



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Greetings Brethren –

March was a very productive month for Freedom. At our stated communication we had benefit of two very good programs – “The Winding Staircase” presented by MW Loyd Davis and “A Lambskin or White Leather Apron” presented by Bro David Lang, RW Harris McGarrah, and Bro Donovan Libby. Both of programs can be reviewed on the Freedom website under “Freedom Blog”. Freedom had a strong showing at the Ken Shelton School of Instruction taught by Wor Bill Johnson and RW Chris Thompson where both the EA and FC degrees were covered. We finished the month off with a “Fraternal Visit” to Bethel 52 in Herndon to watch them initiate four new members and then wrapped up March with the annual SLOT session lead by D2 DEO Wor Kevin Homan.

Upcoming in April there will be ample opportunities for fellowship starting with our Stated on the 4th followed by a Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch on the 7th. On Sunday the 13th Freedom will host a special Festive Board at the Market Table Bistro at 1p. This will include traditional Scottish toasts and live Masonic Music to accompany our meal. The cost is \$25/person and reservations are required in advance. Please contact myself or Bro David King to secure your seat for this event. The Festive Board is open to all MM, FC, and EAs.

It is my hope that we will also be in need of some degree conferrals during the month of April and into May. We have several candidates working now and hope to soon see them advance in their degree work.

There are several activities set for outside the Lodge (once the weather finally warms up!). May 9, the Grand Master will make his Official Visit to D2 Lodges at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge. The next morning, is the Lovettsville CHIP and Blood Drive from 9 until 2 at the Game Club. Come to donate, help at the tables, or assist by bringing others to support this important endeavor. June 13 will be a Masonic Night at the Potomac Nationals. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy great fellowship along with watching some potential future stars play our national pastime. In late July, the Potomac Royal Arch Chapter will be hosting a dinner theatre at the Blair Mansion – more to come on this item when the details are finalized. Looking out to September, the D2 Picnic will be on the 20th at Franklin Park.

I look forward to seeing each of you at as many of these events as possible!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Philip Brooks

Worshipful Master

Please wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in April

Tom Brierton (2006) Bobby Frye (1969) Robert Jackson (1991) Bob Jones (1968)
Dave Kirk (2013) David Lang (2002) Dick Phillips (1973) George Shoemaker (2004)

Correct in the West

Greetings Brethren

Worshipful Master Phil has a full slate of programs and business for our April meeting. Having introduced the symbology and legends of the Winding Staircase at our last meeting, I will be talking about the Five Orders of Architecture at our May meeting. We'll discuss definitions of the parts of a column, how they are arranged to support the building, how their sizes are determined, and what they represent. In subsequent months, I'll be investigating more deeply the quick views I gave you of the mystic numbers three, five, and seven and endeavor to give you some pictures of the things they represent. It should be educational for both of us. Please join me there. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces when the gavel falls at 8:00 PM.

On the Level

Loyd Davis

PGM, Senior Warden

Upcoming Events for your Calendar

- April 4 – Freedom Stated Communication, 7p
- April 7 – Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch 118, 7p
- April 13 – Freedom’s Festive Board, 1p
- May 2 - Freedom Stated Communication, 7p
- May 9 – Grand Master’s Official Visit to D2, 6p
- May 10 – CHIP and Blood Drive, 9-2
- June 4 – Fraternal Visit to James Chambers 801, 4p
- June 6 - Freedom Stated Communication, 7p
- June 13 – Masonic Night at the Potomac Nationals, 7p

Right in the South

My Brothers

March came in like a lion and might leave like a lamb. With all the extremely low temperatures and snow we have experienced, let's hope for a mild month of April, May, and June. I am more than ready for some warmer temperatures!

On April 13th, we have a Festive Board at the Market Table Bistro. The Festive Board tradition in Freemasonry dates back to the 1800s. The Festive Board purpose is to promote a greater degree of fellowship and kinship in Masonry while sharing nourishment. Do you know the Working Tools of a Festive Board in Freemasonry? Hint: You may use them in your daily three nourishments (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). If you plan to attend, send me your RSVP before April 7th. We need to provide Market Table Bistro with a headcount, so they can plan accordingly.

"As we advance in knowledge, our obligations to ourselves and others correspondingly increase." Have you been applying this in your life as well as toward others? Only a fool would say, "I need no more knowledge and understanding, I have all I need." I hope to see you at one of our meetings soon. I hope the warmer weather and Spring’s longer days of light will better enable all brothers to be able attend Freedom #118 April stated meeting and enjoy a delicious dinner prior to the meeting.

Come out and visit with us. Let us know how you and your family are doing.

By the Plumb,
J. David King
Junior Warden



April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Freedom 118 Stated – 8p 	5
6	7 Olive Branch 114 Stated – 8p	8	8	10	11	12
13 Freedom’s Festive Board Market Table Bistro – 1p	14	15 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated – 7:30p	16 Meet Up & Freedom School 	17 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated – 7:30p	18	19
20 Easter	21	22	23 D2 School @ Hamilton Thompson 7:30p	24	25	26
27	28 Potomac 88 RAC Stated 7:30p	29	30			

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