



Freedom Lodge No. 118 AF&AM  
28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA  
[www.FreedomLodge118.org](http://www.FreedomLodge118.org)

Stated Communication 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

2012 is off to a rapid start for Freedom Lodge. At the first stated of the year, the Brethren received light via a short program about Brother Theodore Roosevelt. We also elected Rt Wor Larry Frye to step in as one of our Trustees. He joins Rt Wor Harris McGarrah and Wor Dick Phillips in this role. Wor Frye is taking the place of Wor Bob Jones. Wor Jones had served in this capacity for many years, but had requested to step down due to health issues. My thanks to all of these Brothers for handling this important responsibility for the Lodge.

The next day, Freedom recorded its first Fraternal Visit of 2012 during the Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 2, 3, and 4 at Winchester Hiram Lodge. This was the Grand Master's first Official Visit of the year. The packed house was treated to live music, a history of Masonry in Winchester, and the Grand Master's address.

Freedom closed the month out with a very well attended EA conferral. Rt Wor McGarrah presided in the East and Freedom Brothers served in all the other stations. Congratulations Brothers on a degree well done!

At our stated meeting in February, we'll be receiving Rt Wor Gary L Williams – District Deputy Grand Master for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District – as he makes his Official Visit to Freedom Lodge. Come out to share some fellowship and support our District Deputy.

Keep up to date with Lodge news at our web site – <http://FreedomLodge118.org>. If you have anything to post, please pass it along. Please use the Contact Us link at the site or drop us a note via USPS to update your contact information.

Sincerely & Fraternally  
Philip Brooks, WM

“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”

The food bank still has a great need for food and other items for those less fortunate than us. They will need more canned soups and stews during the winter. They can use bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergents and bleach, dish soap, and other cleaning materials as well as food items.

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Ritual Instruction

Freedom Lodge School of Instruction, February 9 .

District School will be February 23rd at Freedom.

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Masonic Education

**Cable tow**

The word tow signifies, properly, a line wherewith to draw. Richardson (Dictionary) defines it as "The word is purely Masonic, and in some writings of the early part of the eighteenth century we find the expression cable rope. Prichard so uses it in 1730. The German word for a cable or rope is kabeltauw, and thence our cable tow is probably derived.

In its first inception, the cable tow seems to have been used only as a physical means of controlling the candidate, and such an interpretation is still given in the Entered Apprentice's Degree. But in the Second and Third Degrees a more modern symbolism has been introduced, and the cable tow is in these grades supposed to symbolize the covenant by which all Freemasons are tied, thus reminding us of the passage in Hosea (xi, 4), "I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love."

**- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry**

*If you are irritated by every rub  
How will your mirror ever be polished?*

**Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday!**

Brother Milton Hummer – January

Worshipful Gary Ing – February

**DUES NOTICE – 2012 dues have risen to \$110 to keep pace with the increase in Grand Lodge assessments. Please remit your 2012 (and any past years!) dues today. Contact the Lodge Secretary should you have any questions.**

**Lodge mailing address:** Freedom Lodge, P.O. Box 293, Lovettsville VA 20180

**Upcoming Events**

Feb 3 Freedom 118 Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p  
 Feb 9 Freedom School of Instruction  
 Feb 18 Called Meeting – Degree Work (Tentative)  
 Feb 23 D2 School of Instruction at Freedom  
 Mar 2 Freedom 118 Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p  
 May 5 Community Blood Drive

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

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**February 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Freedom 118 Stated – 8pm Dinner at 7pm	4
5	6 Olive Branch 114 Stated – 8pm	7	8	9 Lodge School – 7p	10	11
12	13	14 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated – 7:30p	15	16 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated – 7:30p	17	18 Tentative – Called Meeting for Degree Work
19	20	21	22	23 D2 School @ Freedom – 7p	24	25
26	27 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	28	29 LEAP YEAR!			