



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

Stated Communication – December 4, 2015  
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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## 2015 Officers

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### **Senior Warden**

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### **Senior Deacon**

Wes Hirschhorn

### **Junior Deacon**

Mark Shapiro

### **Senior Steward**

Brad Westerman

### **Junior Steward**

Mark Canter

### **Chaplain**

Ray Mauk

### **Marshal**

Dave Kirk

### **Tiler**

Dick Bond

### **LIW**

Harris McGarrah

### **LEO**

Dick Phillips

## From the East

### **Year End Wrap-up and Goals Report**

Greetings Brethren

If it seems to you that we had a busy year, let me assure you that it was. We made 11 visits to other lodges this year and presented programs at three of them. We attended six district schools, the Division Leadership Conference, the Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 2 and 4 as well as his visit to our lodge on June 23. Also, six of our officers attended the Grand Annual Communication where we were pleased to learn that we are a recipient of the James Noah Hillman Award for 2015. And we conferred or exemplified each of the three degrees once this year.

Now, let's see how we did on the goals I announced when I was installed last year:

Earn the James Noah Hillman Award ✓  
Senior Warden receives his Warden's Certificate ✓  
One new degree lecture ✓  
Three Master Masons Raised – 2

Okay, all of this success I owe to you, my brothers. It was you who carried out the duties needed to accomplish these requirements. It was you who so very much impressed our distinguished visitors with the friendliness of our lodge. It was you who made that favorable impression when we made all those visitations. It was you that put up with and even laughed at my insertion of Utah words into the Virginia Ritual. That's right . . . it's all your fault. I could not be more proud than to have led such a wonderful group of brothers. I have been honored and humbled to sit in the Oriental Chair of Freedom Lodge Number 118.

At our December Stated meeting we will open lodge and do the lodge business. We will then close the Lodge of Sorrow and hold our Annual Election of Officers. After the elections the Installing Officers will take their places and install my successor (the Senior Warden who received his Warden's Certificate above) and the rest of his officers

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday December 4 followed by lodge at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

I have been honored to serve you.

Loyd

## Correct in the West

David King  
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

Soon the sun will set in the West for my term as Senior Warden of Freedom Lodge #118. Sitting in the West has been a privilege and an honor to serve as a member of Loyd's Legion. My highlight for the year was attending the 237th Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Virginia with several Brothers from our lodge and other District #2 lodges. I was able to meet and take a picture with our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful James Edward Litten. His 2016 theme is "Setting A Good Example."

My most memorable Grand Annual Communication moment is when I sat next to W.O. Harrison. I shared with him that this was my first Grand Annual Communication. His reply was it was his fiftieth Grand Annual Communication. He shared a few names of the many Virginia Grand Masters that he has met. He paused and smiled for a moment, then proceeded to show me his personal notecard listing the past Most Worshipfuls and their years. It was a good example of a brother's devotion to the craft.

I look forward to seeing you at our December 4th Stated and future 2016 meetings.

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

## Right in the South

Chuck Wyant  
Junior Warden

With the pending elections I reflect back on the year and am thankful I attended many of the Stateds about the district and others. I learned a lot of new things which, without being in the craft, I would never have had the opportunity to learn.

March 19, 2016 is the Grand Masters Official Visit to District 2 and tickets are on sale for \$25.00 each. The event is being catered by the Market Table Bistro, where we took our sweethearts this past February, and our newest Master Mason, Jason Lage, is the chef and owner. Please contact me for your tickets. They are selling fast.

It is great in the south.  
Your JW  
Chuck

## Calendar

### **Dec 3 Hamilton-Thompson 37**

#### **Stated Meeting & Installation**

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

### **Dec 4 Freedom 118 Stated & Installation**

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

### **Dec 7 Olive Branch 114 Stated**

Dinner 7 PM, Meeting 8 PM

### **Dec 8 Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated Meeting**

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

### **Dec 12 Ashburn-Sterling 288**

#### **Installation of Officers 11 AM**

### **Dec 16 Freedom Meetup & Lodge School**

Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM

### **Dec 19 Olive Branch 114**

#### **Installation of Officers 1 PM**

### **At Ashburn-Sterling 288**

## December Masonic Birthdays

<b>Alver Gene Cohen</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Joseph Thomas Evans</b>	<b>1974</b>
<b>Fred Lee George</b>	<b>1986</b>

## Christ In The Temple

Loyd Davis  
Worshipful Master

Greetings Brethren

This month we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Friday December 25. I spent the past three weeks researching the history of King Solomon's Temple to give a presentation to my Alexandria Scottish Rite brethren on the rebuilding of his temple by Zerubbabel. My research revealed that over a 1,008 year span we go from the dedication of King Solomon's Temple in 995 BC, to its destruction in 586 BC, to its rebuilding by Zerubbabel beginning in 536 BC, to organizing of temple worship by Ezra in 458 BC, and the rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah in 444 BC. Four hundred twenty-five years later in 19 BC King Herod I began his expansion of the temple area. It was in this expanded temple that Christ met with the priests and teachers when he was a young boy of 12.

The point of this story is that as we celebrate the birth of Christ this month, consider that in 12 more years he is in the temple originally built by King Solomon discussing the work of God with the priests and teachers of the temple.

Merry Christmas, My Brothers.

## Living Past Masters

<b>Larry D. Frye</b>	<b>1983, 2005-2007</b>
<b>Franklin C. Lamm</b>	<b>1985</b>
<b>Roy Harris McGarrah, Jr.</b>	<b>1992-1995, 2011</b>
<b>Clifford S. Free</b>	<b>1996-1999</b>
<b>Richard A. Phillips</b>	<b>2000-2003</b>
<b>Gary R. Ing</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>George M. Shoemaker, Jr.</b>	<b>2008-2010</b>
<b>Philip B. Brooks</b>	<b>2012, 2014</b>
<b>Thomas W. Brierton</b>	<b>2013</b>