



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Greetings Brethren

Your support of our pursuit of the Hillman award and our goal of raising three new Master Masons this year has been outstanding. We have two of our ten required lodge visitations completed and we have initiated our first Entered Apprentice for the year. By the way, I am using the Utah Snow Policy this year: when it snows, we continue with our scheduled activities.

I urge you to seek out our newest EA, Brother William Francis McMasters II and introduce yourself to him. I want you to welcome him with the same enthusiasm and friendliness that you showed me when I first set foot in the lodge in 2011. Our Junior Warden Chuck Wyant says William wants to be on the fast track to Master Mason. So let's all pitch in and help him reach his goal.

This month we will make our second official visit to Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 on February 19 for the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, Jeffery Robert Gould, to his home lodge. Our Meetup and Lodge School will be held at its regular time on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Lovettsville Pizza and Subs. Lodge School will begin at 7:30 PM for practice on the Master Mason degree. And all officers need to attend the District 2 School at its regular time on the fourth Wednesday of the month. It will be held at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 at 7 PM and the subject will be SLOT (Stationed Lodge Officer Training). I will need an excused absence for our Meetup this month as I will be returning from the Conference of Grand Masters in Vancouver, BC that day.

You will note that our Senior Warden has invited suggestions for topics for his Masonic Education presentations at each Stated Meeting. He and I have ideas of good subjects for these presentations, but we would like to cover subjects of particular interest to you. Don't hesitate to contact either of us with your suggestions. Along that line, our Junior Warden will present a portion of one of the topics in the Book of Constitutions at the end of each education presentation. This fulfills one of the charges to the Worshipful Master I received at the installation of officers in December.

I hope you will join me for the Junior Warden's stew at 7 PM on February 6. I promise you an interesting and informative meeting. I look forward to seeing you then.

Loyd

Correct in the West

David King
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

The month of January has passed quickly and Freedom Lodge #118 brethren have been hard at work with fraternal visits and conducting an Entered Apprentice degree. The Brethren have participated in two fraternal visits at District 2 lodges, Ashburn-Sterling #288 on Jan 13 and Hamilton-Thompson #37 on Jan 15. Freedom Lodge #118 was well represented at each visit with eight brothers present.

Recently, we initiated Brother William MacMasters to the Entered Apprentice degree on Friday, January 23. Many Brothers braved the forecasted nasty weather to attend. Over a dozen Brothers were present and provided support for our newest EA. We were honored to have two visiting Senior Wardens present; Rob Worthington - Olive Branch #114 and David Marsh - Hamilton-Thompson #37.

Reminder, February Masonic Education theme is George Washington. Education is the foundation of our fraternity. Our Worshipful master has requested a 15 - 20 minute educational program be provided at each stated. It is great opportunity to expand our Masonic knowledge and share with visiting brethren. Suggestions and ideas from the Brethren for education topics at other events would be most welcome.

I look forward to seeing you at our Stated meeting, degrees, and practices in February.

On the level,

Br. J. David King
Senior Warden

February Masonic Birthdays

Gary Robert Ing, PM, 1998

Right in the South

Chuck Wyant
Junior Warden

First off I want to take the opportunity to welcome brother William Frances, MacMaster II. He already has been getting going on his Catechism. He wants to become a Master Mason very fast so he can join the Widows and Orphans MC.

This month's stated dinner will be Stew night. I am working on the details for a Valentines Day Luncheon and they will be given at the stated meeting. I am working on a Masonic cruise with the Travel Agency to get the dates correct. Details to follow.

There will be a work detail in the south as soon as the weather breaks. Help will be greatly appreciated if your cable tow allows. There will be some lifting, cutting of brush, and digging to be done.

Two similar tools we use as speculative masons are used to do different things by operative masons. Do you know what tools they are?

Your JW

Chuck

Living Past Masters

Robert B. Jones, 1971
Larry D. Frye, 1983, 2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm, 1985
Roy Harris McGarrh, Jr., 1992-1995, 2011
Clifford S. Free, 1996-1999
Richard A. Phillips, 2000-2003
Gary R. Ing, 2004
George M. Shoemaker, Jr., 2008-2010
Philip B. Brooks, 2012, 2014
Thomas W. Brierton, 2013

On the Left of the Master

RW George Shoemaker, Jr.
Secretary

Hello Brethren.

Since it's the beginning of the year and we are collecting dues, I thought I would share some stats on our membership. As of 31 December 2014, we have:

3 – 50 year Masonic Veterans	
7 – Life Membership In Perpetuity (LMIP) Members	
36 – Annual Dues Members	
46 – Total members of Freedom Lodge	No. 118

If you have any questions regarding dues or LMIP, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will answer any questions you have or will find the answer for you. As of this writing, 19 of the 36 Annual Dues Brethren have submitted their dues, so if you are part of the 17 who have not, please do so since we have received the Grand Lodge assessment. As always, I am here to answer any questions you may have.

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Calendar

Feb 2 Olive Branch 114 Stated
Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
Feb 6 Stated Meeting 8 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM
Feb 10 Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
Feb 19 Hamilton-Thompson 37 DDGM Official Visit
Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
Feb 18 Meetup & Lodge School
Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM
Feb 25 District 2 School @ Ashburn-Sterling 288 SLO Training
Wardens 7:00 PM, All Masons 7:30 PM