



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

September is Officer Step Up Month

Greetings Brethren

We are one month from the deadline to submit our application for the James Noah Hillman Award. We need two more Fraternal Visits and one more visit to a youth group to qualify for the award, five members required at each visit. I have scheduled the following dates for these visits: September 8 – Herndon Job's Daughters, September 9 – Brunswick Lodge 191, September 21 – Herndon Lodge 264. I hope you have found these visits to be interesting and educational.

Our honored guest this month was to be MWB James Dean Cole, PGM 2001, whose theme was "Do Good Unto All." Unfortunately, his mother is having major surgery on September 4th and he will be with her instead. As a consequence, I have declared our September meeting as Officer Step Up Month. Please attend and support next year's officers.

Our Entered Apprentice, Jason Howard Lage, attended the One Day Conferral class on Saturday August 29. He was greatly impressed with the degrees and is excited to delve into the history behind them. It is up to us to assist him in his quest. Be sure to greet him appropriately.

We will have a special guest at our meeting. My good friend RW Barrye L. Absher, PDDGM from District 16, will join us for the evening. I first met Barrye at a Salt Lake City Progress Lodge No. 22 meeting in about 2007. He and his wife Linda had been touring the west and the Grand Senior Warden, RW Jeffery Hodges, asked him to look for me. I had just happened to attend the Progress Lodge meeting that night so it was quite by happenstance that he was there looking for me. We have enjoyed many happy hours together since then. You will be impressed with his enthusiasm, knowledge, and drive.

Fall is my favorite time of year. The air becomes a little crisper, the fall colors give us their mighty display, and we are infused with a new feeling of energy. And, of course, there is football.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM, Friday September 4, followed by lodge at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

Loyd

Correct in the West

David King
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

On September 18, in 1793, the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building was laid and presided over by George Washington. He was wearing his Masonic regalia in an elaborate and formal Masonic ceremony. This historic event was recorded in the Alexandria Gazette issue on September 25th 1793 and can be viewed at the Library of Congress (<http://www.loc.gov>). The painting of the event by Clyde De Land is at (<http://www.loc.gov/resource/cph.3a15634/>). Today, the U. S. Capitol has 540 rooms, covers about four acres, and has 3 million to 5 million visitors each year. The tools used at the cornerstone ceremony are on display at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA.

Coincidentally, our District 2 picnic will be held on Saturday, September 19 at Franklin Park, Purcellville, VA. It is the fellowship cornerstone among the four district 2 lodges; Hamilton Thompson No. 37, Olive Branch No. 114, Freedom Lodge No. 118 and Ashburn Sterling No. 288. The annual picnic is a great time to meet with brethren and their families from other lodges and share delicious food, music, and fun games.

I look forward to seeing you at the September 4th Freedom Stated and the District 2 Picnic on Saturday, September 19.

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

Calendar

Sep 4 Freedom 118 Stated

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

Sep 7 Olive Branch 114 Stated

Dinner 7 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Sep 8 Herndon Job's Daughters

7:30 PM Fraternal Visit

Sep 8 Ashburn-Sterling 288

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Sep 9 Brunswick 191

Fraternal Visit

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Sep 16 Freedom Meetup &

Lodge School

Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM

School: Fellowcraft Degree

Sep 17 Hamilton-Thompson 37-

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Sep 19 District 2 Picnic

Franklin Park, Purcellville

10 AM to 3 PM

Sep 21 Herndon 264 Stated

Fraternal Visit

Meeting 7:30 PM

Right in the South

Chuck Wyant
Junior Warden

We are now approaching the last quarter of the year at Freedom #118. The learning has been fabulous. On a recent return home from travels to Herndon Lodge our master enlighten me on facts of ancient history, back to the beginning of time. I was truly amazed by this and could have listened for another couple of hours. So much education in lodge going on is just something not to miss. We are still wrapping up some warm time projects on the exterior and the marquee will be up soon, the roadway work has caused a great deal of delay with the new storm water, curb, and gutter project moving on. I will be putting a work detail together to clean up the flower beds, mulch them for winter, and some other tidying up issues.

If you missed the lodge school last week you missed the practice and it was really a great one.

The October Widows and Sweethearts Luncheon is coming soon so I hope to have this date down by stated. The widows requested that we travel to the Tilted Kilt for the experience. They have a nice room where we can gather.

Your JW
Chuck

September Masonic Birthdays

Bradley Cameron Westermam
2013

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

Greetings Brethren

As many of you know, I am an avid hunter and I came across this little story on the internet.

Have you heard the story about that fellow who wants to go hunting? He needed a dog and consulted a Brother. That brother, who sold dogs, gave him one, called JW. "It's a very good dog", he said, "he knows a lot about hunting and you can truly rely on him". Our fellow took that dog. One week later he returned. "It's not too bad, but he doesn't seem to be very experienced. Haven't you got another dog?" "Sure I have," said the Brother. "This one, for example, is called SW and he's a bit more experienced. Try him and if you don't like him, feel free to come back." Indeed, our fellow returned the dog two weeks later. "He's quite good actually, but he's not what I'm looking for. I still need a dog which is more experienced." "Well," said the Brother, "I can offer you a really experienced dog. He's called PM and you'll have a good time with him." So our fellow took the animal. Just one day later he returned. "What's wrong with him?" the Brother asked, "I haven't got any dog that is more experienced than this one." "Well," our fellow said, "he might be experienced, but all he's doing is sitting there and barking!"

Fortunately for Freedom Lodge, our PM's do more than sit there and bark. In addition to getting off the porch and into the field (chairs, other areas in the Lodge), they pass along their knowledge for all to learn. I have relied on that knowledge and still do to this day, and I encourage you to learn as well.

Sincerely and Fraternally
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