



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

Stated Communication – July 1, 2016
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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From the East

Salute to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania - 1734

Greetings Brethren:

For those of you who have been following this series, so far, each of the Brothers we have learned about have had one name, be it a birth name, a stage name, a pen name, or some other type of pseudonym, that they are lesser known by than the name they are most famous by. The problem with July's model Mason is that he has more pseudonyms than most people have fingers, and each of those names is possibly more famous than the last.

The first of these names was invented by this month's Mason when he was fifteen, in order to submit his writings to his older brother's newspaper. One "Mrs. Silence Dogood" was a favorite correspondent of the paper's readers, who was, unbeknownst to readers and his brother the publisher. Taking his knack for news in stride, our Brother continued out into the world of publishing on his own – writing, working as a typesetter all along the East Coast, as well as setting up his own newspapers, including the founding of the first German-language newspaper in America. Combining his talent for writing with his love of the free press, our Brother published his most well-known work under a secondary pseudonym, Richard Saunders. Poor Richard's Almanac was filled with metrological forecasts, seasonal charts, folk wisdoms, puzzles, and practical tips. Most notably, "Richard Saunders" filled his almanac with brilliant wordplay and witticisms, many of which have stuck in America's consciousness until even the present day.

Among this Mason's other accomplishments are in the fields of electricity, demography, oceanography, light-wave theory, thermodynamics and refrigeration, music, and chess. On top of all of that, the Brother was the first Postmaster of the United States, as well as being the first U.S. Ambassador to France. This great Mason, whom we celebrate during this month of Independence, is none other than that great "First American", Benjamin Franklin.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on July 1, 2016. The planned meal will be followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM with coat and tie.

-David

P.S. – https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_Franklin#Freemason

Remembering A Brother

Right Worshipful Stuart Kevin Harp laid down his working tools on the morning of May 30th and passed to the Celestial Lodge above. Kevin was a true and dedicated Mason.

I appreciated his willingness to give of his time and expertise for the betterment of the Craft and especially for mentoring me for my journey to the East. As District Educational Officer (DEO), he presented the importance of Masonic Education to Freedom Lodge #118 at May Stated. He would do anything for a Brother.

Right Worshipful Kevin Harp's Masonic memorial service, conducted on Monday June 6, 2016, was attended by close to one hundred Masons. The private interment took place on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 and an escort was provided by the Widow's Sons Riders Association, Guardian Chapter. It was very impressive and was very much appreciated by the family.

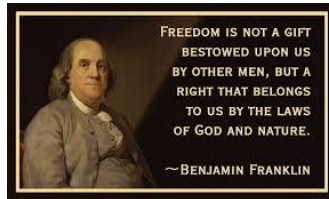


Right Worshipful Larry David Frye Academic Achievement Award

During the June 2016 Stated, the Brethren proposed and voted to name our annual Lovettsville Elementary School 5th grade in honor of Right Worshipful Larry David Frye. Each recipient receives a certificate and a gift card. The goal of the award aims to recognize 5th grade students at who have shown significant improvement in their academic performance during their fifth grade year.

On June 13, the Right Worshipful Larry David Frye Academic Achievement Award was awarded to the following recipients were:

- Sophia Lindsey
- Michelle Chatfield
- Ben Tomlinson
- Lindsay Bogle



July Masonic Birthdays

Philip Brooks, Tommy Chapman,
J. David King, Harris McGarrah, Jr.,
Bruce McKimney, Renace Painter,
Jesse Shannon, Mark Shapiro,
Chuck Wyant

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 August Calendar

Aug 5 – Freedom Lodge Stated
Aug 17 - Freedom Lodge Meet-Up
Nov 9 - 13 - Grand Lodge, Richmond, VA

Most Worshipful
James Edward Litten
Grand Master
Grand Lodge
of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.



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July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	2
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 8p Olive Branch #114 Stated	12 7:30p Ashburn Sterling #288 Stated	13 7p Brunswick Lodge Stated	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	21 Hamilton-Thompson # 37 Stated	22	23
24 Family outing to Frederick Keys	25	26	27	28	29	30

