



Freedom Lodge No. 118 AF&AM
28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA
www.FreedomLodge118.org

Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year's. That if you traveled, it was without incident and you arrived in good shape to relax and enjoy family and friends.

I'd like to thank the Brethren of Freedom Lodge for selecting myself and the slate of officers for 2012. We will work diligently to make our stated meetings something you look forward to attending and with an eye to grow the membership of the Lodge in 2012.

We are already off to a very good start. A new petition for membership was read at the December stated. Assuming a successful ballot in January, we'll be looking to confer an Entered Apprentice degree later this month.

Looking out into the year a little, Freedom will officially receive DDGM Gary Williams at the February stated and host a community blood drive in May. We'll look to have a District 2 picnic later in the year. On January 7 Districts 2, 3, and 4 will officially receive the Grand Master at a special called meeting to be held in Winchester.

We are working to host a new Lodge web page – www.FreedomLodge118.org – will be active in the coming weeks. Once online, this will be a valuable tool to hopefully attract new members, but will also be a place for the Brethren to post and share Masonic information. If you don't today receive Lodge emails and would like to, please drop a note to FreedomLodge118@gmail.com so you will be included on future mailings. Whenever possible, Trestleboards will be distributed via email.

Sincerely & Fraternally
Philip Brooks, WM

"Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature"

The food bank still has a great need for food and other items for those less fortunate than us. They will need more canned soups and stews during the winter. They can use bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergents and bleach, dish soap, and other cleaning materials as well as food items.

Ritual Instruction

Freedom Lodge TBD to support degree work.

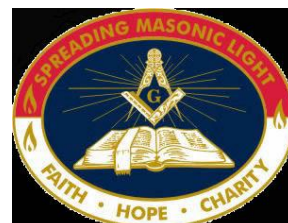
District School will be posted after the first of the year.

Masonic Education

167th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia
[William Talbott Ellison, Jr.](#)

Most Worshipful William Talbott Ellison, Jr. was born in Staunton, Virginia, on September 12, 1950. Brother Ellison became a member of John T. Smith Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1966.

Most Worshipful Brother Ellison is a fifth generation Freemason. He was raised a Master Mason in Lee Lodge No. 209 on April 17, 1979, where he is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1984. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 19 in 1995, Grand Senior Steward in 1997, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master in 2001, Grand Provost from 2003 through 2006, and was elected Grand Junior Deacon in 2006.



"I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom."

[George S. Patton](#)

Support the Western Loudoun Food Bank!!
Don't forget your obligations. Bring canned goods or other non-perishable foods to Lodge each month and we will see they go to the Western Loudoun Food Bank.

DUES NOTICE – 2012 dues have risen to \$110 to keep pace with the increase in Grand Lodge assessments. Please remit your 2012 (and any past years!) dues today. Contact the Lodge Secretary should you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

Jan 6 Freedom 118 Stated – 8:00p
 Jan 7 Grand Master Visit D2, D3, D4 at Hiram Lodge in Winchester – 1:30p
 May 5 – Blood Drive

Officers of Freedom Lodge No. 118
A.L. 6011, A.D. 2012

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Senior Deacon	Richard Phillips	
Junior Deacon	Mariano D'Aguiar	
Chaplain	Dick Bond	
Tiler	Ray Mauk	

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 Olive Branch 114 Stated – 8pm	3	4	5	6 Freedom 118 Stated – 8pm	7 GM Visit to Hiram 1:30p
8	9	10 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated – 7:30p	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated – 7:30p	20	21
22	23 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				