



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

Greetings Brethren:

Brethren, here we are in March. Time for flowers to bloom and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Our lodge meal will be a fine collection of corned beef, boiled potatoes, boiled cabbage and Irish soda bread muffins.

I would like to thank Wor. David King for the great jambalaya and king cake he provided for our February meal in celebration of Mardi Gras. It's always a treat!

On the 17th several of us and our ladies enjoyed a fine belated Valentine's dinner at Market Table Bistro, set up by our Junior Warden. A select menu was provided and we all had a great time.

On the 20th of last month six of us paid a fraternal visit to Ashburn-Sterling 288 and presented them with the coveted Traveling Gavel. It was the subject of much humor and some amount of chagrin as they immediately hid it from view. To prevent theft I would imagine.

We have several events coming up this month that require your attention. First is the Ken Shelton School this Saturday morning at Olive Branch 114. Be there at 8:30a for breakfast before the learning begins.

Next is the Division Leadership Conference. As usual one session will be held in Warrenton on Friday night 3-9 and another Saturday Morning 3-10 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Alexandria. Be sure to note that the Warrenton session is not being held at the school as in previous years. It will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 6194 Dumfries Rd in Warrenton.

The next event is the annual Easter in the Park festival at Morven Park. This will run from 10a to noon. Help is needed for set-up at 8:30a and for the Child ID stations throughout the morning.

Please note that the commemorative 125th anniversary coins have arrived. Please claim yours now!

While work on the lodge room is ongoing, there are other parts of the building that really need refreshing. The dining hall windows need to be cleaned and repainted, the hallway between there and the stairs needs work and so on. Feel free to stake your claim to one of these areas so we can complete our makeover sooner than later.

For our brethren who have not yet been raised as Master Masons, please feel free to attend lodge dinner and come out to our monthly meet-ups. You can enjoy fellowship before lodge and work on your catechisms at meet-up. You are also

welcome to take on any of the pending lodge improvement projects currently pending. We will be scheduling an Entered Apprentice night here soon so that you can come and sit with us with a special program tailored to your particular stage of your Masonic journey.

Do not forget to drop the ladies off at the Market Table Bistro for the Ladies cocktail Hour. This is a fun time for the ladies to get together for fun, great food and libations.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on March 2nd, 2018 and followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Also check out the District 2 Google calendar for more events.

For those who might so inclined, I think it would be a fun thing to do for us to meet at the 1836 Taproom down the street for an adult beverage after lodge. I might even buy a round!

Wes Hirschhorn

From The South

Please let me know if you have any ideas for brunches or other events we can use as a way to get together with our wives and foster further brotherhood.

I am working on a spring bowling event with the other lodges in District 2. More details to follow.

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 J. Brooks,	2012,2014
Thomas W. Brierton	2013
Loyd E. Davis	2015
J. David King	2016
Chuck Wyant	2017

Mark Your March Calendar

March 1 – Hamilton-Thompson #37 Stated
 March 2 – Freedom No. 118 Stated
 March 3 – Ken Shelton School at Olive Branch 114.
 March 13 – AS No. 288 Stated
 March 15 – Hamilton-Thompson #37 Stated
 March 21– Freedom No. 118 Meet-up
 March 28 – Masters & Wardens Meeting; OB114

Upcoming;

**District Leadership Conf. 3-9 in Warrenton, 3-5 at Alexandria at the Scottish Rite Temple.
 Note new location for Warrenton; Our Savior Lutheran Church, 6194 Dumfries Rd. Warrenton 20187**

Easter in the Park at Morven Park. Help with set-up at 8:30a

Most Worshipful

Gary Wallace Taylor
 Grand Master
 Grand Lodge
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March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Herndon-Ashburn DeMolay 7:30p (Herndon Lodge) HT 37 Stated	2 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	3 Ken Shelton School at OB114, 8:30a
4	5 Olive Branch 114 Stated Dinner @ 6:30p	6	7	8	9 District Leadership Conference – Our Saviour Lutheran Church. 6p	10 District Leadership Conf. Alexandra Scottish Rite 9a
11	12	13 Ashburn- Sterling 288 Dinner @ 6:30p Bethel 52; 7:30p Herndon Lodge	14	15 HT No. 37 Stated 6:30 Herndon-Ashburn DeMolay 7:30p (Ashburn Lodge)	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Honorary DeMolay degrees Manasseh Lodge 6pm
18	19	20	21 Freedom Meet up. Dinner 6:30 Lovettsville Pizza Practice at 7:30	22	23	24 Easter in the Park Set-up at 8:30a
25	26	27 Bethel 52; 7:30p Herndon Lodge	28 Masters and Wardens District meeting 7 pm @ OB pot luck all welcome	29	30	31

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