



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

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Stated Communication – July 3, 2015

BBQ at 6:30p, Community Builder at 7:00p, Lodge at 8p, Fireworks at 9:30p

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From the East

It's Independence Day in Lovettsville

Greetings Brethren

The highlight of June was our called communication on June 23 to receive our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Reese Edward Carroll, Jr., the 170th Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Twenty-four Brothers attended the event which was an excellent example of Fraternity and Education. The Grand Master was accompanied by RW Donald Joseph Kerr, Grand Purveyor, and his Administrative Assistant Bro Edward Ernouf III. After a leisurely dinner, the Lodge was opened and MW Carroll was escorted by a committee composed of RW George Marshall Shoemaker, Jr., RW Christopher Conway Thompson, and WB Richard Albert Phillips. The Grand Master was received with great fanfare concluding with Grand Honors. To give the Grand Master a taste of the type of education we are stressing this year, I presented a program entitled "The Number 7." This was an extension of remarks about the number 7 in my "Winding Staircase" presentation which I presented last year. Then after appropriate introductions, the Grand Master assumed the East. He recounted to us the story of an old man at the end of a pier each day with a bucket of shrimp. He threw the shrimp to the Seagulls flying around the pier and said "Thank you" to each one as he threw them a shrimp. It turns out that old man was Eddie Rickenbacker who had been shot down in WW I and spent over a month at sea before he was rescued. After his meager food and water was exhausted, Eddie was able to capture a Seagull, use it as bait for fish, and ensure his survival. He learned from that event to never give up hope and to always show gratitude.

Our honored guest this month is MWB John Randall Quinley, PGM 2005, whose theme was "Living Freemasonry Daily." You should know that we have been exchanging ties for several years for various reasons. That will occur again during his visit. I also borrowed one of his actions at his Installation as Grand Master to use at mine in Utah; after the installation ceremony was complete, he had his elected officers join him at the altar for prayer. We have had many friendly chats during these last 10 years.

We lost another of our members. We were informed by his daughter that James T. Rollins, who had been living in Richmond, died on May 30, 2015. We will drape the charter just before our Stated Meeting.

I am requesting that you accompany me to visit the Herndon Job's Daughters on Tuesday July 21st, Olive Branch Lodge No. 114 on Monday August 3rd, four days before our August Stated Meeting and Herndon DeMolay on Thursday August 6th, the day before our Stated Meeting.

See you Friday. I will be wearing a Colonial uniform with tri-cornered hat.
Loyd

Correct in the West

David King
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

A very important date for Freemasons is the 4th of July and is recognized as a symbol of freedom by Freemasons over the world. It would not have been possible nor would have taken place, if it were not for Virginia Freemasons.

Freemasonry influence is a foundation that has enabled the United States to become so strong, as the nation is based on the individual's social responsibility and freedom. Freedom is the focuses on the sense of common and good men are created equal. Our freedom is represented by the Declaration of Independence which was admitted into Congress on the 4th of July and our US Flag. I am honored and proud to wear the Grand Master's pin or a US Flag pin on my lapel during our stated meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at the July 3rd Stated and remaining 2015 meetings, degrees, and practices in July.

On the level,
Br. J. David King
Senior Warden

Calendar

Jul 3 Freedom 118 Stated

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

Jul 6 Olive Branch 114 Stated

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

Jul 14 Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Jul 15 Freedom Meetup & Lodge School

Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM

School: Fellowcraft Degree

Jul 16 Hamilton-Thompson 37- Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Jul 30-Aug 1 Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership

Best Western Plus Waynesboro Inn
and Suites Conference Center

Aug 3 Olive Branch 114 Stated

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

Aug 7 Freedom 118 Stated

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

Right in the South

Chuck Wyant
Junior Warden

So the July stated is on the 3rd, celebrating the fourth. Cook out at the lodge for family and friends, parade just down the street.

The most recent activities were highlighted by the Grand Masters visit to our lodge. He told a story that was very moving and showed great devotion to working for not only yourself but all mankind. Sounds familiar. This, for me, brought back one of my most fond memories, so far as a mason. A few years ago my wife's prize horse, "Rampage" the one she road in events, trails, parades fell between a fence and hay bales. I could not leave work, I called Brother Dick Phillips to see if he could help her as her calls to animal control help went unanswered. This brother rounded up assistance, they got the old guy out. Grand Hailing sign sent, received, was within the length of another's cable tow to help without harm, and I knew then this was the best fraternity to be a member of.

Just think of the acts we see on the news daily, if these perpetrators were Masons the news would be filled with the positive.

We hope to have the Marquee up in place soon so we will need some assistance putting this into place.

See you in lodge,
Your JW

Chuck

July Masonic Birthdays

George T. Chapman	2014
James D. King	2011
RW R. Harris McGarrah	1988
Edward B. McKimmey	2005
Renace H. Painter	1953
Jesse L. Shannon	2005
Mark E. Shapiro	2012
Charles G. D. Wyatt	2012

On the Left of the Master

RW George Shoemaker, Jr.
Secretary

Greetings Brethren.

I hope this Trestle board finds you well and getting ready for a great Fourth of July!

There are two words which we as master masons have heard before but may not necessarily know what they mean. I know I've been asked and could not give a concrete answer. Turning to my 1924 edition of Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, I have found the answers and thought I would share with you so you would be better informed. The first, which I had the wrong spelling, is Eunuch. Simply put, a eunuch is a man who may have been castrated early in his life to have major hormonal changes. They cannot be initiated because they are not perfect men, "having no maim or defect in their bodies. Know the spelling and the definition and we'll let it go at that! The second is the word Fool. We all know what a fool is but according to Mackey, " a fool, as one not in possession of sound reason, a natural or idiot, is intellectually unfit for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, because he is incapable of comprehending the principles of the Institution, and is without any moral responsibility for a violation or neglect of its duties."

In closing, there are a few Brethren who still need to remit their dues. Please do so since the Lodge has already sent your assessment to Grand Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally

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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