



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



Stated Communication 1st Friday, 7:30 pm

From the East

The 2012 convocation for the Commonwealth of Virginia Grand Lodge and the November stated for Freedom are now behind us.

Louis Kerford (“Kerry”) Campbell was elected and installed as Most Worshipful at Grand Lodge. More about MW Kerry can be found at http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/officers/grand_master.htm

George M. Shoemaker, Jr. was installed to serve as the District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District. Congratulations RW George!

Freedom Lodge was acknowledged as a recipient of both the James Noah Hillman as well as the Seymour Jonas Levy Awards for 2012. Congratulations Brethren for these awards!

At Freedom’s November Stated, we again picked up the notion of rebuilding the front walk with the use of commemorative pavers. For a donation (amount to be discussed at our December Stated) to Freedom, any member of a Masonic organization recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia may get a brick inscribed with his name, Lodge, etc. and become a permanent supporter of Freedom Lodge. As it was Wardens Night, Brother Brierton assumed the East and presented an enlightening program on the Ant-Masonic movement in the early 19th century. This movement was extremely detrimental to the Craft and shuttered many Lodges.

At a Called Communication, the Brethren of Freedom conferred their 3rd FellowCraft degree of 2012. The degree work has been outstanding this year at Freedom. I thank all of the Brethren who have worked so hard to ensure our candidates receive quality degree work. I look forward to more conferrals at Freedom during the course of 2013.

At our December Stated we will hold our annual elections to be followed by the installation of officers for the upcoming year. Please note that 2013 Membership assessments are now due. Please consider including a donation to the Lodge Building Fund along with your dues payment.

As I finish up the final Trestleboard for 2012 there are many “**THANK YOU**” messages to be communicated. I would like to thank each of Freedom’s Officers for their support and diligence to the Craft in general and to Freedom in particular. To RW Larry Frye to honing our ritual. To RW Gary Williams for providing guidance and support. To RW Chris Thompson for his unwavering assistance and willingness to assume any role when called upon. And to RW Harris McGarran who was the busiest man in the Lodge this past year – running multiple Child ID events, presenting the SD lecture for the first time, and tackling any task presented him with enthusiasm and vigor. Finally, to all the Brethren of Freedom for permitting me the honor and privilege of serving this fine Lodge from the East this past year.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Sincerely & Fraternaly
Philip Brooks, WM

Masonic Education

Tiler’s Oath

I, hereon solemnly swear that I have been regularly initiated, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in a just and legally constituted Master Mason’s Lodge; that I am not now suspended or expelled and know of no reason why I should be.

[Manual of Work](#)

ARE YOU?

Are you an active member,
A cooperative pal,
Or are you just contented
To come once in a while?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Why not attend the meetings often
And help with hand and heart,
And not be just a member
But take an active part?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock;
Or do you always stay at home
And criticise and knock?

Do you help your fellow members
To draft things out and plan,
Or leave the work to just a few
Who do the best they can?

Just think this problem over,
You know the right from wrong;
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in December!
Alver Cohen Joe Evans Fred George

“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”

Please bring your donations to the December 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

Dec 7 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
 Elections and Installation of 2013 Officers
Jan 4 Grand Master’s Visit to D2 & D4 – Fairfax
Jan 11 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @8p

Check local Lodge Installation dates at
<http://freedomlodge118.org/2012/11/lodge-installations/>

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

Wor Master	Philip Brooks	703 909-5532
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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	

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 New Year’s Eve					1
2	3 Olive Branch 114 Stated – 8p	4	5	6 Hamilton Thompson Stated Installation of Officers - 7p	7 Freedom 118 Stated – 8p Dinner at 7p Installation of Officers	8 Herndon Installation of Officers – 6:30p
9	10 Olive Branch Installation of Officers	11 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated – 7:30p	12 Ashburn Installation of Officers – 7p	13	14	15 AD Smith Installation of Officers – 10A
16	17 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29

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