



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



Stated Communication 1st Friday, 7:30 pm

From the East

Overall, October was a slow month (compared to September) for Freedom Lodge. At the monthly Stated, we honored our Past Masters with a program provided by RW Ed Ray. Seven Freedom Lodge Past Masters attended and shared with the Lodge memorable events from their years of service. Thank you to each of you for your participation and service to Freedom Lodge.

We discussed the nine resolutions to be heard at this year's Grand Lodge. Copies of the resolutions were made available and can also be found at: <http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/2012Call.pdf>
 The discussion will continue at our next meeting.

I am pleased to welcome Brother Conrad Celestial and Right Worshipful Gary Williams as the two newest members of Freedom Lodge. Both were elected to membership at the October Stated and we look forward to their active participation in Lodge activities.

Brother Chuck Wyant has done a great deal of research and has developed a plan to replace the front walk while also raising some much needed cash for the Building Fund. The Lodge will resume the discussion of how decorative pavers could be used to solicit donations and be the literal building blocks of our new front walk. Everyone's input and support will be needed to make this a success.

Freedom once again opened its doors on Halloween to provide treats for those passing door to door on All-Hallows-Eve. This is an activity that Brother Brierton hosted both last year and again this year.

For the November Stated we will start the evening's proceedings 30 minutes earlier than normal. We'll hear an EA Catechism as part of the night's meeting, handle our normal business, then I will turn the East over to SW Tom Brierton who will provide the program for the evening.

District School will be held at Olive Branch on the 28th. This session will focus on the installation of Lodge officers. Anyone planning to serve their Lodge in the upcoming year should plan to attend.

During the course of this past year, I have been keeping notes regarding Lodge activities. Who conferred degrees and for whom, blood donations, child ID counts, the programs presented, the fraternal visits to other Lodges and many other items. All of these items were culled, collated and collected then submitted to Grand Lodge as part of Freedom's application for the James Noah Hillman Award. I have received notification from the Grand Master that Freedom will be recognized at this year's Grand Lodge as a recipient of the Hillman Award for 2012. I thank each of you that played a part in our Lodge receiving this honor.

Finally, 2013 Membership assessments are now due. Bring your checkbook to Lodge to save us the postage. Otherwise, notices will be to you shortly. Please consider including a donation to the Lodge Building Fund along with your payment.

Sincerely & Fraternally
 Philip Brooks, WM

Ritual Instruction

Freedom School of Instruction – Nov 8 at 7p
 D2 School of Instruction – Nov 28 at 7p

Masonic Education

Trestleboard (TRES-I-bord)

A draftsman's designing board; that on which a Mason draws for his character and spiritual growth; that on which the Worshipful Master lays out his designs for the workmen; a Lodge newsletter and calendar of events.

Source: Kidd's Self-Pronouncing Masonic Dictionary

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us;
 What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Albert Pike

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in November!

Michael Cooper

Larry Frye

Ghorley Gregg

Scott Wallace

“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”

Please bring your donations to the November 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. Help the Food Bank stock up for the Holidays.

Upcoming Events



Nov 2 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 6:30p, Meeting @ 7:30p
 Nov 6-7 Grand Lodge – Richmond
 Nov 21 Meet Up!
 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

Wor Master	Philip Brooks	703 909-5532
		703 707-8150
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	

November 2012

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

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