



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>

Stated Communication – November 3, 2015
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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From the East

Stated Meeting on Tuesday due to Grand Lodge on Friday.

Greetings Brethren

Ahhh Fall, that time of year when we observe the brilliant display of nature's handiwork on deciduous trees, a brisk nip in the air, the end of daylight savings time, the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. Grand Annual Communication, and the approach of Thanksgiving.

Our final honored guest this year is MW George Harry Chapin, PGM 1999 whose theme was "Building Bridges." I know you will give him the "Freedom Greeting" and make the evening memorable for him as he will for us.

Grand Lodge will commence on Friday, November 6 at 8:30 AM. Your stationed officers will be in attendance as will several other officers. You should consider attending with us and meet the fine Masons from throughout the state. At the very least, consider attending Saturday morning at 8:00 AM followed by lunch at a local eatery. You can choose to stay for the installation of the 2016 Grand Lodge Officers at 4:00 PM (including District 2 DDGM Philip B. Brooks, our PM²) if you like or return home after lunch. Once you attend Grand Lodge for the first time, the next time will be a reunion for you as you will see the new friends you make this year.

We will not be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on Brother William McMasters this month. Consequently, we will have a Called Communication on our lodge school night, Nov 18, for the purpose of exemplifying the Fellowcraft degree and attending Mark Shapiro's MM Catechism return. We need to do these to complete the actions we said would be done in November when we submitted our application for the James Noah Hillman Award.

At our December Stated Meeting we will look back at the year and see how well we accomplished the goals I set when I was installed as your Worshipful Master last December. We will close the Lodge of Sorrow and then hold our Annual Officer Elections. Installation of Officers will occur at a Called Communication on our Meetup night, December 16 at 8:00 PM.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Tuesday November 3 followed by lodge at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

Happy Thanksgiving

Loyd

Correct in the West

David King
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

Tuesday, November 3 is important for two significant events; Freedom Lodge #118's Stated and the Virginia General Election

(<http://elections.virginia.gov/>).

Our founding fathers, a majority of whom were Freemasons and several of whom were Virginians, gave life to the concept of the privilege of voting. That privilege has been safeguarded for more than 230 years through the courage, sacrifice, and devotion to freedom of many patriotic Americans.

Now let us talk about balloting in the lodge. The purpose of the petition and the ballot is to identify and elect morally qualified men into freemasonry. We must understand that when we ballot on a petition, we are balloting solely on the moral fitness of the petitioner to become a mason. The lodge ballot is a privilege given only to master masons. Vote accordingly.

I look forward to seeing you at the November 3rd Freedom Stated and other lodge events.

On the level,
Br. J. David King
Senior Warden

Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye, 1983, 2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm, 1985
Roy Harris McGarra, 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

As I arrived in Portsmouth, I found a brother walking with his wife and I sprang from the car, introduced myself from the southern least lodge in the state. Although his does not have a stated communication this week, I will be stopping in Wednesday after class for the tour. I send this as an appropriate example of doing my work in the south while being down south meeting on the level. A new brother I now know.

Work will now commence on the exterior of the lodge; weeding, mulching of the Masonic Walk, installing the marquee, and fall clean up. I would like to do this on November 7 at high 12 for those who can spare an hour or two.

Since the stated is early due to Grand Lodge, I think in the Spirit of Thanksgiving this month we will fire up the grill, and clear out our leftovers from the fridge. I ask each of you to bring a favorite dish to share with the brethren.

We have so much to be thankful for in our country and for our lodge and its fantastic brotherhood. See YOU in lodge.

Your JW
Chuck

Calendar

Nov 2 Olive Branch 114 Stated
Dinner 7 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Nov 3 Freedom 118 Stated
Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

Nov 6&7 Grand Lodge
Hilton Richmond Hotel/Short Pump

Nov 10 Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Nov 18 Freedom Meetup & Called Communication
Pizza 6:30 PM, Called 7:30 PM
MM Catechism Return & Fellow
Craft Degree Exemplification

Nov 19 Hamilton-Thompson 37 Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
Dec 4 Freedom 118 Stated

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM
Dec 16 Freedom 118 Called

Dinner 7:00 PM, Installation of
Officers 8:00 PM

Armistice Day

*The 11th Hour
of the
11th Day
of the
11th Month
1918*

Loyd Davis
Worshipful Master

Greetings Brethren

This month we celebrate Veterans Day on Wednesday November 11. The title of this article is the original name of this important day of remembrance. Armistice Day was first celebrated on November 11, 1919 to remember those military men who had fallen in the United States' one year participation (1917-1918) in World War I. The Armistice, or Truce, was signed on November 11, 1918. World War I officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919 in Paris, France. Congress voted Armistice Day a federal holiday in 1938, the year before World War II began.

After the end of World War II in 1945, Armistice Day came to represent remembrance of all military members who had fallen in all wars. In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th each year as Veterans Day

So, at 11 AM on Wednesday November 11th, take a few minutes and pause to revere the memory of those who have given their lives for our freedom. Remember, "Freedom is not Free."

November Masonic Birthdays

Michael Fred Cooper	1971
George Leroy Facer	2014
Larry David Frye	1977
Blake Henry Gillenwater	2014
Ghorley Hanes Gregg, Jr.	1983
Scott Wallace	1981