



Freedom Lodge No. 118 AF&AM
 28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>



Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

May was a very active month for Freedom Lodge. At our stated, Brother Bud Smith's educational and entertaining presentation informed us of the Invisible Lodge – its makeup and the history of a few select members like Harry Houdini and Howard Thurston. This is an organization of Master Masons who are also magicians. Brother Bud treated the dinner crowd with a few select illusions as well.

The next day Freedom hosted both a Child ID booth where 20 children were enrolled and a blood drive with 26 pints collected. Thank you to RW Harris McGarrah, Wor George Shoemaker and Bro Dick Bond for their work at the CHIP table and to Brothers Rob Martin and Don Young for their efforts at the blood registration table. A special thank you to all those that donated blood!

At separate called communications Freedom passed our 1st Fellowcraft and initiated our 4th Entered Apprentice of 2012. Congratulations both to our candidates and to the Brethren who performed the degrees on a job well done.

Freedom closed the month by hosting the District 2 School of Instruction. RW Chris Thompson covered the EA Degree. The District Schools and Freedom Schools are wonderful opportunities to learn new ritual or provide a refresh if you are rusty. We'll need all the help we can get as our candidates progress through the degrees on their journey to becoming Master Masons the remainder of the year.

At our June stated, Wor Varun Panchapakesan will provide us with insight into Masonry in India as well as a discussion about Saint John the Baptist Day. Everyone is welcome to join us at dinner featuring our 2nd annual Strawberry Night.

Brethren, we need your help. Our Lodge is in need of regular maintenance and restoration. Estimates for repair and paint of the outside wood alone have been running around \$4000. Your donations are

needed to maintain our Lodge. Please come to the June stated with your donation and fundraising ideas that will help us augment the building fund. We would like to have the Lodge in great condition for the Lovettsville Oktoberfest in September. What could the Lodge do at this event to both raise Masonic awareness and perhaps some funds?

The Warren Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will host a Table Chapter for their June stated at the Kena Shrine Anek. This event is open to all Master Masons, but you do need a ticket which is available from the Potomac RA Chapter. Contact Xeres Herrington or myself for more information.

We have a deal for those that like a good baseball game as much as they like supporting a good cause. Friday June 22nd will be Masonic Night at the Potomac Nationals with 1/2 the ticket price for select tickets going to MAHOVA. Ordering information is available on our web page or you can contact me to obtain tickets.

Keep up to date with Lodge news at our web site – <http://FreedomLodge118.org>. Dress code for the summer is business casual. I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Sincerely & Fraternally
 Philip Brooks, WM

Ritual Instruction

Freedom School of Instruction – June 7 at 7p

Masonic Education

“Saint John's Day”

St. John's Day, June 24, symbolically marks the summer solstice, when nature attains the zenith of light and life and joy. St. John's day in winter, December 27, symbolizes the turn of the sun's farthest journey – the attainment of wisdom, the rewards of a well-spent life, and love toward one's fellow man.

- Source: Phillip Elam

Freemasonry is an order whose leading star is philanthropy, and whose principles inculcate an unceasing devotion to the cause of virtue and morality.

Marquis de La Fayette

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in June!

Brother Daniel Fleming

Brother Robert Legard, Jr

Brother Robert Sagers

“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”

Please bring your donations to the June stated meeting to support the Lovettsville Food Bank. The food bank has an ongoing need for non perishable food items and other household items for those less fortunate than us. There is a need for bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergents and bleach, dish soap, and other cleaning materials in addition to non perishable food items.

Upcoming Events

Jun 1 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Strawberry Night
Jun 5 Royal Arch Table Chapter
Jun 14 Freedom School of Instruction, 7p
Jun 15 Freedom Called @ 730p (Tentative)
Jun 20 Freedom Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza, 7p
Jun 22 Masonic Day at Potomac Nationals
Jul 6 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Aug 3 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Sep 7 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Sep 29 Lovettsville Oktoberfest

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June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Freedom 118 Stated – 8p Dinner at 7p	2
3	4 Olive Branch 114 Stated – 8p	5 Table Chapter Kena Anek	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated – 7:30p	13	14 Flag Day Freedom School of Instruction – 7p	15 Freedom 118 Called – 730p (Tentative)	16 GL Membership Committee Meeting Strasburg
17 Father’s Day	18	19	20 Freedom Lodge Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza Summer Solstice	21 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated – 7:30p	22 Masonic Night at PNATS – 7:05p	23
24 Saint John the Baptist’s Day	25 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	26	27	28	29	30

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