



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

*The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia*  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia  
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## From the East

Greetings Brethren

Welcome to March, which has already come in "like a Lion." The March full moon will occur on Thursday March 5, the day before our March stated meeting. The Farmer's Almanac tells us that the March full moon is called the Full Worm Moon and describes it as follows: "As the temperature begins to warm and the ground begins to thaw, earthworm casts appear, heralding the return of the robins. The more northern tribes knew this Moon as the Full Crow Moon, when the cawing of crows signaled the end of winter, or the Full Crust Moon because the snow cover becomes crusted from thawing by day and freezing at night. The Full Sap Moon, marking the time of tapping maple trees, is another variation. To the settlers, it was also known as the Lenten Moon, and was considered to be the last full Moon of winter."

Our theme this month is Jacques DeMolay. Our inspirational speaker, MW Louis Kerford Campbell (Masonry's Youth – Masonry's Future), a Senior DeMolay, will speak about how his early years in DeMolay inspired him to success as an adult. Our educational presentation will cover the DeMolay organization as it is practiced today.

We travel to Occoquan Lodge No. 310 in Woodbridge, the lodge in which I was raised, on Monday March 9 where I will present my Five Orders of Architecture program. I need four brethren to join me in that endeavor which will fulfill one of the requirements for the James Noah Hillman Award. Then on March 14, we need all officers to attend the Ken Shelton School at Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37 in Purcellville beginning at 8:30 AM. And don't forget our Meetup and Lodge School on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM. Pizza at Lovettsville Pizza and Subs, school at the Lodge at 7:30 PM.

I am happy to report that four of our ten widows joined us for our Valentine's Day brunch on February 14. We will plan for more of these family outings this year. Stay tuned!

I hope you will join me for the Junior Warden's corned beef cabbage and Shepard's Pie at 7 PM on March 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:

In Freemasonry, Arithmetic is the fourth liberal Art. Arithmetic is defined as giving value to things through numbers with the use of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We are taught to count, to add, subtract, multiply, and divide values. Later, we use this basic foundation of arithmetic to expand our knowledge of science. Arithmetic offers a structured system which defines basic rule, order, and operates in terms of equations.

The March has several symbols of Arithmetic besides the numbers on a thermometer. March is the third month when Julius Caesar reformed the calendar. In the northern hemisphere the vernal equinox occurs in March, when day and night are the same length. This year, March contains 3/14/15 and at 9:26:53 that day will follow the sequence of the mathematical constant Pi ( $\pi$ ), the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, commonly approximated as 3.14159, and is recognized as National Pi Day. See if you can think of other March Arithmetic symbols or trivia.

Freedom #118 March Masonic Education theme is Jacques DeMolay. March 24, 1919 was the day in

history that launched the Order of DeMolay. The Order of DeMolay is based on the integrity of Jacques DeMolay who was burned at the stake on March 18 1314. There are many more but this is just a small example of the significance numbers hold for us as Masons.

Education is the foundation of our fraternity. Our Worshipful master has requested a 15 - 20 minute educational program be provided at each stated meeting. Suggestions and ideas from the Brethren for education topics other events would be most welcome.

I look forward to seeing you at our Stated meetings, degrees, and practices in March – the true Master Mason month.

On the level,

Br. J. David King  
Senior Warden

## Living Past Masters

**Robert B. Jones, 1971**  
**Larry D. Frye, 1983, 2005-2007**  
**Franklin C. Lamm, 1985**  
**Roy Harris McGarran, 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**

## March Masonic Birthdays

**Mark Canter**  
**Garland Cooper, Jr.**  
**Frank Lamm, PM 1985**  
**Donovan Libby**

## Right in the South

Chuck Wyant  
Junior Warden

In the South we are busy working with new brother Bill McMaster to hopefully be ready to move to FC. The meal this month I have requested that the Stewards have Corned Beef Cabbage and Shepard's pie for our pre- lodge meal.

Looking for more Masonic fraternal work and brotherhood. Don't forget our brick orders.

Your JW

Chuck

## Calendar

**Mar 5, Master Mason degree**

Dinner 6:30 PM, Degree 7:30 PM

**Mar 6, Stated Meeting 8 PM**

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

**Mar 9, Fraternal Visit to Occoquan Lodge No. 310 with presentation**

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

**Mar 14, Ken Shelton School Hamilton-Thompson No. 37**

Meeting 8:30 AM

**Mar 18, Meetup & Lodge school**

Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM

**May 4, Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch No. 114 with presentation**

Dinner 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM

**Jun 9, Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling No. 288 with presentation**

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM