



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

<http://FreedomLodge118.org>

Stated Communication – April 5, 2019

Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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LEO

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From the East

Brethren,

April brings with it the blooms of "true spring" and growth – classic symbols of newness and youth. What better month, then, for the Grand Master to have selected to specially honor youth in Masonry? The month has already started with notable fanfare; the Order of DeMolay, by edict of their Grand Master, performed their DeMolay degree world-wide on April 1st, marking the Centennial Anniversary of their order's founding. Having watched the high drama unfold in Springfield, I can say that its story rivals our own in many ways, and it's clear to see how the order provides young men with the lessons they need for their future in both Masonry and the world.

The Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters were also specifically called out for attention this month by the Grand Master; in lieu of our urging for traditional fraternal visits, it is my intent this month to attempt to formally visit and support these youth organizations throughout the month.

Last, I would like to make special note of this month as a "presentation-heavy" one; Herndon DeMolay will be providing a fellowship presentation on their order, RW Davis will be providing education for some of our newer members on the duties of the subordinate lodge officers, and we will have a special presentation from Bro. Kevin Homan of a more esoteric nature, to demonstrate the full breadth of our craft's lore.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Mark Shapiro, Worshipful Master

From the West

In the West,

The weather and times didn't cooperate for spring cleaning. As such, we will move it to the set date of April 20th. The meetup at Bonnie's turned into quite a showing. At least 10 brethren were in attendance and then over to lodge for ritual practice. This was a great night of fellowship observed by all. The District School was held at Freedom Lodge on March 27th. Participating from our Lodge were Worshipful Shapiro, Brother Hoyt, Right Worshipful McGarrah, and Brother Duley, performing in the positions of Worshipful Master, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, and Marshal respectively.

April will be a busy month and hope to see you at the events if within the length of your cabletow.

S&F

Mark

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From the South

Greetings from the South! There were 17 members and 6 visitors present at our Stated Meeting in March.

Bro. Still will be providing dinner this month. We are looking forward to a delicious meal!

Dinner reservations are open to those that would like to share one of their scrumptious meals for our stated meetings. I am looking for volunteers for May to August. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.

Upcoming Social Events

We are planning the District 2 Bowling Night. The preferred location at this time is the Bowlero at 1602 Village Market Blvd SE Ste 100, Leesburg, VA 20175 <https://www.bowlero.com/location/bowlero-leesburg/>. No date has been set. We are looking for recommendations on date and time to accommodate all that would like to attend. This is a family event, so please bring them out.

WHAT: Strasburg Railroad

WHEN: 11 May 2019 Show time 11 – 1130AM. Departure at 1200PM

WHERE: 301 Gap Road, Ronks, PA 17572

ADDITIONAL INFO: \$13.50/adult, \$7.00/child

2-11 Free

Food is provided at the Amish stand or bring your own

<https://www.strasburgrailroad.com>

WHAT: Tour de Cure

WHEN: 02 June 2019 6AM to 12PM

WHERE: TBD

ADDITIONAL INFO: Contact Bro. Duley for more information

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?pg=entry&fr_id=12816

WHAT: Flying Circus

WHEN: 23 June 2019 10AM to 5PM

WHERE: 5114 Ritchie Rd, Bealton, VA 2271

ADDITIONAL INFO: Contact me if you are planning to attend

<https://flyingcircusairshow.com>

WHAT: Night At The Drive In

WHEN: 23 June 2019 10AM to 5PM

WHERE: 5890 Valley Pike, Stephens City, VA 22655

ADDITIONAL INFO: Contact me if you are planning to attend

<http://www.thefamilydriveintheatre.com>

WHAT: Tank Days

WHEN: 07 September 2019 10AM to 4PM

WHERE: Nokesville, VA (Exact address TBD)

ADDITIONAL INFO: Contact me if you are planning to attend

Suggested \$10 donation per adult

<https://www.nmaw.org>

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

April Masonic Birthdays:

- Thomas Brierton
- David Kirk
- David Lang
- Richard (Dick) Phillips
- George Shoemaker, Jr.

Most Worshipful

William Edward Hershey
Grand Master
Grand Lodge
of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.
<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org>





April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Olive Branch Stated 7:00P/8:00P	2	3	4	5 Freedom Stated 7:00P/8:00P	6
7 Rainbow Girls – HT288 3:30P	8 Loudoun RAC Herndon 7:00P	9 Ashburn-Sterling Stated 6:30P/7:30P	10 Lodge Officers' Meeting/Practice 7:00P/8:00P	11 Sharon Lodge Visit, McLean 7:30P	12 Scottish Rite Mtg 7:00P	13
14	15 Herndon Stated 6:30P/7:30P	16	17 Freedom 118 Meet-up (Bonnies) 6:30P	18 Hamilton-Thompson Stated 6:30P/7:30P	19	20 Ashburn-Sterling Youth Night 6:30P
21	22 Potomac RAC Ashburn 7:30P	23	24 District School: Herndon 264 6:30 PM	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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

Mark Your Calendar

May 3 – Freedom Stated May 6 – Olive Branch Stated May 11 – Strasburg PA Railroad Outing May 14 – Ashburn-Sterling Stated May 16 – Hamilton-Thompson Stated May 20 – Herndon Stated	June 15 – Mid-Atlantic Esotericon 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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***"Youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty.
Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old." – Franz Kafka***