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	23	24 D2 School of Instruction – Hamilton Thompson	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN			

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