



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

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Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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From the East

Greetings Brethren:

We have been extremely busy in the District the month of March and thankfully March had 31 days or we would not have gotten everything finished.

Thanks to Brother Jim Crunk for his excellent program on the "Bee Hive" and its relationship to Freemasonry in VA and the life and times of bees and how they survive and are surviving. Several asked about getting a copy of his program. Two methods he is presenting this at Hamilton-Thompson No. 37 soon, or attend Lodge if he is asked to present it again next year.

We are busy in our Lodge. Congratulations to FC Geoff Hoyt who is on the move forward to Master. Welcome new Brother EA Robert Islieb. Thursday evening he began his Masonic journey.

It looks as though we might have another EA to get going soon as well so there is a lot of ritual work going on this year. I see the Lodge much like a fruit tree, its roots are the foundation, we spread across the land and the strength and support are the framework that through the ritual we have fruit. That fruit is every Brother out there doing the work of masonry, defending the Fraternity from those that question us and educate those without the light of Masonry what we truly do.

The DLC was excellent this past weekend, all Lodge officers attended. The Grand Master, the Grand line, and finance committee laid out the need for the LMIP to increase, why the dues will need to be increased to help at Grand Lodge. I will have a hand out for the Stated and will leave a copy in the Lodge if you stop by and cannot make the Stated.

The Lodge is working on improving its self and your assistance is needed. Each room is in need of attention, work, cleaning, and painting. Please consider taking on a room, or team up with a Brother and let us make it look great for the 125th this Fall. Make your Trestleboard and we will work in the needs for the repairs and clean up into the budget.

Jamie's Small Engine Repair is giving us 600 square feet of sod donated on April 23, 2017 at 1700 hours in Leesburg. We need a pickup truck and some Brothers to help load the sod, bring it to the Lodge and lay the sod. The areas will be prepared prior to this sod laying. "Green side up!" Jamie McKimmey's father is a Past Master of our Lodge as is his brother Bruce and nephew Jessie. This will make the Lodge grounds a lot nicer.

There was a first for the district an EA Lodge. It was at Ashburn-Sterling No. 288. This was fantastic. 12 EA's and an FC plus 29 Masters. Several awards, 2 programs, those were fantastic. The Masters and DDGM decided that this was a great success and will be quarterly event and travel from Lodge to Lodge within District 2. Freedom will be hosting this EA Lodge in June. Your help will be greatly appreciated and programs needed that the EA's can attend. Please let me know if you have a program to present.

April 3, we will be conducting a fraternal visit to Olive Branch so if within the length of your cable tow please attend.

Reminder, your 2017 dues notices are in the mail. You can bring your dues payment to the April 7th Stated or mail 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 not forget to drop the ladies off at the Market Table Bistro for the Ladies cocktail.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on April 7th, 2017 and followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

Chuck

From the WEST with Wes, Senior Warden

It being now April we have hopefully put the cold and gloomy weather behind us and can now look forward to springtime and all its floral glory!

While we tend to our gardens and lawns, working to provide a visually pleasing aesthetic to our homes, let us also work to promote the blossoming of our Brethren in the Craft.

Even those of us who have been Masons for a number of years can use a little mental fertilizer to help our brains and hearts to reach out to those who can use some support whatever the need.

We should also be contributing liberally to the growth of our younger members. Give them a job and help them flourish in it. Maybe they can take on one of the lectures or a part of the Lodge improvement plan. No matter what we do the sense of being "needed" can be all that someone might need to get them working as hard as they can.

The "fertilizer" of appreciation has minimal cost but the benefits can be immeasurable!

<p><u>Living Past Masters</u></p> <p>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 Loyd E. Davis 2015 J. David King 2016</p>	<p><u>Mark Your April Calendar</u></p> <p>April 3 – OB No. 114 Stated FV April 7 – Freedom No. 118 Stated April 11 – AS No. 288 Stated April 20 – Freedom No. 118 Meet-up April 22 – HT No. 37 Stated April 27 – Masonic Lunch Leesburg April 28 – Wardens Masters Meeting</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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April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 OB No. 114 Stated <i>FATERNAL VISIT</i>	4	5	6	7 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	8
9	10	11 Ashburn Sterling No. 288 Stated	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	20 HT No. 37 Stated	21	22
23	24	25 Masonic Lunch 7 North King Street Leesburg VA 1200 all	26 Masters and Wardens District meeting 7 pm @ OB pot luck all welcome	27	28	29 2017

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