



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

Stated Communication – June 3, 2016  
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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## From the East

### **Salute to Brother Samuel Langhorne Clemens, Polar Star No. 79 in St. Louis**

Greetings Brethren:

In our continuing series on great American Masons, our brother whose life and achievements we will recognize this month for June. Samuel Langhorne Clemens used his talent for the age-old medium of prose to bring more of a grassroots spirit to his compatriots and countrymen. Born in Florida, Missouri in 1835, Sam was the sixth of seven children born to John Marshall Clemens and Jane Clemens natives of Virginia and Kentucky respectively. Samuel's birth was marked by a remarkably close pass by Halley's Comet. At the age of four, Samuel and his family moved north to Hannibal, Missouri, where, after leaving school at the age of twelve, he worked as typesetter for The Hannibal Journal, where he also served as a contributing humorist and cartoonist. When he reached the age of eighteen, he left his hometown and spent several years working in different major American cities. Soon, Sam left the city life to pursue his dream of being a steamboat pilot, a dream he achieved under the tutelage of pilot Horace Bixby. Such was his profession until the outbreak of the Civil War curtailed his career. During the wartime years, he travelled across the Midwest, eventually settling in Virginia City, Nevada. Here he worked briefly as a silver miner before taking up the pen once again as a writer for the local news. A job which eventually brought him to the city of San Francisco, where he gained national celebrity relaying the tall tales he had heard during his travels and times across the country. These he published under his pen name.

As a Mason, Samuel was a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 79 in St. Louis, where he was raised to the degree of Master Mason in July 1861. He exemplified the free spirit and unity of America, spending an equal amount of time both working in the company of the noble working man and fraternizing with the aristocrats. Notable, however, was Clemens's ability to bring both groups together through humor, showing them their common ground both through a mutual interest in purely and truly American stories and by poking fun at those who thought themselves above their fellow man.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on June 3, 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/Mark\\_Twain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Twain)

**Correct in the West**

Chuck Wyant  
Senior Warden

June is upon us in fast order. Longer day light, the summer solstice is just a few days out. Equal 12 hours of day light and 12 hours of dark, on June 21st. This is a long day of light. This still has no influence on the 24-inch gauge. I plan to have the few items left in the lodge done and ready to move from the lower to the upper level by months' end. We need to be ready for more inspiration, transformation, and preparing for the coming years. Brother Dick Philips put a lot of work into the bubble of plaster on the wall. This turned to be an exploration of building, how it was built over 100 years ago. Mark C, Wes, Mark S, and Worshipful Master King have all been doing a lot of these projects, windows, doors, ceiling, back room, restroom. I think we are on our way to a place in the Second District.

See you in Lodge.

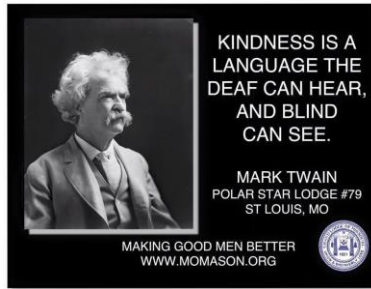


**Right in the South**

Wes Hirschhorn  
Junior Warden

Brethren, with the advent of another Memorial Day having past I hope you all took some time to say "thank you" to those who safeguard our liberties and a prayer for those who have gone before us doing so.

Likewise, let us make sure that we get outside, especially with our friends and loved ones celebrating who we are as a people. Go hiking, boating, golfing or whatever you like to do to as a means of thanking the Great Architect for our surroundings and all of the other blessings we enjoy.



**June 2016**

**June Masonic Birthdays**

Mariano D'Aguiar, Loyd Davis,  
Daniel Mervin Fleming, Rob Legard, Jr.,  
Robert Sagers

**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 July Calendar**

July 1 – Freedom Lodge Stated  
July 4 – Independence Day  
July 20 - Freedom Lodge Meet-Up

**Most Worshipful**  
James Edward Litten  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	<b>3</b> Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	4
5	6 Olive Branch #114 Stated	7	8	9	10	<b>11</b> Blood Drive & CHIP @ Lovettsville Game Club
12	13	14 Ashburn Sterling #288 Stated	<b>15</b> Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	16 Hamilton-Thompson No. 37 Stated	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 St. John the Baptist's Day	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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