



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

Stated Communication – **November 4**, 2014  
Dinner at 7:00p, Lodge at 8:00p

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### **Junior Deacon**

Wes Hirschhorn

### **Senior Steward**

Mark Shapiro

### **Junior Steward**

Brad Westerman

### **Chaplain**

Ray Mauk

### **Marshal**

Dave Kirk

### **Tiler**

Dick Bond

### **LIW**

Harris McGarrah

### **LEO**

Dick Phillips

## From the East

Salutations Brethren

Buctober didn't quite pan out as I had hoped. The Pirates folded their tent quickly and quietly in the Wildcard game. The Orioles and Nationals followed suit a few days later. On the bright side, that left me plenty of time for all the Masonic activities during the month.

Joining us at our Stated were Bro John Wayne, Bro Cecil B DeMille, MW Harry Truman, and Bro Theodore Roosevelt. The short program provided by each Brother about their lives was very enlightening and entertaining. In other business, Bro Harry Householder was selected to install our new furnace. Hopefully this will be complete and operational by our November Stated. At a Called Communication, Freedom passed a Brother to Fellowcraft. We will be readying ourselves to confer the Master Mason's Degree on hopefully two Brothers at a Called Communication at the end of November. Please contact me if you desire to take a role in these degrees.

Freedom's Brethren were again traveling in foreign countries. Three fraternal visits were recorded during the month. At Herndon, we had the pleasure of seeing RW Ken Shelton receive his 50 year service award. Freedom reported 6.25 members present at Ashburn-Sterling. Bro Brad Westerman and his daughter Sophie joined us for dinner before the meeting. Our final visit was to Hamilton-Thompson Lodge where we heard a well performed Master Mason's catechism. Pretty good wages for those traveling this month.

Freedom's November Stated will be held on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> – Election Day. This change in date is to de-conflict our meeting with the Grand Annual Communication that will be taking place starting the 6<sup>th</sup> in Richmond. For this meeting, I will be taking in the proceedings from the sidelines as this will be Wardens Night at Freedom. Every line officer will move up a chair – a preview if you will of next year's proposed slate of officers for Freedom.

A few items that will be coming our way soon... Annual dues notices will be sent out shortly after Grand Lodge for 2015. Please consider including a donation to our building fund with your payment. Freedom's last Stated of the year will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> when the election of officers will be conducted. The next day, Freedom will install our officers for 2015 in an installation open to the public. This will be held at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge starting at 3p.

I hope to see you at Lodge soon!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Philip Brooks*

Worshipful Master

In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing. *Brother Colonel Theodore Roosevelt*

**Please wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in November**

Michael Cooper (1971) Larry Frye (1977) Ghorley Gregg (1983) Scott Wallace (1981)

**Correct in the West**

Greetings Brethren

Don't forget we are meeting on Tuesday, November 4 in advance of the Virginia Grand Lodge Annual Communication that will commence on our regular meeting day, November 7. Worshipful Brother Phil has declared our November meeting to be "Wardens Night," which means next year's officers are to fill the chairs. We don't have an inspirational speaker lined up, but we will have an educational presentation given by the Senior Warden.

Assuming I will be nominated and elected to serve as your Worshipful Master next year, I thought it might be wise to give you a 'head's up" concerning plans for our Public Installation Ceremony. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 at 3 PM at Ashburn Sterling Lodge No. 288, 43881 Waxpool Road, Ashburn Virginia.

The Installing Officer will be MW Jeffery Eugene Hodges, PGM of Virginia in 2009. The Installing Chaplain will be Worshipful Brother Philip Brooks, the Installing Marshall will be Right Worshipful Brother Roy Harris McGarrah, Jr., the Assistant Installing Marshall will be Worshipful Brother Richard Albert Phillips. Bring your family and friends so that they may get a glimpse of what it is we do as Masons and the duties the Officers of the Lodge are to perform.

Mark your calendar for TUESDAY November 4 – our EARLY November meeting!

On the Level,  
*Loyd Davis*  
PGM, Senior Warden

**Right in the South**

Thank you Brethren

This is a very common greeting during the month of November, which begins the season tradition of giving and thanks. As I take a minute to reflect on 2014, I am thankful for my beautiful wife, Karen. She has supported my decision to be a Freemason and the amount of time needed to attend stated meetings, my commitment to learn ritual, to serve as Junior Warden, and support other Freemasons' journeys through their degrees.

As Junior Warden, I have been involved in degrees, Lodge programs, and planning Lodge meals. I am thankful for the Lodge Stewards for their help with the meal planning and preparation. I am thankful for the Freedom and District 2 Brothers that taught me the ritual. It has been an enlightened and rewarding experience from the South.

I am thankful for Freedom Lodge No.118. Freedom Lodge Brethren have added a few more chapters to my masonic journey. As a member, I have learned the rich history of the Lodge and several nuggets from its rich 100+ years in Lovettsville. Recently, we have improved the curb appeal of the Lodge with the "Walk of Masonry" and the addition of three new street lanterns. The Lodge needs more tender care with other major repairs needed. I encourage the Brethren to consider giving a donation to help preserve the Lodge for future generations. It is a magnificent Lovettsville treasure.

Over the past year, what are you thankful for? I am looking forward to seeing you at our November Stated as well as other Lodge meetings, degrees, and practices this Fall. Happy Thanksgiving!  
By the Plumb,  
*J. David King*  
Junior Warden



**November 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Olive Branch 114 Stated – 8p	4 <b>Freedom 118 Stated – 8p</b> 	5	6 Grand Lodge Richmond	7 Grand Lodge Richmond	8 Grand Lodge Richmond
9	10	11 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated – 7:30p Veteran's Day	12	13	14 Grand Chapter Williamsburg	15 Grand Chapter Williamsburg
16	17	18	19 Meet Up & Freedom School 	20 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated – 7:30p	21	22 <b>Freedom Called MM Degree 9:00a</b>
23	24 Potomac 88 RAC Stated 7:00p	25	26 D2 School Picks up again in 2015	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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