



# 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

### **Salute to Brother Marion Robert Morrison Marion McDaniel Lodge 56**

Greetings Brethren:

I continue to examine the lives of great American Masons to explore their impact beyond their public lives and delving into their Masonic careers. This month's featured Mason stands apart from many others in the Craft. When one thinks of Masonry and those who practice it, the thoughts that generally come to mind are those of craftsmen, financiers, and merchants, and therein generally the finest of their stock. This month's Mason, Marion Robert Morrison, had an illustrious career as an entertainer. Marion Morrison was born in Winterset, Iowa, in the late of May, 1907. At the age of nine, the young Mr. Morrison moved with his family to Glendale, California. In Glendale, Morrison was an avid and active member of the Order of DeMolay during his teen years. Upon his graduation from Glendale High, he led the football team to win the 1924 season championship and later enrolled at the University of Southern California on a football scholarship. At USC, Morrison pursued a degree in pre-law. During this time, he also maintained a strong connection to the values of Masonry, servicing good deeds and civic fraternity through membership of the local Trojan Knights and Sigma Chi chapters. An injury forced him out of school. Morrison was given a studio job as a favor from director John Ford, who would become one of his longtime friends. After working as a prop boy he gained some uncredited acting experience which later gained him traction larger roles which evolved a leading role for films. The studio decided that Morrison needed a better stage name, and the name they eventually settled is emblematic of America and individuals as strength and morals.

As is made clear by Brother Morrison, that characteristics of an honorable man are those built up over a lifetime. Brother Morrison's youthful exuberance for civic duty and humanitarian prudence as exemplified by his lifetime of fraternity in Masonic-tangent organizations show that it is not a learned behavior to make the world better, but one of deep-seated character.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on May 6, 2016. The planned theme meal is a surprise which will be followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

-David

P.S. – [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Wayne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Wayne)

**Correct in the West**

Chuck Wyant  
Senior Warden

Lodge proved to be the Masonic education interest of the last Mason to be a U. S. President. We cannot forget the nomadic mound people of North America. This was after a great meal provided by Brother Jason, Market Street Bistro.

Work on the Lodge has begun, interior cleaning, wall scraping, window washing. There are some projects to go. All help we be greatly appreciated so even if you only have an hour or two please stop in and help. Brother Marc Cantor preformed an excellent work of righting the front door and repainting. The door now closes and opens with ease. This has improved the look inside and out. Mopping sweeping and resetting the Lodge meeting room is next.

June we will hold Lodge in a special place. Down stairs. Some assistance is needed in this setting for the lodge. This will allow more brothers to attend. Also we will perform the insertion of the Past Masters brick that evening. This will be an event not to miss,

See you in Lodge.



**Right in the South**

Wes Hirschhorn  
Junior Warden

The general theme of my missives from the South has had to do with nourishment. Nourishment of the mind by advanced Masonic knowledge or nourishment of the body through the efforts of the Junior Warden and his Stewards to provide Lodge refreshment. In this month's message I will encourage you to nourish your soul by simply getting outside and being active. By admiring the beauty of the flora and fauna as they begin to put on their coats of color and shelter.

In somewhat the same vein, please join your Brethren as we work at sprucing up the Lodge building and landscaping. There is so much to do to bring this building up to a level that we can be really proud of. Go hiking, biking or play golf. Get outside and enjoy what the Great Architect has provided for us. Enjoy the smell of flowers and fresh-cut grass. As the saying goes, smell the roses if you have any. Enjoy the smell of beef on the grill or barbecue in the smoker.

This is a wondrous time of year and we should enjoy it to its fullest to properly nourish our whole selves.

**May Masonic Birthdays**

Conrad Celestial Reginal Sanbower

**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
Loyd Davis	2015

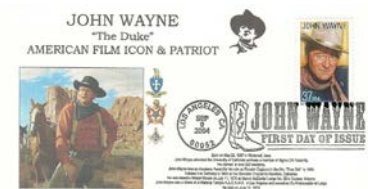
**Mark Your June Calendar**

Jun 11 – Blood Drive @ Lovettsville Game Club

**Most Worshipful**

James Edward Litten  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge  
of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/>



**May 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	7
8	9 Olive Branch #114 Stated	10 Ashburn Sterling #288 Stated	11	12	13 FV to George Washington 143	14
15	16	17	18 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	19 Hamilton-Thompson No. 37 Stated	20	21
22	23	24	25 D2 School of Instruction HT37	26	27	28
29	30	31				

