



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>

Stated Communication – March 4, 2016
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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From the East

Grand Master of Virginia Visit

Greetings Brethren:

First, I want thank everyone for attending the Freedom Lodge No. 118 February Stated and assisting us to receive our District 2 District Deputy Grand Master Philip B. Brooks. I want to thank my wife, Karen, for cooking Gumbo and Jambalaya for the meal in observance of Mardi Gras.

It is my privilege as Freedom Lodge No. 118 Worshipful Master to announce that it is soon to be our great honor to receive the Most Worshipful James Edward Litten, 171st Grand Master of Virginia. Grand Master Litten, "Brother Jim", has been an active member of our Fraternity for over thirty years, having been raised to the Level of Master Mason in the autumn of 1987 at Mountain Home Lodge No. 263 in Stuart, Virginia. He later served as Worshipful Master of Mountain Home Lodge No. 263 in 1992 and 2007, as well as performing the duties of Secretary between 2011 and 2014. His Most Worshipfulness has a grand history of service beyond his lodge in the Fraternity at large, having been elected to various positions such as Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master, which he served in 1997. He was a Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. He is an outstanding emissary to our Buckeye State Brethren. His dedication to our craft is reflected in his honorary memberships at Proud Lodge No. 59, Piedmont Lodge No. 152, and Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201.

Reminder, the Grand Master, James E. Litten's official visit to District 2 is on March 19th at 6pm held at Creek's Edge Winery (ticket required). Market Table Bistro will cater the meal and the Naked Mountain Boys will provide entertainment.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on March 4, 2016. The planned theme meal is an Irish tradition of Corn beef and Cabbage which will be followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

-David



P.S. – More information about the Grand Master can be found at:

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/officers/grand-lodge-officers/grand-master>

Correct in the West

Chuck Wyant
Senior Warden

Closing out February, I read a few articles and wonder with President's day passing how many brothers know the following off the tops of your heads:

1. How many appointed and election presidents of the United States of America have been Master Masons?
2. How many of these Brothers were Masters of their lodges?
3. How many were Grand Masters of the state they are from as a Mason?
4. Whom was the last President to be a Mason?
5. What state was he a Mason? (#4.)
6. What is Freedom's #118 connection to this President in #4?

For the answers attend the next Lodge stated and you can check how you did on this little exercise.

Masonry is always learning, remembering our past, and building to the future.

Right in the South


Wes Hirschhorn
Junior Warden

The month being March, our Lodge celebrates St. Patrick's Day. I'm sure you all will enjoy the meal being provided! So who was St. Patrick? Many of us know that he is the patron saint of Ireland that drove all the snakes from the island. St. Patrick, who was also known as the Bishop of Ireland was a priest and missionary who lived the late 5th century. At the age of 16 he was kidnapped by pirates and held for around 6 years after which time he escaped back to his family in what would become England whereupon he went into the clergy. He went on to return to northern and western Ireland where he began the business of converting the populace to Christianity. I will close with two things; first, while he was credited with ridding Ireland of its snakes, it being an island, never had any to begin with. Secondly, St. Patrick used the shamrock to illustrate to his converts the concept of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hence the popularity of the shamrock in Irish lore. Enjoy the coming spring Brethren!



More Info at
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March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	5 Ken Shelton School at OB #114, 8am
6	7 Olive Branch #114 Stated	8 Ashburn Sterling #288 Stated	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time	14	15	16 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Slot Training 7:30p	17 St. Patrick's Day Hamilton Thompson #37 Stated	18	19 Grand Master Visit to District 2
20 Palm Sunday	21	22	23 D2 School of Instruction – Freedom as the host	24	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter 	28	29	30	31	1 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	2

February Masonic Birthdays

Mark Canter, Garland Cooper, Jr.,
George Facer, Frank Lamm,
Donovan Libby

Living Past Masters

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

Mark Your April Calendar

Apr 1 – Freedom No. 118 Stated
Apr 4 – Olive Branch No. 114 Stated
Apr 12 – Ashburn-Sterling No. 228 Stated
Apr 21 – Hamilton-Thompson No. 37 Stated
Apr 27 – District 2 School

Most Worshipful

James Edward Litten
Grand Master
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