



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Greetings Brethren

Happy Fall everyone! Fall has always been my favorite season of the year. The morning air is cool and crisp. Fresh picked apples and fresh pressed cider can be gotten from local orchards. The leaves will be turning from green to an magnificent array of colors. The baseball playoffs will be firing up soon - with the Pirates, Nationals, and Orioles all in the fray. Fall also has the best holiday of the year – Halloween.

In honor of the season, Freedom will start and end Buctober on a Halloween note. All are invited to attend our Stated dressed as a famous Mason and to enlighten the Brethren regarding whom they represent. That evening we will also honor those that have served Freedom from the East. There will be at least one yet to be scheduled Called Communication during the month to advance worthy Brethren. We'll close the month by passing out treats to local ghouls and goblins on Halloween.

Recapping last month's activities, Freedom's September was every bit as busy as predicted. At our Stated, Bro Wes Hirschhorn garnered the Lodge's first ever "Loudest Shirt" Award as most of the Brethren donned Hawaiian shirts to celebrate the unofficial end to summer. MW Loyd Davis presented an informative program on the Five Orders of Architecture (slides can be found on the Freedom Blog). The update to the Lodge bylaws passed. And the discussion regarding the furnace continued with a Committee recommendation to be presented at the Buctober Stated.

At a Called Communication, Freedom initiated our newest EA and received a very well performed EA catechism return. At a joint called communication with Hamilton-Thompson, Freedom and HT each then passed a Brother to the degree of Fellowcraft. These called communications are very important to those receiving the degrees and to the health of your Lodge. I hope that Freedom continues to excel in what is the real work of a Masonic Blue Lodge.

The weather was outstanding for the D2 Picnic on the 20th. Families, friends, and Brethren from all the District Lodges were in attendance to enjoy the festivities. Attendees were treated to live music, a feast of great eats – headlined by Bro Chuck Wyant's smoked meats – a pie eating contest (congratulations to Brother Mejias for capturing 1st place!), and an abundance of fellowship. I am already looking forward to next year's edition of the picnic!

Freedom closed the month by opening our doors to the public during Lovettsville's Oktoberfest for tours and to offer CHIP services. Later that same day, many D2 Brethren attended a Lodge of Low Vale hosted by Freedom Lodge No. 112 of Eldersburg, MD on the battlefield at Sharpsburg, MD. The meeting's programs discussed the Masonic actions by participants in the battle as well as the larger significance to both sides of the War Between the States.

I hope to see you at Lodge soon!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Philip Brooks

Worshipful Master

Correct in the West

Greetings Brethren

To support Worshipful Phil's "come dressed as a famous Mason" theme, I will come dressed reminiscent of MW Harry Truman, PGM Missouri and 33rd President of the United States. I have a short story of the President visiting a Masonic Lodge during his Presidency.

The year is rapidly coming to a close. I have a team ready to hit the ground running for next year. The theme will be "Inspiration and Education." We will have an inspirational presentation from a Past Grand Master and an educational presentation from our Senior Warden or his designate at each meeting. So you can plan to be inspired and educated at every meeting. That's my preview and I'm sticking to it!

Join us Friday October 3rd to hear about each of the famous Masons present in the Lodge.

On the Level,

Loyd Davis

PGM, Senior Warden

Nov 4 – Freedom Stated (Wardens Night)

Dec 5 – Freedom Stated (Elections)

Dec 6 – Freedom Installation of Officers (Open to the public)



Freedom Lodge lights up the night thanks to the efforts of Bro Chuck Wyant and Wor Dick Phillips. Thank you Brothers!

Right in the South

Boo! Brethren,

Now that I have your attention, at our next Worshipful Phil has challenged us to attend as famous Freemason. After some research, I found three famous Freemasons you might consider (in no specific order).

Brother Cy Young. Denton True Young was born March 29, 1867 in Gilmore, Ohio. He earned the nickname, Cyclone (later shortened to "Cy") because of his fast ball. It was during the peak of his 1904 baseball season, he became a Mason. He was raised to Mason Degree on February 29, 1904 in Mystic Tie Lodge, #194, Dennison, Ohio.

Brother Harry Houdini. Harry Houdini was born Erik Weisz in Budapest, later Ehrich Weiss or Harry Weiss; He was raised to the Degree of Master Mason on August 21, 1923 in St. Cecile Lodge No 568 in New York City. He held several benefit performances for the Valley of New York which filled the 4,000 seat Scottish Rite Cathedral and raised thousands of dollars to support Masonry.

Brother Jerry Ford. Gerald Rudolph "Jerry" Ford, Jr. was born Leslie Lynch King, Jr., on July 14, 1913, became the 38th President of the United States. He was raised to the Degree of Master Mason in Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C., on May 18, 1951.

There are thousands of famous Freemasons to consider for possible costumes. Please come sit in Lodge and see which other famous Freemason you may see. I look forward to seeing you at our future meetings, degrees, and practices this Fall.

By the Plumb,

J. David King

Junior Warden



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	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 Potomac 88 RAC Stated 7:00p	21	22 D2 School OB 114	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

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