



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Bulletin! Bulletin! Bulletin!

Freedom Lodge Will Host the Grand Master Called Communication, Tuesday June 23

Greetings Brethren

I am pleased to announce a called communication on Tuesday June 23 for the purpose of receiving the Grand Master, MW Reese Edward Carroll, Jr. There is also the possibility that we will be visited by Brethren from Freedom Lodge No. 112 in Eldersburg, Maryland. More details in next month's Trestleboard.

Our honored guest this month is MW George O Braatz, PGM Ohio 1987. MW George also served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio from 2000 – 2009, and was selected as the Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America in September 2011. I'm sure you will find his presentation inspirational. He has done nearly everything in Masonry. I declare him a complete Master Mason. (Look that up in your Funk & Wagnalls)

We have a fraternal visit with presentation scheduled for Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 on the first Monday of May, May 4. Let's get "Loyd's Legion" assembled and head for Leesburg. The Lovettsville Carpool will depart the lodge at 6:15 PM. Our Senior Warden, David King, coined the name Loyd's Legion after our fraternal visit with nine Freedom Brethren to Occoquan Lodge in March. On the second Saturday, May 9, we will host our annual Blood Drive at the Game Club from 8 AM to 2 PM. We will also host a Virginia Child ID event at the same time. Hence, we will need a half dozen or more brothers to make this event run smoothly. At our lodge school after our Meetup on May 20, we will again practice conferring the Fellowcraft Degree. Also don't forget we are hosting the last District 2 School before the summer break on the 4th Wednesday, May 27. And then it's June already. Time sure flies when you're having fun.

I have tickets for the Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 2, 3, & 4 on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 6 PM. It will be held at the Kena Shriners Temple, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax VA. The Grand Master is bringing his wife, so be sure to bring yours. Tickets are \$20.00 each. These are great social affairs where you will meet masons from all over Northern Virginia.

Our march to earn the coveted James Noah Hillman award for the fourth time goes steadily. In the Mandatory Section I still need to finish learning the EA Lecture and give it this year and we need to visit or host two Masonic youth groups. Those visits will be scheduled in the next few months. I am working with our Senior Warden to help him obtain his warden's Certificate of Qualification.

See you Friday night.

Loyd

Correct in the West

David King, Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

May is a very important month in the Grand Lodge of Virginia history. The following link is a brief history from the Grand Lodge of Virginia website

(<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/about/history-grand-lodge-of-va-brief/history-grand-lodge-of-va-full>).

Prior to 1776, existing Virginia Lodges were chartered by the Grand Lodges of Scotland, England and Ireland. During English colonial times, a few Lodges operated under the law of "immemorial custom," for which a charter was not deemed necessary or required due to the long periods required to obtain one through the existing Grand Lodge channels.

A proposition from Williamsburg Lodge suggested that Virginia lodge officers meet in Williamsburg, for the purpose of choosing a Grand Master of Virginia. Delegates from Norfolk, Port Royal, Blandford, and Cabin Point met in Williamsburg on May 6, 1777.

The unanimous convention opinion was that a Grand Master be chosen to preside over the Craft in Virginia. A committee was appointed to prepare a statement giving the reason. The committee reported on May 13, 1777 and cited the fact that chartered Virginia Lodges had been established under five distinct and separate authorities. Thus the reason was that little benefit could be derived from a Grand Master appointed by foreign authority; that recourse to a "Grand Lodge beyond the sea" was almost impossible, hence a Grand Lodge at home was a matter of necessity."

The committee report contents were sent to each chartered Virginia Lodge with a request that delegates be sent to a convention to be held in Williamsburg, June 23, 1777, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of electing a Grand Master.

The tradition of planning for the Grand Lodge of Virginia future continues even today. On April 11, 2015 Freedom Lodge #118, attended the District Leadership Conference (DLC) to meet with the Grand Lodge of Virginia Grand Master, Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr. and to meet our 2016 counterparts for 2016 Grand Lodge, district, and lodge officers.

On the level,
Br. J. David King
Senior Warden

Right in the South

Chuck Wyant, Junior Warden

May is fast upon us at Freedom Lodge. I must recall the great times in Lodge I always had with RW Bob Jones. He will be missed by us all. Please keep his widow in your hearts and prayers. I am also happy to see that Janice Phillips is on the mend from her short hospital stay.

In the south work continues on degree work with Brother MacMaster, and last Wednesday's lodge school was so much fun. Everyone was working in / at a different station and newly raised George was placed in SD. Great work Brother Wes, Mark, and thanks to Harris for the great educational night.

Further work in the south is on the roll. MW Davis obtained the zoning permit for the Marque for the front of the lodge. You missed the performance of a life time as Loyd had the town council on the edge of their seats. So moving forward I started the removal of the brush to the south on the property line. I was hoping to have this completed in time to take advantage of an offer of FREE sod to be placed over that mess. Unfortunately my cable tow was too restrictive to be able to complete the prep. 5 stumps, final stick removal, and regarding needs to be done. I have contacted MISS Utility so we can remove the stumps without incident.

It was further found during this project that our property line on the south goes about 2'7" into the shed next door and right next to the water meter for the home at 30 East Broadway. So should you have a few moments to help prep our formerly messy brush from removing stumps, raking up sticks, to grading for our seed bed, please jump in. Brother Dick was going to dig the stumps with his back hoe, however it is out of service.

Please congratulate Brother Dick for being the first ever Lovettsville volunteer tri-fecta winner for Volunteering in our community. He was recognized for his time with the Lions, Game Protective Association and the FREEDOM Lodge #118 volunteer of the year. Great work Dick. I hope to be as good as you one day. Proof positive that Masonry makes good men better.

This stated, the stewards have met and decided that May's Stated will be desert night. Eat with your family, come to lodge with your favorite desert to share and enjoy.

To close please read brother Dave Kings trestle board column for the month. It should prove to be fabulous.

Your JW
Chuck

May Masonic Birthdays

Reginald Veron Sanbower, Jr,
1984
Conrad Glen Celestial, 1990

Calendar

May 1 Freedom 118 Stated
Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM
May 4 Olive Branch 114 Stated
Fraternal Visit with program
Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM
May 9 Freedom Blood Drive & Child ID @ Game Club
Lovettsville, VA, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
May 12 Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
May 20 Meetup & Lodge School
Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM
School: Fellowcraft Degree
May 21 Hamilton-Thompson 37
Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
May 27 District 2 School
Freedom Lodge is host.
WMs 7:00 PM, All 7:30 PM
Jun 1 Olive Branch 114 Stated
Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM
Jun 5 Freedom 118 Stated
Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM
Jun 9 Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated Meeting
Fraternal Visit with program
Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
Jun 17 Meetup & Lodge School
Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM
School: Reception of the GM
Jun 23 Grand Master Visit to Freedom Lodge
Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM
Aug 29 Grand Master's Class
Alexandria Scottish Rite
8:00 AM

Living Past Masters

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