



Freedom Lodge No. 118 AF&AM
28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA
www.FreedomLodge118.org

Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

At Freedom's February stated, we officially received Rt Wor Gary L Williams, DDGM for the 2nd Masonic District. He provided an insightful program that spoke to the reasons we should all be proud of our Masonic affiliations and to share this with others around us. Spreading our Masonic light is the surest way of educating others.

The Brethren of Freedom notched two 2^{nds} for the year during February. Freedom's 2nd Fraternal Visit of the year was recorded at Herndon Lodge during the Grand Master's visit. And, much more importantly, the Brethren of Freedom conferred their 2nd EA degree of the year. Bro Tom Brierton presided in the East for the conferral and performed in outstanding fashion.

All Brethren are welcome and encouraged to attend the Division Leadership Conference and the Ken Shelton Area School of Instruction. Both are slated for March. Contact me with any questions regarding these proceedings.

We're now taking appointments for the Blood Drive to be held on May 5. Bring your friends, family and neighbors to this important community event. Email me with your contact information and desired time slot that day or give me a call. We'll make sure that everyone gets the opportunity to donate.

Brethren, our Lodge building is in need of repairs so that it will remain a place for meetings and a continued source of pride for the Freedom Brethren for the long term. Early estimates for the outside work alone are running upwards of \$4000. Any donations you are able to make would be greatly appreciated. Make your donation payable to Freedom Lodge and on the memo line mark it to the Building Fund.

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 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. Bring donations to the March meeting.

Ritual Instruction

Freedom Lodge School of Instruction, March 8.
Ken Shelton School of Instruction, March 10.
District School will be March 22nd at Ashburn.

Masonic Education
EAVESDROPPER

Early European peoples used a word in various forms - evese, obasa, opa, etc., - which meant the rim, or edge, of something, like the edge of a field; it came in time to be applied wholly to the gutter which runs along the edge of a roof. (Our word "over" comes from this root.) "Dropper" had an origin among the same languages, and meant that which drips, or dribbles, like water dropping from a thawing icicle. Eavesdrop, therefore, was the water which dripped from the eaves. If a man set himself to listen through a window or keyhole to what was going on in a house he had to stand so close that the eavesdropping would fall upon him, for which reason all prying persons, seeking by secret means what they have no business to know, came to be called eavesdroppers.

- Source: 100 Words in Masonry

*Fear is the main source of superstition.
To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.*

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday!

Brother Garland Cooper, Jr. – March
Worshipful Franklin Lamm – March
Brother Jefferson Moore - March

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

Mar 2 Freedom 118 Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Mar 8 Freedom Lodge School of Instruction, 7p
Mar 10 Ken Shelton School of Instruction
Mar 17 Division Leadership Conference, Alexandria
Mar 22 D2 School of Instruction, Ashburn-Sterling
Apr 6 Freedom 118 Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Apr 12 Freedom Lodge School of Instruction, 7p
Apr 19 Hamilton-Thompson Rededication
Apr 24 MM Conferral, Oakland MD
May 4 Freedom 118 Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
May 5 Community Blood Drive
May 19 D2 Picnic (tentative)

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March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Freedom 118 Stated - 8pm Dinner at 7pm	3
4	5 Olive Branch 114 Stated - 8pm	6	7	8 Lodge School - 7p	9	10 Ken Shelton School @ H-T 37
11	12	13 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated - 7:30p	14	15 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated - 7:30p	16	17 St Patrick's Day DLC @ Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple
18	19	20	21	22 D2 School @ Ashburn - 7p SLOT Class	23	24
25	26 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	27	28	29	30	31 AD Smith 1949 Lodge of Research @ Alexandria