



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

Greetings Brethren:

Feb. 8 Village Lanes, bowling night. 40 Masons, the DeMolay, and Rainbow Girls were all about. Freedom bowlers, we had two teams however, Ashburn-Sterling took the trophy. Keep practicing for the October District rematch. Date TBA.

Thursday March 2nd at 7 pm was Masonic Night at the Roy Rogers East Market Street Leesburg. This family night was well received by the management and the customers who came in. Although it was a slow night, 7 children received VA CHIP IDs and introduced all of the District 2 Lodges to the public to include the youth programs. The best part was we said "hello" to about 40 people and looks like Olive Branch will be getting a petition. The District is invited back, and Roy's Manager wants to do more to help Masons help the community.

This is March, and this is the beginning of a lot of warm weather, even though we have had a very mild winter thus far. With this said, **LOOK OUT FOR MOTOR CYCLES**. The riders will be out even more now and our Lodge has several Brothers that ride, 2 EA's, Bill MacMaster, Lee McPeake, 5 Masters, Brother Jim Crunk, Tiler Dick Bond, Secretary George Shoemaker, Senior Warden Wes Hirschhorn and myself. Please give that extra look for us.

Now for the further point of that message. For years, I have wondered about the "Shriners Harley Davidson" and how it came to be. My grandfather was a Mason and in every appendant body and Harley rider. I recall asking how these Shriners bikes came to be. Like my grandfather, there was this mysterious fable of how a Davidson or Harley was a Shriner and that is how and why there will always be "Shriner Bikes". Well now, I know the true story.

As it turns out the in 1958 a Harley dealer order requested that Harley Davidson prepare/build a fleet of motorcycles for a customer, the Local Chapter of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine, now known as the Shriners. The 1958 FL models ordered were different from the normal production bikes in many ways. The most obvious was the paint color. A combination of two tone Hollywood Green and Birch White. For this build there were eleven ordered, and Harley built twelve. Harley delivered the eleven to the dealer and the 12th went to the Harley Davidson museum. This bike remains there and is part of the Harley Davidson Archives Collection. This bike exemplifies the relationship that developed between the Motor Company and the Shriners.

The members with these bikes amused themselves and the communities where they lived with these bikes and their activities. They became famous because of the colors of the bikes, participating in parades, and showing off their many riding skills for the crowds.

The first Shriner Motorcycle unit was established in Kanas City, Missouri in 1948 as a part of the Ararat Temple. That group rode in six parades that year and had multi colored lights on those bikes that were all different Harley Davidson Models.

Since 1966, Harley Davidson Motor Company was clearly deeply committed to this bike building, Harley Davidson made the ordering of these bikes clear. Each bike is to be built per the individuals Shriners specifications and to be ordered only by one on separate order forms. Only the Police bikes can be ordered this way. In both cases, there is a requirement to prove you are a Shriner for the Shriners Bike or Police for the Police bike. Moreover, these bike model numbers will always begin with "FL". So now, you know the story about the Shriner Bike, even if you did not want to know. Fitting for this time of year and a dinner table conversation.

Reminder, your 2017 dues notices are in the mail. You can bring your dues payment to the March 3rd Stated or mailed to RW George Shoemaker, Jr. at **Freedom Lodge No. 118, Attn: Secretary, P.O. Box 293 Lovettsville, VA 20180**. Donations to the Lodge Building Fund are always needed and greatly appreciated.

Do you own a brick in the Walk of Masonry?

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on March 3rd, 2017 and followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Coat and tie please. American Irish traditional meal will be served.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Chuck

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Living Past Masters</u></p> <p>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 Loyd E. Davis 2015 J. David King 2016</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mark Your March Calendar</u></p> <p>March 6 – OB No. 114 Stated March 14 – AS No. 288 stated March 15 – Freedom No. 118 Meet-Up March 16 – HT No. 37 Stated March 23 – Wardens Masters Meeting March 31 – DLC, Warrenton April 3 – Freedom Stated</p>	<p>Most Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook Grand Master Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. & A.M. https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org</p>
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March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	4 Ken Shelton Area School
5	6 Olive Branch 114 Stated <i>Fraternat Visit</i>	7	8 Bowling Night Village Lanes Leesburg	9	10	11
12	13	14 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated	15 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	16 Hamilton-Thompson 37 Stated	17 St Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22	23 Masters and Wardens District meeting 7 pm	24	25
26	27	28				2017

