



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

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Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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## 2017 Officers

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## From the East

### **Freedom No. 118 is 125 years old this year!**

Greetings Brethren:

There is a lot in the District going on. First, the District is looking for a new VACHIP ID coordinator. The current Brother from Ashburn Sterling Lodge has transferred out of state to a new job.

Feb. 8 Village Lanes, bowling night.

The first Thursday in March at 7 pm is Masonic Night at the Roy Rogers East Market Street in Leesburg. This is family night there and this is an opportunity to do VACHIP ID, and introduce all of the District 2 Lodges to the public to include the youth programs. I hope you all are able to attend and bring your family for dinner.

I recently read a story that Booker T. Washington used in his teachings as one of the great educators in America. The story he called was "Let Your Bucket Down Where You Are". This story is of a sailing ship off coast of South America where it ran out of fresh water for drinking. There appeared a small boat on the horizon and the captain of the small craft received a request from the becalmed ship via signaling that they were in need of fresh water. The reply from the small ship was "Let your bucket down." This puzzled the captain as he was at sea. So again a signal was sent and the same message was returned. Puzzled still the Captain did as the ship said and fresh water was taken up.

What the becalmed captain did not understand nor have knowledge of is that the Amazon river has a mouth 200 miles wide and flows fresh water far out into the ocean. The Amazon is 3,300 miles long and drains an area about half the size of the United States. So this ship, becalmed as it was had opportunity for fresh water all around and this was not recognized.

So what opportunities do you have as a Mason? Do you look for the opportunities afforded you as a Mason? Do you travel to Lodges foreign and domestic? Do seek more education that is offered through Masonry? Do you follow the lessons learned in you daily interactions with mankind?

Booker T.'s story point was that we all need to put our buckets down, not just for things to make a life survivable, but to better your knowledge, ability to help another in desperation and need, and support your family. What you need to accomplish this might just be right where you are. Just a look around and your bucket might have what you need right where you are.

Reminder, your 2017 dues notices are in the mail. You can bring your dues payment to the February 3rd stated or mail to RW George Shoemaker, Jr. at **Freedom Lodge No. 118, Attn: Secretary, P.O. Box 293 Lovettsville, VA 20180**. Donations to the Lodge Building Fund are always needed and greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Coat and tie please. Southern traditional meal will be served New Orleans inspired.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Chuck

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Living Past Masters</u></b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Larry D. Frye</td><td style="text-align: right;">1983,2005-2007</td></tr> <tr><td>Franklin C. Lamm</td><td style="text-align: right;">1985</td></tr> <tr><td>Roy Harris McGarrah, Jr.</td><td style="text-align: right;">1992-1995, 2011</td></tr> <tr><td>Clifford S. Free</td><td style="text-align: right;">1996-1999</td></tr> <tr><td>Richard A. Phillips</td><td style="text-align: right;">2000-2003</td></tr> <tr><td>Gary R. Ing</td><td style="text-align: right;">2004</td></tr> <tr><td>George M. Shoemaker, Jr.</td><td style="text-align: right;">2008-2010</td></tr> <tr><td>Philip B. Brooks,</td><td style="text-align: right;">2012,2014</td></tr> <tr><td>Thomas W. Brierton</td><td style="text-align: right;">2013</td></tr> <tr><td>Loyd E. Davis</td><td style="text-align: right;">2015</td></tr> <tr><td>J. David King</td><td style="text-align: right;">2016</td></tr> </table> | 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 | Loyd E. Davis | 2015 | J. David King | 2016 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mark Your March Calendar</u></b></p> <p>March 3 – Freedom No. 118 Stated<br/>         March 4 – Ken Shelton School<br/>                           @ Freedom No. 118, 8a<br/>         March 6 – OB No. 114 Stated<br/>         March 14 – AS No. 288 stated<br/>         March 15 – Freedom No. 118 Meet-Up<br/>         March 16 – HT No. 37 Stated<br/>         March 23 – Wardens Masters Meeting<br/>         March 31 – DLC, Warrenton</p> | <p><b>Most Worshipful</b><br/>         Vernon Stuart Cook<br/>         Grand Master<br/>         Grand Lodge<br/>         of Virginia, A.F. &amp; A.M.<br/> <a href="https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org">https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org</a></p> |
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### February 2017

| Sunday | Monday                                       | Tuesday                              | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                                    |
|--------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
|        |  |                                      | 1   | 2  | 3<br>Freedom Stated<br>Dinner 7p,<br>Lodge 8p | 4   |
| 5      | 6<br>OB 114 Stated<br><i>Fraternal Visit</i> | 7                                    | 8<br>Bowling Night<br>Village Lanes<br>Leesburg                         | 9  | 10  | 11  |
| 12     | 13   | 14<br>Ashburn Sterling<br>288 Stated | 15<br>Freedom Meet-Up<br>Fellowship 6:30p,<br>Practice 7:30p            | 16<br>HT 37 Stated                                 | 17  | 18<br>Blood Drive @<br>Herndon Lodge<br>8-1 |
| 19     | 20<br>PRESIDENTS<br>DAY                      | 21                                   | 22<br>Henry Knox Field<br>Stated (Alexandria)<br><i>Fraternal Visit</i> | 23<br>Masters and Wardens<br>District meeting 7 pm | 24  | 25  |
| 26     | 27   | 28                                   |   |  |   | 2017  |

