



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

Leadership: Setting a Good Example

Greetings Brethren

First, I was elated with the participation of the Freedom Lodge No. 118 officers and brethren at the Division Leadership Conference (DLC) on January 9th. Freedom Lodge recorded a perfect attendance because all the progressive line was present. The DLC started with Most Worshipful James Edward Litten's opening statement and reminded the brethren of his 2016 theme of "Setting a Good Example". He emphasized the need to teach good Masonic stature through leadership and individual integrity which should find a home in all Masons. Masonic laws and instructions are not merely platitudes to be repeated for self-aggrandizement, but make for a better world with the great knowledge and wisdom through the actions of good Masons.

I recognize our District Deputy Grand Master Philip Brooks as a Mason who is Setting a Good Example. Phil was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 2004. He has been an exceptional and resolute member of our fraternity for over a decade. During that time, he has served in several Masonic leadership roles with several Blue Lodges and appendant bodies. His Masonic leadership started as an advisor to the DeMolay where he earned the Legion of Honor and Job's Daughters in 2005. After several years of working on his ritual skills, "going through the chairs", and obtaining a Warden Certificate, Phil was elected Worshipful Master of Herndon Lodge No. 264 serving in 2011. In the past five years, Phil has served the Fraternity as the Worshipful Master of Freedom Lodge No. 118 in 2012 and 2014, Worshipful Master of A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research No. 1949 in 2013, High Priest of the Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88 in 2014, and is currently the Senior Warden of the Bull Run Quarry of the Operatives.

I am honored to announce the reception of our District Deputy Grand Master Philip Brooks at Freedom Lodge on Friday, February 5th. We have an opportunity to recognize and celebrate Right Worshipful Brooks as a Past Master of Freedom Lodge and as a Setting a Good Example in Virginia Masonry.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on February 5, 2016, followed by Lodge at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

-David

Correct in the West

Chuck Wyant
Senior Warden

We are into the New Year. I want to take a moment to remember the life time of a great friend, supporter of Masonry, and the wife of my friend and Brother, Janice Phillips. Called to that place, eternal in the heavens. I have no answer why but know she is there. The "Pink Stuff" that she would make came in two bowls. One for everyone, one bowl for Brother Harris and others whom did not like coconut. Sharing always, ensuring all had something, she was a friend to me as well. Look about the Lodge, Game Club, her Church and about the town, there is something she did everywhere to make sure things happen for the masses. Sprinkles, may God keep you safe in the heavens.

We just finished the DLC this weekend and there is a lot of work to be done in the District, our Lodge and fun times coming. I am looking forward to the Grand Masters visit and I have tickets. We have several official visits to complete and head to the continued quest for the Hillman award. In order to meet this, we need to be in Lodge, knock out these projects, and move forward.

Right in the South

Wes Hirschhorn
Junior Warden

The noontime hour is the time of day when we seek sustenance. In this month's discussion, let us consider the nourishment of our minds with Masonic knowledge as well as the comestible nourishment of our bodies.

Feeding our Masonic minds ensures that we continue to attain the Masonic knowledge that helps us to make the most our membership in the Craft. It helps us to understand the many mysteries of Freemasonry and how they play into our daily lives.

As Junior Warden, I will continue readings from the Masonic book of Constitutions. Whether on your own or through the presentations of our Lodge members, make the time to seek out those little crumbs of knowledge. When joined together, they provide a picture of something you didn't know before. You will be happy that you did.

February Masonic Birthdays

Daniel Gillenwater and Gary Ing



Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye,	1983,2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm,	1985
Roy Harris McGarrah, 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
Loyd Davis	2015

Mark Your Calendar

Feb 5 – Freedom Stated
Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p
Mar 4– Freedom Stated
Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p
Mar 19 – Grand Master’s
Official Visit to District 2
Creek’s Edge Winery, 6p – Ticket required

Most Worshipful

James Edward Litten
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February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	6
7	8 Olive Branch #114 Stated	9	10 D2 Bowling Challenge Leesburg Lanes	11	12	13
14	15	16 Ashburn Sterling #288 Stated	17 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Education 7:30p	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 D2 School of Instruction at HT #37	25 Hamilton Thompson #37 Stated	26	27
28	29	1	2	3	4 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	5

