



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

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From the East

Happy Holidays Brethren

Representation from each of the other District 2 Lodges was recorded at our November Stated as all the Freedom line officers moved up a chair for Wardens Night. At Grand Lodge, MW Reese Edward Carroll Jr. was elected and installed as Grand Master. You can read about MW Carroll on the Freedom web site under the Lodge Officers tab. RW Jeffrey Gould (HT No. 37) was installed as DDGM for District 2. We look forward to his Official Visit to Freedom early next year. Freedom Lodge was announced as a Hillman Award recipient for the third consecutive year. And with the support of the District, Freedom raised Blake Gillenwater as its newest member to close the month.

Freedom's new furnace is now installed and working wonderfully. Its smaller footprint has enabled us to move the cook stove out to a more usable position. The furnace's better heating efficiency should save the Lodge in fuel oil costs as well. Unfortunately, damage was discovered inside the chimney itself resulting in the need for the installation of a chimney liner. This drove up the cost of the repair, but will provide for better safety of our Temple.

December is the traditional election and installation season for Virginia Masonic Lodges. At Freedom's December Stated we will elect our officers for the ensuing year. The installation of the same will be conducted Saturday the 6th at Ashburn Sterling Lodge at 3p. Bring your families to enjoy the ceremony, the fellowship and the refreshments to follow. Other District installation times can be found on Freedom's web site and on the Trestleboard calendar.

As my 2nd year in the East at Freedom comes to a close I hope that the Lodge is a little better off than when I took office. Others will be elected and installed to lead our fraternity, this makes room for people like myself to return to the sidelines and assist where needed. We have a progressive line of officers committed to the Craft in general and Freedom in particular. Freedom's membership continues to grow. Physical improvements to the Temple are being addressed. Younger members are stepping up to learn ritual and include themselves in Lodge projects. Best of all, Freedom is travelling and visiting with other Lodges. This helps to bring fresh ideas and support back to our Lodge.

I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to Freedom Lodge this past year. The list is too long to be detailed in the confines of this Trestleboard. There were some interesting programs presented in Lodge, a bounty of delicious meals, and a great deal of fellowship and support for each other. It didn't matter if it was at a Lodge practice, traveling for a Lodge visit, at Freedom's Festive Board, or at the District picnic or bowling tournament. The bonds seen and experienced were special to behold.

Finally, I thank you for permitting me the honor of serving Freedom in 2014 and I hope to see each of you in Lodge very soon.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Philip Brooks

Worshipful Master

Please wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in December

Al Cohen (1980)

Joe Evans (1974)

Fred George (1986)

Correct in the West

Greetings Brethren

We raised Brother Blake Henry Gillenwater to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Saturday, November 22. Thirty Brothers attended. An outstanding show of support for our newest Master Mason. Now... at our December 5th meeting, it is necessary that you should take upon yourself to seek out Brother Blake and welcome him to Freedom Lodge as our newest Master Mason. I asked Brother Blake after the degree if we got his attention - he smiled and said something like 'yes indeed.'

Here are updated plans for our Public Installation Ceremony. The practice for the ceremony will be held at Freedom Lodge on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:30 PM. The public ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 at 3 PM at Ashburn Sterling Lodge No. 288, 43881 Wax pool Rd, Ashburn, VA

The Installing Team will be:

- Installing Officer - MW Jeffery Eugene Hodges, PGM 2009
- Installing Chaplain - Wor Brother Philip Brooks
- Installing Marshall - RW Brother Roy Harris McGarrah, Jr.
- Asst Installing Marshall - Wor Brother Richard Albert Phillips
- Installing Sec - Wor Brother Thomas William Brierton.

Bring your family and friends so that they may get a glimpse of what it is we do as Masons and the duties the Officers of the Lodge are to perform. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

On the Level,
Loyd Davis
PGM, Senior Warden

Right in the South

Brethren,

December is the beginning of change with the weather, a new Brother, and election of new Lodge Officers. The outside temperature is quickly dropping. The new Lodge furnace is very much appreciated by the Brethren during the winter Stateds. The furnace is a recent Lodge upgrade but very necessary due to the age and various issues with the old furnace.

On Saturday, November 22, 2014, we raised Brother Blake Gillenwater to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Over 24 Master Masons participated in various degree parts and on the sidelines. Blake's Dad and Grandfather were present and participated in the degree. Both were very proud to have a third generation Master Mason in their family. Thank you to all the Freedom and visiting Brethren for your time, hard work, and presence for giving our newest Master Mason a memorable experience.

At our December Stated Communication, we will elect new officers and Worshipful Master will make appointments. Congratulations to the brothers who will be elected officers and be appointed.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

By the Plumb,
J. David King
Junior Warden



December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Olive Branch 114 Stated - 8p	2	3	4 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated - 7:30p Installation	5 Freedom 118 Stated - 8p 	6 Freedom Installation of Officers 3p @ Ashburn
7	8	9 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated - 7:30p	10	11	12	13 AS Installation of Officers 11a
14	15 OB Installation of Officers 7p	16	17 Meet Up & Freedom School 	18	19	20
21	22 Potomac 88 RAC Stated 7:00p	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31	Happy New Year!		

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