



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Greetings Brethren –

May saw a great deal of activity for Freedom packed into a few short days. At our stated, Bother Ray Mauk presented a short talk regarding the Cabletow and there was a follow-up short presentation from our March meeting regarding our Masonic aprons. District 2 put on a grand reception for the Wayne Sawyer Flora – Grand Master of Masons in Virginia – in a special Called Communication held at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge. All D2 Lodges were in attendance to hear GM Flora's presentation. The next morning Freedom was again at labor running both a VA CHIP event and Blood Drive to benefit the Lovettsville Community at large. Special thanks to RW Harris McGarrah, MW Loyd Davis, Bro. Chuck Wyant, Bro. David Kirk and Bro. Rob Martin for their support of the CHIP and Blood Drive. In all, 13 children garnered IDs and 12 units of blood were collected.

Looking for opportunities to participate and get involved? You have the pick of a variety of opportunities upcoming in June. We'll start the month with a fraternal visit to Gen. James Chambers #801 in Chambersburg PA on the 3rd. The temple in Chambersburg pre-dates the Civil War and was spared twice as Confederate troops made their way through town. There are a couple carpools forming for this visit. Let me know if you would like to join us. The dress code for our own stated on the 6th will be bib overalls as part of our homage to farmers. Bethel 52 will be on hand offer the Lodge a presentation. There will be strawberries aplenty for dinner that night as well.

Other events outside the Lodge...On the June 13th bring your family and come down to Woodbridge to enjoy some fellowship and our national pastime. The password for tickets is "masons" at this url: <http://pn1.glitnirticketing.com/pnticket/web/gpcaptcha.php?> Celebrate St. John's Day with the Brethren from Ashburn-Sterling Lodge at the Washington National Cathedral in DC. Please RSVP to chaplain@ashburnsterling288.org by COB on June 12 so we may be seated together for the services. Services will start at 11A. Tours of the cathedral will be available later in the day. Looking out into July, Potomac Royal Arch Chapter is hosting a dinner and show at the River Creek Country Club at 2p on the 26th. This is dinner is open to all Masons, EA forward, and families. But, space is limited to 50 seats for this event. Please provide an expression of interest and commitment to Companion Ray Bacchus via email to rbacchus@ashburnsterling288.org or reach him by phone at 703-899-8590 by close of business on June 11th, 2014 to secure your seat.

As the days length and summer months reach us, please remember to drop off canned goods at the Lodge to benefit those less fortunate than us.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Philip Brooks

Worshipful Master

Please wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in June

Mariano D'Aguiar (2010) Loyd Davis (1973) Daniel Fleming (1979)
Robert Legard Jr. (1996) Robert Sagers (1970)

Correct in the West

Greetings Brethren

I am asking you to grant me an excused absence from our June meeting. My oldest son, who lives in Florida, will be visiting me on June 6th. He and his wife are making a quick Washington weekend trip during which he will visit me and his Virginia brother, his mother, and his Maryland brother. As things worked out over the years he moved from Maryland to Florida while I was in Utah and never had the chance to visit me there. So he will be visiting me at my house for the first time since 1996. It's a big deal for me. Thanks for your indulgence.

As we begin our summer season, forget not the need for all of us to continue learning our ritual work more thoroughly. Within our district, we have very good ritual performance. We all need to make sure that Freedom Lodge is a leader in that effort. We will have several degree meetings soon as our Entered Apprentices progress. Let's be ready.

Do enjoy the beginning of summer (although I don't know if we can call them "lazy, hazy, days of summer"). See you at our July 4th meeting.

On the Level,

Loyd Davis

PGM, Senior Warden

Upcoming Events for your Calendar

- June 3 – Fraternal Visit to James Chambers 801, 4p
- June 6 - Freedom Stated Communication, Dinner 7p
- June 13 – Masonic Night at the Potomac Nationals, 6:30p
- June 22 – St John's Day Services at National Cathedral
- July 4 - Freedom Stated Communication, Dinner 7p
- July 26 – Potomac's Dinner & Show
- Sept 20 – D2 Picnic, Franklin Park Purcellville
- Nov 6-8 – Grand Lodge, Richmond

Right in the South

My Brothers

Wow. More than six months have passed since I first sat in the South. Our brethren have seen a great thaw from a very cold winter that seemed never-ending, and a brief and pleasant spring. Recently, a few brothers planted some sod at the lodge, and several farmers' markets in the area have appeared to provide fresh produce for the other brethren to purchase. Fresh produce is critical to life.

Worshipful Master Phil has designated the June stated to honor farmers and requested the brethren to wear overalls. The overalls are emblematic of hard work and as a common working tool for farmers.

The first overalls appeared in the 1700s. Since the conception of overalls, they have been reserved for men and symbolic of a working tool. The first overalls were not made of denim, but rather of a tough cloth. They were built for durability and not for comfort, and were not even fitted particularly well. Men usually wore them over another pair clothes.

Over the next three hundred years, several trades - laborers, farmers, and builders - began to customize the overall.

Changes included pockets for all number of tools, including rulers and pens. Around the 1850s, color changes occurred, which includes white for painters, blue for farmers and pinstripes for railroad workers. Manufacturers started making them out of denim, a hardy cotton fabric. As the apron of a Freemason, the overalls are the emblem of the farmer.

Please find, wash, and press your overalls and sit in lodge with us to recognize one of our most important brothers, the farmer. Hint: You can wear your overalls during the summer. I look forward to seeing you at our summer meetings, degrees, and practices to come.

By the Plumb,

J. David King

Junior Warden



June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Olive Branch 114 Stated - 8p	3 FV to Gen James Chambers 801 Chambersburg PA	4	5	6 Freedom 118 Stated - 8p 	7
8	9	10 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated - 7:30p	11	12 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated - 7:30p	13 Masonic Night at the Potomac Nationals	14
15	16	17	18 Meet Up & Freedom School 	19	20	21
22 St John's Day National Cathedral 11a	23 Potomac 88 RAC Stated 7:30p	24	25 D2 School @ Freedom 7:30p	26	27	28
29	30					

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