



Freedom Lodge No. 118 AF&AM  
 28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA  
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>



Stated Communication 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

March provided for a lot of Masonic activity outside the bounds of Freedom Lodge. Freedom's Brethren were well represented at the Ken Shelton School of Instruction. The following weekend was the DLC where the Grand Line discussed their activities for upcoming years and the need to stem the downward membership trend for Virginia Masonry. We closed the month with SLOT training to help prepare those that will take over running our Lodge.

At the March stated, MW Loyd Davis provided a glimpse into social media as a tool to help attract new members. He has setup a "Meet Up" series of meetings for the Lodge. This will afford non-masons an opportunity to meet with us offline, ask questions of us that will hopefully lead to new interest in the Lodge. The first meeting will be April 18 at 7p at Lovettsville Pizza. Many thanks to MW Loyd for leading this effort for us. We'll all need to pitch in to make this a success.

A couple of notes regarding upcoming meetings: Wear your overalls for the April stated. The reason will be explained as part of the program for the evening. The May meeting will start at 8:30. This is to allow ample time for that evening's program which will be open to the public and conducted in conjunction with dinner that night. Looking forward to the June stated, we'll host our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual strawberry night. Please invite your friends and colleagues to join us at the dinners. It is a terrific way for us to share our Masonic Light with others.

We're now taking appointments for the Blood Drive to be held on May 5 from 8 until 2 at the Game Club. Bring your friends, family and neighbors to this important community event. Email or call me with your contact information and desired time slot for your donation. Other activities we hope to have that day include the Lions Club Vision / Hearing van, Child ID (CHIP), and live music. Come out to help or just enjoy the fellowship of the day.

My thanks to those who have made a donation to our Building Fund. The receipts so far are certainly a good start, but we have a long way to go to reach the needed \$4000 to jump start the repairs. 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>

Sincerely & Fraternally  
 Philip Brooks, WM

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"Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature"

The food bank has an ongoing 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 non perishable food items. Please bring donations to the April meeting.

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Ritual Instruction

Freedom Lodge School of Instruction, April 12.  
 District School will be April 26 at Olive Branch

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Masonic Education  
 HOODWINK

A symbol of the secrecy, silence, and darkness in which the mysteries of our art should be preserved from the unhallowed gaze of the profane. It has been supposed to have a symbolic reference to the passage in Saint John's Gospel (I, 5), "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." But it is more certain that there is in the hoodwink a representation of the mystical darkness which always preceded the rites of the ancient initiations.

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

*Mark Twain*

**Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in April!**

Bro Thomas Brierton	Bro Robert Frye	Wor James Frye
Bro Robert Jackson, III	Bro David Lang	Wor Robert Jones
Wor Richard Phillips	Wor George Shoemaker, Jr	Wor MD Miller

**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. Thank you to those that have remitted their dues! Contact the Lodge Secretary should you have any questions.

**Lodge mailing address:** Freedom Lodge, P.O. Box 293, Lovettsville VA 20180

**Upcoming Events**

Apr 6 Freedom 118 Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p  
 Apr 12 Freedom Lodge School of Instruction, 7p  
 Apr 18 Freedom Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza, 7p  
 Apr 19 Hamilton-Thompson Rededication  
 Apr 24 MM Conferral, Oakland MD  
 Apr 28 Called Communication for Degree Work, 9a (tentative)  
 May 4 Freedom 118 Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 830p  
 May 5 Community Blood Drive 8a – 2p  
 May 19 D2 Picnic (tentative)  
 Jun 1 Freedom 118 Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p

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A.L. 6011, A.D. 2012**

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**April 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Olive Branch 114 Stated – 8pm	3	4	5 MM degree practice @ O-B	6 Freedom 118 Stated – 8pm Dinner at 7pm	7
8 Easter	9	10 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated – 7:30p	11	12 Lodge School – 7p Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated – 7:30p	13	14
15	16	17	18 Freedom Lodge Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza 7pm	19 Hamilton Thompson 37 Rededication 7:30p	20	21
22	23 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	24 D2 MM Conferral Oakland MD	25	26 D2 School @ O-B 7p	27	28 Called Communication for Degree Work 9a (tentative)
29	30					