



# 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

# PINK MOON THIS IS MOON LODGE MONTH WEAR YOUR BIB OVERALLS OR JEANS

Greetings Brethren

Your full moon commentary is brought to you this month by FullMoonPhases.com. The pink moon name came from the herb moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the earliest widespread flowers of the spring. The **Pink Moon** of April is sometimes referred to by names associated with other signs of full spring. In other cultures, this full moon is sometimes called the **Sprouting Grass Moon**, the **Egg Moon**, and among coastal tribes the **Fish Moon**, because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn.

Our honored guest this month is MW William Talbot Ellison, PGM VA 2012. MW Terry is a member of the Hillbillies at the ACCA Shrine Center in Richmond and is fully qualified to appear in bib overalls. His theme was Spreading Masonic Light and because of this we are assured of an inspirational message to us.

Our newest Master Mason, George Leroy Facer, will be attending our Stated Meeting on April 3. Be sure to greet and congratulate him. His MM degree was conferred on March 26 with the help of three brethren from Hamilton Thompson Lodge No. 37

I am scheduled to present a 60 year pin to Brother William Joseph Craft on Monday evening at Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 in Leesburg. I am also in possession of the "Travelling Gavel" and would like for at least four other brethren to join me for a Fraternal Visit and the presentation of the "Traveling Gavel" to Worshipful Reuben Martinez.

There is a good chance that our newest EA, William McMasters, will be ready to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft this month. We will practice the Fellowcraft Degree at our lodge school after our meetup on Wednesday, April 15. But before that we have two other important events, display of our lodge information sign to the Lovettsville City Council Meeting on April 9 and the Division Leadership Council at Highland School, 597 Broadview Ave, Warrenton, VA 20186 at 8:00 AM on April 11. All officers and the LEO need to attend this meeting. All are invited to attend. This meeting is held by the Grand Master who meets with the Worshipful Masters and his other Grand Officers meet with their lodge counterparts. It is well worth your time. Then on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, April 22. we will have our District 2 School at Olive Branch Lodge in Leesburg. Officers meet at 7 PM and all attendees meet at 7:30 PM. Please do your best to attend this meeting. Another busy month, the best kind.

See you Friday night, and thanks for your support

Loyd

## Correct in the West

David King  
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

The month of April witnessed the formation of several United States Grand Lodges; the Grand Lodge of Maryland (April 19, 1787), the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire (April 8, 1790), the Grand Lodge of Illinois (April 28, 1840), the Grand Lodge of California (April 18, 1850), and the Grand Lodge of West Virginia (April 12, 1865). These Grand Lodges have Moon Lodges. In the early days, many Masonic lodges used to organize their meeting nights to coincide with the phase of the full moon. This had a lot to do with the fact that transportation was very poor then. Getting from home to lodge was often a problem. Having lodge the same night as a full moon was to help ensure the brothers traveling to and from lodge would have the advantage of the bright moon to aid them in navigating on the rough country roads and footpaths.

Our April Stated is to recognize our Moon Lodge past with the brethren wearing overalls and no ties allowed. We will have a presentation on Moon lodges. I look forward to seeing you at our Stated meeting, degrees, and practices in April – the true Moon Lodge Master Mason month.

FYI - On April 24, 1901 President Theodore Roosevelt received his 3rd degree... just an April nugget for Worshipful Phil.

On the level,

Br. J. David King  
Senior Warden

## April Masonic Birthdays

**Robert E. Jackson III, 1991**  
**Robert B. Jones, 1961**  
**David S. Kirk 2013**  
**David T. Lang 2002**  
**WB Richard A. Phillips, 1973**  
**RW George M. Shoemaker, Jr. 2003**

## Right in the South

Chuck Wyant  
Junior Warden

Spring has sprung bringing new light in Masonry as the new growing season begins. Seeds need sowing so that that lodge continues growth for the future. Every effort of meet up, talking to those who inquire is a must. Just simply wearing a Mason's hat is something that is great advertising and opens that could start conversation where a new brother might ASK how you become one. The seed is planted, and then we direct the growth to help them on the path to that light he seeks.

Since it is spring it is spring picnic meal with Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, and potatoe salad for the stated dinner.

About the lodge;

There is a Marque that is on the North side of the Lodge waiting for positioning and a few ornaments. This will be used for posting messages to the public about the lodge, charity events, or meeting times and district events. Photos of the brethren doing fun things as well. A few hurdles face us on the journey to this being installed. The town must approve this message board.

The weather looks favorable for a spring yard cleaning and that over grown mess to the south we need to remove and improve. Stand by for date.

SEE YOU in LODGE

Your JW

Chuck

## Living Past Masters

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

## On the Left of the Master

RW George Shoemaker, Jr.  
Secretary

Hello Brethren.

I hope this finds you well and anxious for spring to release us from winter's grip. As spring is a sign of rebirth, please take this opportunity to come to Lodge if you haven't been in awhile. Don't worry if you are in need of a quick refresher, all the brethren will be glad to help!

As of this writing, we still have a few brethren who need to submit dues this year. We have already paid our Grand Lodge assessment and any outstanding dues are much needed to bring our account back up to an operational level.

Speaking of Grand Lodge, I am deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Gerri Adkins, beloved wife of our Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins. Please keep MW Alan in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Calendar

### Apr 3 Freedom 118 Stated

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

### Apr 6 Olive Branch 114 Stated

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

### Apr 11 Div Leadership Council

Warrenton, VA, 8:00 AM

### Apr 14 Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

### Apr 15 Meetup & Lodge School

Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM

### Apr 16 Hamilton-Thompson 37

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

### Apr 19 Lovettsville Volunteer

**Fest**, Game Club, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

### Apr 22 District 2 School

**Ashburn-Sterling 288**

Wardens 7:00 PM, All Masons 7:30 PM