



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

Greetings Brethren –

Seven Brethren from Freedom started the month off with a fraternal visit to my Father's home Lodge – General James Chambers 801 - in Chambersburg, PA. Each of us was equipped with "Freedom Lights the Way" matches to remind them about the last time so many Virginians were in town. We also stopped in to visit with Brother Joe at his care facility before the meeting. Both visits went very well and I suspect we might see some PA Masons visit us in the future – hopefully without matches.

At our Stated we were treated to a program from the Daughters of Bethel 52. Their skit provided a humorous look into what others believe might occur in our meetings. Brother Chuck's sides are still smarting from laughing so hard. It was tremendous to see both the Fellowship Hall and the Lodge room packed as many of the Daughter's parents also made the trip to partake in our Strawberry Night festivities.

If you missed the PNats game or the trip to the National Cathedral, then you missed two wonderful opportunities for fellowship outside the confines of the Lodge. The weather for the PNats game was a little blustery, but didn't dampen the cheering for the PNats. The Cathedral is a magnificent structure and is a wonderful example of modern day operative masonry. The damage caused by the 2011 earthquake is still actively being repaired and will take an extensive amount of time, talent, and funding to accomplish.

In July, our Stated will be on Independence Day. Come early for our Lodge cook out that day. At the July Stated we will begin the discussion to update our bylaws. Please attend or contact me should you have any questions on the matter.

The Potomac Royal Arch Chapter is hosting a dinner and show at the River Creek Country Club at 2p on the 26th. This dinner is open to all Masons, EA forward, and families. But, space is limited to 50 seats for this event. Please RSVP to Companion Ray Bacchus via email to rbacchus@ashburnsterling288.org or reach him by phone at 703-899-8590 by close of business on July 14th, 2014 to secure your seat.

Have you considered becoming a Life Member of Freedom? For a one-time payment, or Grand Lodge also offers a payment plan, you will never get another dues notice and you will be insulated against any future dues increases. Your LMIP will also provide Freedom with annuity income for years to come. Contact me or the Lodge Secretary to discuss.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Philip Brooks

Worshipful Master

Please wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in July

Renace Painter (1953) Harris McGarrah (1988) Bruce McKimmey (2005)
Jesse Shannon (2005) J David King (2011) Chuck Wyant (2012)
Mark Shapiro (2012) Philip Brooks (2004)

Correct in the West

4th of July Greetings Brethren

We have the opportunity to meet on The Day this July; what day is that, you ask . . . why the Fourth Of July , of course. The Lovettsville fireworks are scheduled for 9:30 PM on Thursday, July 3, so you can get your dose of inspiration early.

On the 4th of July we think of our founding fathers and the difficulties they faced in bringing this nation to the world. I am half-way through a fascinating book entitled "The Covenant" by Timothy Ballard. This book's thesis is that America was formed because of a Covenant between God and our founding fathers, especially George Washington and John Adams. Extraordinary circumstances occurred during the Revolutionary War period. You will get a great feel of how our history was influenced by this covenant and revel in the details of how disaster was frequently avoided.. Highly recommended.

I look forward to standing around the BBQ grill watching as our gastronomic delights are expertly prepared. I hope you will join me. Come a little early, 6:00 or 6:15 PM would be good.

On the Level,
Loyd Davis
PGM, Senior Warden

Upcoming Events for your Calendar

July 4 - Freedom Stated Communication, Dinner 6:30p
July 26 - Potomac's Dinner & Show
Aug 1 - Freedom Stated Communication, Dinner 7:00p
Sept 5 - Freedom Stated Communication, Dinner 7:00p
Sept 20 - D2 Picnic, Franklin Park Purcellville
July 31 - Aug 2 - Reid Simmons School, Waynesboro
Nov 6-8 - Grand Lodge, Richmond

Right in the South

My Brothers

Our next stated is next Friday, 4th July. Many of us will be standing around da grill and discussing Freemasonry. The following question is usually asked, "How many of the founding fathers were Freemasons"? After some research, I found the following answers and hope it help to keep harmony.

For example, 8 of out of 56 signers to the Declaration of Independence (1776) were Freemasons: Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, Robert Treat Payne, Richard Stockton, George Walton, and William Whipple.

Three signers later became freemasons: Jonathan Dayton, James McHenry, and William Patterson.

Other founding fathers were Freemasons such as: George Washington, Rufus King, John Blair, Gunning Bedford Jr., Jacob Broom, and Daniel Caroll.



One of my favorite Freemasons is John Paul Jones. He was initiated in St. Bernard Lodge 3122 at Kirkcudbright, Scotland on November 27, 1770. Masonry played a big part in Jones' life. While in Virginia he met many patriots including Washington, Patrick Henry, and Ben Franklin. Franklin played a large role in Jones' career in later life.

Please come to Freedom and have traditional 4th July fare of hamburgers and hotdogs before the meeting.

By the Plumb,
J. David King
Junior Warden



July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Freedom 118 Stated - 8p 	5
6	7 Olive Branch 114 Stated - 8p	8 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated - 7:30p	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Meet Up & Freedom School 	17 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated - 7:30p	18	19
20	21	22	23 D2 School dark for July	24	25	26 Potomac's Dinner Theatre - 2p
27	28 Potomac 88 RAC Stated 7:00p	29	30	31		

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