



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

Stated Communication – February 1, 2019  
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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## 2019 Officers

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### **Junior Deacon**

Robert "Jay" Still

### **Senior Steward**

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### **Junior Steward**

Matthew Duley

### **Chaplain**

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### **Marshal**

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### **Tiler**

Dick Bond

### **LIW**

R. Harris McGarrah Jr.

### **LEO**

Loyd Davis

## From the East

Brethren,

Despite the cold temperatures and inclement conditions January was a busy month Masonically, with plenty of practices, meetings, opportunities for visitation, and other activities to support the craft. Most notable and memorable (at least to this brother) was the opportunity to accompany the Prince Hall brethren of Metropolitan Lodge #161 and other members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Prince Hall Masonic District in their presence at the Leesburg Martin Luther King Day memorial march. District Deputy Grand Master Greg Valker and other District 2 past and present Worshipful Masters were also in attendance; the wind was blustery and temperatures low, but spirits and comradery were high as we demonstrated Masonry to be "a universal brotherhood of all mankind."

Speaking of Right Worshipful Valker, a reminder that our coming stated in February is the official DDGM visit. All Freedom Lodge members who can attend are encouraged to do so.

Worshipful Brother King will be providing our traditional Mardi Gras fellowship meal. Will you find the baby in the King Cake? The only way to know is to be there!

Be well, brethren.

Yours in Service,  
Mark Shapiro, Worshipful Master

## From the West

In honor of Presidents Day, let's look at the Masons who were vice presidents. There have been 16 vice presidents who were Masons: George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry, Daniel Tompkins, Richard Johnson, George Dallas, William King, John Breckenridge, Schuyler Colfax, Garret Hobart, Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Fairbanks, Thomas Marshall, Henry Wallace, Harry Truman, Hubert Humphrey, and Gerald Ford all have this distinction of assisting the President of the United States as Vice President.

As we begin February, join in and assist with the fellowship that is planned and being planned. Please remember that suggestions for activities that promote fellowship in our lodge are always welcome.

S&F

Mark

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## **From the South**

Greetings from the South!

We had 14 members present and no visitors for our January Stated Meeting.

The Sweetheart's Dinner is scheduled for 13 February at 630PM at Market Table Bistro. So far, 14 have signed up. We will need a final count by 6 February 2019, so that Brother Jason has enough time to accommodate us. If you know of any widows that may want to attend, please reach out to me so that I may include them amongst our group.

S&F,

Brother Geoffrey Hoyt

### **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 Brooks	2012,2014
Thomas W. Brierton	2013
Loyd E. Davis	2015
J. David King	2016
Chuck Wyant	2017
Wes Hirschhorn	2018

### **Feb. Masonic Birthdays:**

- Daniel Gillenwater
- Gary Ing

### **Most Worshipful**

William Edward Hershey  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge  
of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.

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## February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Freedom Stated DDGM Official Visit 7:00P/8:00P	2 Rainbow Girls Installation, Ashburn 1:00P-3:00P
3	4 Olive Branch Stated 7:00P/8:00P	5	6 Lodge Officers' Meeting/Practice 7:00P/8:15P	7	8	9
10	11 Loudoun RAC Herndon 7:00P	12 Ashburn-Sterling Stated 6:30P/7:30P	13 Valentines Dinner (Market Table) – 6:30P	14	15 Warden's and Master's Meeting 7:00P	16
17	18 Herndon Stated 6:30P/7:30P	19	20 Freedom 118 Meet-up (Bonnies) 6:30P	21 Hamilton- Thompson Stated 6:30P/7:30P	22	23
24	25 Potomac RAC Ashburn 7:30P	26	27	28		

More Info at <http://freedomlodge118.org/>

### Mark Your Calendar

March 1 – Freedom Stated March 4 – Olive Branch Stated March 12 – Ashburn-Sterling Stated March 15 – District Leadership Conference, Warrenton March 16 – District Leadership Conference, Alexandria March 18 – Herndon Stated March 21 – Hamilton-Thompson Stated March 23 – Ken Shelton School, Ashburn	April 5 – Freedom Stated May 11 – Strassburg PA Railroad Outing June 23 – Flying Circus Air Show (Tentative) July 6 – Family Drive-In Movie Night – Spider-Man (Tentative) July 19 – Grand Master's Official Visit September 7 – Tank Days @ Amer. in Wartime Museum, Nokesville November 6-9 – Grand Annual Communication (Projected)
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*"Temet nosce. (Know Thyself)"*

