



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

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Pit Beef BBQ at 6:30p, Lodge at 8p

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From the East

It may be the dog days of August, but it's a busy month for Freedom Lodge

Greetings Brethren

We are two months from the deadline to submit our application for the James Noah Hillman Award. We need four more Fraternal Visits and two more visits to youth groups to qualify for the award, five members required at each visit. I have scheduled the following dates for these visits: August 3 - Olive Branch 114, August 6 - Herndon DeMolay, August 8 - Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 2, 3, & 4, August 17 - Herndon Lodge 264, September 1 - Herndon Job's Daughters, September 9 - Brunswick Lodge 191, September 21 - Herndon Lodge 264. The Grand Master will be visiting my Virginia home lodge, Occoquan Lodge 310, on Tuesday August 11. If four of you would like to return to Occoquan Lodge with me, we can drop one of the September Fraternal Visits.

Our honored guest this month is MWB Alan Wayne Adkins, PGM 1997 and current Grand Secretary, whose theme was "Freemasonry: Investing in Mankind." He will speak to us on this subject as well as give us an update on the background check program for new petitioners. Be sure to extend the "famous" Freedom Lodge welcome to him.

As I am planning for our next Stated Meeting I note that the year is already two-thirds over. I am enjoying the things we are doing and the time we spend together. I hope you are also enjoying our activities. If there is something you think we should do before the year is over, now is the time to speak up. I believe we will accomplish most of the goals I set out at our installation of officers: (1) earn the James Noah Hillman Award - well in hand, (2) SW plus one other earns their Wardens Certificate - looks like just the Senior Warden will receive his, and (3) one member learns and presents one of the degree lectures - I will present the EA Lecture by November.

I look forward to seeing you around the lodge pit beef barbeque and smoking porch in the south on Friday August 7 at 6:30. Coat and tie please.

Loyd

Correct in the West

David King
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

On August 4, 1753 George Washington became a Master Mason. The ceremony was held at the Masonic Lodge No. 4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Washington was 21 years old and a young Virginia planter. Throughout history, his character has been emblematic of his Masonic obligations and he remained "a just and upright Mason" from the day of his raising until his death. Washington was a "living stone" and a cornerstone for our United States heritage.

In 1852, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 proposed a Washington Masonic memorial. Later in 1923, after years of planning and Freemason donations, the former Revolutionary War Shooter's Hill in Alexandria, Virginia was purchased to build a monument to honor Brother Washington. The George Washington National Masonic Memorial was dedicated in 1932. Today, the memorial is a Masonic treasure that contains many historic Washington artifacts. August is a perfect month to tour this magnificent and inspiring 333 feet tall architecture with your friends and family.
<http://www.gwmemorial.org/>

I look forward to seeing you at the August 7th Freedom Stated and other lodge events.

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

Calendar

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 PM, Meeting 8 PM Frat Visit

Aug 6 Herndon DeMolay
7:30 PM Fraternal Visit

Aug 7 Freedom 118 Stated
Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

Aug 8 GM Official Visit 2,3,&4
Kena Shriners Center, 6:00 PM

Aug 11 Ashburn-Sterling 288
Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Aug 17 Herndon 264 Stated
Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
Fraternal Visit

Aug 19 Freedom Meetup &
Lodge School

Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM

School: Fellowcraft Degree

Aug 20 Hamilton-Thompson 37-
Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Aug 29 1 Day Conferral

Alexandria Scottish Rite 8:00 AM

Right in the South

Chuck Wyant
Junior Warden

From the sun in the south at meridian we are moving along with projects about the lodge. With the monsoonal rains of the past few weeks the Marquee erection has been postponed several times. Hopefully now we will experience good Marquee erection weather.

I know last month I talked about the Hail Sign sent and received and assistance given. I since had the pleasure to return to a worthy brother who has had surgery and needed help. This extended by now knowing his wife, son, and daughter-in-law. I am very proud to be able to assist this brother and his family. This is what this fraternity is about.

Several of the Widows and Wives that I have approached want to go to the "Tilted Kilt" for a sweet-hearts and widows lunch. Fun place, great food, and who am I to say no to our special guests. I will be out with a date soon.

For the next stated this will be a "Pit Beef" night aka "Where's the BEEF?" Several brothers from District 2 will be joining in the beef smoking on Freedom's Barbeque and Smoking porch in the south. There is a "new to use" smoker that I obtained for free so it will be put to use. This is a smoking class of Masonic proportions, and these brothers have requested to come out and learn the insider secrets of pit beef. The rest of the dinner will be salad, potato pouches, corn on the cob.

Hope to see you in lodge or on a work detail.

Your JW

Chuck

August Masonic Birthdays
Lester Conley Bond 1986
RW Clifford Steven Free 1990
Lionel Wesley Hirschhorn 2012
Carroll Eugene Ridgeway 1973

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

On the Left of the Master

RW George Shoemaker, Jr.
Secretary

Alphabet Soup

Greetings Brethren

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Virginia. We've seen it a hundred times, the AF&AM – Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. But do you know what it means? Did you know there are other letters, such as F&AM, AFM, and FAAM? You can probably guess that F&AM means Free and Accepted Masons and that AFM means Ancient Free Masons and FAAM is also Free And Accepted Masons; but why?

From 1751 to 1813, there were actually two Grand Lodges in England. The difference in AF and AM vs F and AM states goes back to a disagreement between these two Grand Lodges in London at that time. One group was called the "Moderns," but was actually the older of the two English Grand Lodges. The other group was called the "Antients," which became the "Ancients" in AF and AM. Due to this disagreement, the two groups broke into separate Grand Lodges. The disagreement was later healed around 1880, but by that time, there were lodges and Grand Lodges all over the United States that were descended from one group or the other, and so each group kept their corresponding initials with which they were formed, (which is the reason why there are small differences within different states' ritual wording and Grand Lodge By-Laws and procedures).

Here is a listing showing which States use which letters:

AF & AM States

AF & AM - Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

These 24 AF & AM states include: CO, CT, DE, ID, IL, IA, KS, ME, MD, MA, MN, MO, MT, NE, NM, NC, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, VA, WV, WY.

F & A M States:

F & AM - Free and Accepted Masons
These 25 F & AM states include: AL, AK, AR, AZ, CA, FL, GA, HI, IN, KY, LA, MI, MS, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, PA, RI, TN, UT, VT, WA, WI. All Prince Hall lodges are also F. & A.M.

AFM State:

AFM - Ancient Free Masons
There is one AFM state: SC

FAAM District:

FAAM - Free And Accepted Masons
The District of Columbia is F.A.A.M.

Sincerely and Fraternally

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