



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



Stated Communication 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 8:30 pm

**From the East**

At our June stated, Wor Varun Panchapakesan presented a well received program regarding Masonry in India. Wor Varun highlighted the origins of the Craft in India as well as several differences in ritual and function as compared to Masonry in Virginia. We also had a short St John's Day program and a brief overview of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the War of 1812.

Freedom Lodge attended the Lovettsville Elementary School year end Awards program to pass out 4 academic achievement awards to deserving graduating students. The school was quite grateful (and the kids quite liked the awards too) to have us as part of their program for the day. We did have a hard act to follow as Bro Fred George and 3 of his grandchildren preceded Freedom in the program, presenting awards from the George family. It is wonderful to see such community involvement and the support of the kids from the members of Freedom Lodge.

Freedom will celebrate Independence Day at our July stated. Bro Benjamin Franklin will be on hand to discuss his many accomplishments and influences in the formation of our country. This presentation will be made during dinner which starts at 7p. Dinner and the program are open to all, please invite your friends and families to hear this presentation. The start of the Lodge meeting will be pushed back until 8:30p that evening.

Freedom Lodge is preparing to confer its first Master Mason's Degree of the year on July 13. Our final practice will be our Lodge School of Instruction on July 12. This is a big moment for the Lodge and a well deserving Brother. Come out to be a part of this night whether you take a part in the degree or are a supporter on the sidelines. Our other candidates are making good progress as well. We'll need to schedule an EA Exam followed by a FC degree in the upcoming weeks. Updates will be

passed by email and on the Lodge website for these called degree meetings.

Brethren, Freedom Lodge will be participating in the Lovettsville Oktoberfest this year in the form of an open house. Everyone's help will be needed to man the CHIP stations, provide tours, answer questions about Masonry, and to show the public the best the Craft has to offer. Make plans to join us for at least part of the day on September 29 so that we might show the Town of Lovettsville what Masonry has to offer.

Dress code for the summer is business casual – but dress for the Master Mason's degree will be formal – tux or dark suit if you have one. You can keep up to date with Lodge news at our web site – <http://FreedomLodge118.org>. I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Sincerely & Fraternaly  
Philip Brooks, WM

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**Ritual Instruction**

Freedom School of Instruction – July 12 at 7p

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**Masonic Education**

Danny Thomas

Born Muzyad Yakhood and later known as Amos Jacobs, Bro Thomas was best known for his television portrayal as Danny Williams on *Make Room for Daddy*. Before becoming a Mason, Bro Thomas founded the St Jude's Children Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Bro Thomas went on to become an active Shriner and 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

Follow this link to read Danny Thomas' views on Masonry:  
[http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/jacobs\\_a/shriner.html](http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/jacobs_a/shriner.html)

*Without Freedom of Thought, there can be no such thing as Wisdom; and no such thing as public Liberty, without Freedom of Speech.*

*Benjamin Franklin*

**Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in July!**

Harris McGarrah  
Renace Painter

Bruce McKimney  
Jesse Shannon

Robert Moore  
Philip Brooks

**“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”**

Please bring your donations to the July 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**

Jul 6 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8:30p  
Jul 12 Freedom School of Instruction @7p  
Jul 13 Freedom Called @ 7p  
Jul 18 Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza @ 7p  
Aug 3 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p  
Sep 7 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p  
Sep 22 D2 Picnic, Middleburg  
Sep 29 Lovettsville Oktoberfest

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**July 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Olive Branch 114 Stated - 8p	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Freedom 118 Stated - 8:30p Dinner at 7p	7
8	9	10 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated - 7:30p	11	12 Freedom School of Instruction - 7p	13 Freedom 118 Called - 7p	14
15	16	17	18 Freedom Lodge Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza	19 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated - 7:30p	20	21
22	23 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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