



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:

For the month of April we had a very productive meet-up session. We enjoyed fellowship with a number of our Entered Apprentices and got a little catechism work in while the rest of us practiced for the impending Fellowcraft degree.

We also had a successful visit to our brethren at Hamilton-Thompson 37 where Most Worshipful Loyd Davis presented one of his excellent programs for everybody's edification. Please come to this month's meeting with a suggestion for a fraternal visit this month to a lodge outside of our immediate neighborhood. I would like to suggest Cherrydale Lodge #42 in Arlington on Thursday the 17th.

Please be in attendance at the Ken Shelton School this Saturday the 5th at 8am at Olive Branch Lodge in Leesburg. There will be ample opportunity for learning at all levels and counts for points on our Hillman Award application!

Our May stated will be our "welcome to summer" meeting. Beach casual is recommended. The dress code will be casual through our September stated. **Please also note that we will be having an opportunity for our Entered Apprentices to participate. We will open and conduct lodge business then call off for refreshment so our EAs can join us for a Masonic lesson and announcements. For all of you working on your catechisms this is a fine time to come out get involved with some of the things that happen in a regular stated meeting.**

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. See Wor. Chuck Wyant for direction.

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.

Don't 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.

For those who might be 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
Worshipful Master

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.

The District 2 Bowling night is set for Wednesday May 30 at Village Lanes in Leesburg. All members are welcome as well as family members and members of appendant bodies. It's always a good time! Let's show up and represent Freedom118 appropriately!

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

May 4 – Freedom 118 Stated
 May 5 – Ken Shelton School – OB114, 8am
 May 7 – Olive Branch 114 Stated
 May 10 – Potomac Royal Arch Blue Lodge Night at Manasseh Lodge
 May 12 – Bethel 52 Steak Dinner Fundraiser
 May 16 – Freedom Meet-up! Lovettsville Pizza
 May 17 – Hamilton-Thompson 37 Stated
 Hern-Burn DeMolay at AS288
 May 21 – Herndon 264 Stated
 May 22 – Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated
 May 29 – LCDSA Golf Tournament – River Creek CC
 May 30 – District 2 Bowling Night; Village Lanes
 April 23 – Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated
 April 28 – Horseback Tour of Gettysburg NBP

Upcoming;

Ken Shelton School; May 5 8am at Olive Branch 114,

Most Worshipful

Gary Wallace Taylor
Grand Master
Grand Lodge
of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.
<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org>

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Herndon-Ashburn DeMolay 7:30p (Herndon Lodge)	4 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	5 Ken Shelton School 8am Olive Branch 114
6	7 Olive Branch 114 Stated	8	9	10 Potomac Royal Arch 88 Blue Lodge Night at Manasseh Lodge	11	12 Bethel 52 Steak Dinner fundraiser at Herndon Lodge 5pm
13	14	15	16 Freedom Meet up. Dinner 6:30 Lovettsville Pizza Practice at 7:30	17 HT No. 37 Stated 6:30 Herndon-Ashburn DeMolay 7:30p (Ashburn Lodge)	18	19
20	21 Herndon 264 Stated.	22 Ashburn- Sterling 288 Dinner @ 6:30p Bethel 52; 7:30p Herndon Lodge	23	24	25	26
27	28 Potomac Royal Arch #88 Stated (Ashburn Lodge)	29 LCDSA Golf Tournament – River Creek GC 8am	30 District Bowling Night – Village Lanes, Leesburg	31		

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