



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



Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

July was a very productive month for Freedom Lodge! At the dinner preceding our stated meeting, Bro Benjamin Franklin shared with us his workings to secure financing and backing from the French to support the independence efforts of our young United States of America. He also discussed his influences in the writing of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution – Brother Ben is one of a few to have signed both. The dinner presentation closed with a lively discussion of his electricity experimentations and a few of his other discoveries.

At the stated, Bro Donovan Libby was elected to membership via affiliation from Treichler Lodge in PA. At separate called communications, the Brethren of Freedom Lodge conferred both a Master Mason degree and a Fellowcraft degree. Bro Chuck Wyant was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason as the Brethren from Freedom were joined by Brethren from 7 other Lodges for the event. The caliber of the ritual was only outdone by Bro Chuck as he provided a wonderful feast for the Brethren to celebrate the occasion. Welcome Bros Donovan and Chuck to Freedom Lodge! We are very pleased to have you both as our newest members of Freedom.

The Brethren finished off the month with another well attended Meet Up at the pizza shop next door to the Lodge and collected the dues of a Master Mason by travelling to the Lodge's 3rd fraternal visit of the year. Seven made the journey to Hamilton Thompson 37 to hear RW Harris McGarrah's CHIP presentation and to thank the Brethren of HT for their generous donation to Freedom's Building Fund. The Brethren of HT provided us with a donation of \$500 at our stated meeting. You can pick up your own Masonic Change Jar at the Lodge to help us with the Building Fund.

Our August stated will carry a mix of activities. We'll have a program that will discuss some Masonic connections to the game of baseball. Before we close Lodge, RW Larry Frye will lead us in our Rededication night obligation.

A special thank you is due RW Don Kerr for his donation of a rough and a perfect ashlar to Freedom Lodge. These can now be found at the foot of East.

Freedom Lodge will be participating in the Lovettsville Oktoberfest this year in the form of a public 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.

Remember that the dress code for the summer is business casual. You can keep up to date with news at our web site – <http://FreedomLodge118.org>. I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Sincerely & Fraternally
 Philip Brooks, WM

Ritual Instruction

Freedom School of Instruction – August 9 at 7p

Masonic Education

Ashlar

Speculative Masons use the ashlar in two forms: one rough, just as it came from the quarry, representing Man in his ignorant, uncultivated state; and the other, finely finished and ready for its place in the building, represents Man, educated and refined.

- *Source: Pocket Lexicon of Freemasonry*

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason." - Benjamin Franklin

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in August!
 Dick Bond Cliff Free Robert Miller Gene Ridgeway

“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”

Please bring your donations to the August 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

Aug 3 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
 Aug 9 Freedom School of Instruction @ 7p
 Sep 7 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
 Debate Night
 Sep 22 D2 Picnic, Middleburg
 Sep 29 Lovettsville Oktoberfest
 Oct 5 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
 Past Masters Night

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August 2012

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

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