



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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From the East

Greetings Brethren:

I am taking a moment to request all Brethren be ready and able to assist Most Worshipful Loyd as he has suffered a medical incident and is heading for rehab currently. His wife Judy reports Brother Loyd has suffered several mini strokes. Please keep these two and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

There is more fun in the District with the Rainbow Girls doing a VACHIP at the Roy Rogers on East Market Street in Leesburg. This is also a membership event for them. Please attend if within the length of your cabal tow. 5 – pm – 8 pm. The owners of The Roy Rogers are supporting all of our efforts for the VACHIP ID. Please support them as you can.

July 29, 2017 is a joint blood drive with Herndon Lodge at the Lodge in Herndon (820 Elden St). If you can give please come and give a gift to save a life. Starts as 0800 hours to 1 pm.

August 12, 2017 is the district Picnic and Grand Masters visit. This will be at the Franklin Park just west of Purcellville. 1100 is when we eat, please bring a dish to share, and let JW Mark Shaprio know if you can attend, and how many in your family as well. Pulled Pork, Smoked Chicken, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Bean Burgers. Freedom, Hamilton Thompson, Olive Branch, and Ashburn Sterling are staffing the cookers. Relief shifts will be appreciated. Please wear your Masonic shirts, polo with name embroidered will be great, hats as well. Cutoff date to say you are coming is August 1, 2017.

July is the birthday of our Great Country. Forget not the fact there were many of all signers to the US Declaration of Independence and Constitution that were members of the Craft. Written by a larger Number of Masons than not. We have a vested interest in this country as Masons.

Do not forget to drop the ladies off at the Market Table Bistro for the Ladies cocktail.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on July 7th, 2017 and followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Summer picnic attire.

Chuck

From the WEST with Wes. Senior Warden

Sitting in the West – July 2017

This year seems to be racing by as we come to the month of July.

During this month we celebrate our nation's freedom on the 4th will all manner of cook-outs, beach trips and some manner of fireworks.

But why on the 4th? The Articles of Freedom were ratified on July 2. July 4 is the date that the final version of the Declaration of Independence was ratified but not all signees had affixed their signatures until around August 12th of that year.

Personally, I'm not picky about an opportunity to celebrate!

Among all of the hoopla let us remember the fundamental fact that freedom isn't free. While we have Memorial Day to remember those who gave all on our behalf and Veteran's Day for those who have served, let us celebrate our freedom while remembering the sacrifice involved. Let us also endeavor to do our part to ensure that our freedoms are protected from those who would water them down or take them away. It is not just bullets and bombs that make or break a free society but also in the manner in which its constituents administer the government that is supposed to serve them.

A great many worthy brethren have given their lives for this country. Let us seek to validate their gifts by maintaining what they purchased with them.

<p><u>Living Past Masters</u></p> <p>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>	<p><u>Mark Your April Calendar</u></p> <p>July 3 – OB No. 114 Stated FV July 7 – Freedom No. 118 Stated July 11 – AS No. 288 Stated July 19 – Freedom No. 118 Meet-up July 20 – HT No. 37 Stated July 25 – Masonic Lunch Leesburg July 26 – Wardens Masters Meeting July 29 – Blood Drive w/ Herndon Lodge</p>	<p>Most Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook Grand Master Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. & A.M. https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org</p>
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July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 OB No. 114 Stated	4	5	6 Rainbow Girls Roy Roger East Market Street. Leesburg 5-8pm	7 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	8
9	10	11 Ashburn Sterling No. 288 Stated	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	20 HT No. 37 Stated	21	22
23	24	25 Masonic Lunch 7 North King Street Leesburg VA 1200 all	26 Masters and Wardens District meeting 7 pm @ OB pot luck all welcome	27	28	29 Blood Drive Herndon Lodge 8-1

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