



# 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

Greetings Brethren

Freedom Lodge is off to a fast start in 2014. We've already conducted fraternal visits both at Metropolitan 161 and Herndon 264; held our first Meet Up of the year; and met with the Grand Master at the Division Leadership Conference.

At Metropolitan Lodge we were part of that Lodge's centennial celebration and we were treated to both a fine Master Mason's degree as well as a terrific meal. These were in addition to the outstanding fellowship shared by all. At Herndon Lodge, brotherly warmth and affection took on a new meaning as we were thankfully treated to an abbreviated meeting. It was a little chilly in the Lodge room as their furnace was on the fritz that night.

Freedom had 7 members present at the DLC to meet with the Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers as they shared their plans for this and upcoming years. The main theme of the day was membership. You will have additional opportunities to hear about the Grand Master at our February Stated when we will officially receive our District Deputy Grand Master in the person of Right Worshipful Stuart Kevin Harp. Also, the Grand Master will make his own official visit to District 2 on May the 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Masters of Olive Branch and Ashburn-Sterling Lodges have issued a challenge to the rest of the District to provide assistance to local food banks. Since this is something that Freedom has been supporting for a number of years now (thank you RW McGarrah!). I'm sure that Freedom will have little trouble in meeting this challenge. If you can, please bring a donation to the February Stated – or any time to Lodge – to benefit the Loudoun Food Bank. The LFB provides valuable assistance to people local to the Lovettsville area.

Our Junior Warden is setting up a Sweethearts Brunch at Tuscarora Mill Restaurant (Leesburg) for February the 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This will be a great family event and an opportunity to share fellowship with our families outside the confines of Lodge. Please RSVP to Brother King by February 7 so we will have a good head count for this event. Other Lodge related activities coming later this year will include a Table Lodge, a ball game at the Frederick Keys, CHIP and Blood Drive, D2 Picnic, Oktoberfest and Halloween. We also have many small and large maintenance and repair activities in need of helping hands. There are many venues to participate. I hope to see you at many of these events.

Keep tabs on all District 2 activities at <http://vamasonicdistrict2.org>. I look forward to seeing each of you soon!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*Philip Brooks*

Worshipful Master

**Please wish this Brother a Happy Masonic Birthday!**

Gary Ing (1999)

**Correct in the West**

Greetings Brethren

This month I want to continue my series on Misconceptions of Freemasonry by discussing Freemasonry and the Illuminati. It is interesting to note that many people will choose to believe fantastic stories and will spend much time visiting internet sites that fit their belief. They will not let facts stand in their way; they end up living in a small sphere in which a few gurus propagate their lack of real knowledge and use the writings of Freemasonry to prove that it is Satanic or belongs to the Illuminati, or other equally nefarious orders such as the New World Order. The fanatics define the relationship of common things to their particular fantasy and then cite other fanatics, who may even be college professors, as knowledgeable people to prove their point.

My Brethren, it is up to us to tell people about what we believe and how we use the tools and implements of masons to describe what we believe and how we should live. It is always a good idea to tell them about the books "Freemasons for Dummies" by Christopher Hodapp and "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry" by S. Brent Morris. Then invite them to our Meetup Group that meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Lovettsville Pizza & Subs.

That's it for now, more next month. Come meet our District Deputy Grand Master at our February Stated Meeting: - Friday Feb 7, dinner at 7 PM, meeting at 8 PM.

*Loyd Davis*  
PGM, Senior Warden

**Right in the South**

At the January Stated, a brother inquired about the Warden's Columns sitting on a lodge bookcase. After a brief discussion and instruction, the Warden's Columns were used.

While at rest, I researched the Warden's Columns history and the Grand Lodge of Virginia prescribed use. For those who are unfamiliar with the Warden's Columns, they look like miniature Pillars, Jachin and Boaz. The raising and lowering of the Wardens' columns were documented in Masonic ritual as early as 1720 and more commonly use late 1760. Unfortunately, there has been very little written about the Wardens' columns origin, how they were assigned to the two stationed officers, or when the raising and lowering of the two miniature pillars became a proper procedure in Masonic lodges.

According to Ask Hiram, the use of "Warden's Columns" are allowed in a Virginia Lodge, but not required. When a lodge uses Warden's Columns, they are placed on the pedestal in front of each Warden. When the Lodge is "At Labor," the Warden's Column in front of the Senior Warden would be situated in a vertical position, and the Warden's Column in front of the Junior Warden would be laid down in a horizontal position or "At Rest." When the Lodge is "At Refreshment," the position of the Warden's Columns would be reversed.

I look forward seeing you at the February Stated when the Warden's Columns will change to "At Labor" after a nourishing refreshment provided by the Stewards.

By the Plumb,  
*J. David King*  
Junior Warden

**February 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Olive Branch 114 Stated - 8p	4	5	6	7 Freedom 118 Stated - 8p 	8
9	10	11 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated - 7:30p	12	13	14	15
16 Freedom's Valentine's Brunch 11:00a	17 President's Day	18	19 Meet Up & Freedom School 	20 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated - 7:30p	21	22 Washington's Birthday
23	24 Potomac 88 RAC Stated 7:30p	25	26 D2 School @ Freedom 7:30p <b>SLOT</b>	27	28	

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