



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

Stated Communication – May 3, 2019  
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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## From the East

Brethren,

The traditional saying is that "April showers bring May flowers" (and that May flowers bring The Pilgrims), but here in District 2, the continuance of spring brings budding social contact and events! May ushers in a two-month stretch of busy social events and opportunities to show the brotherhood in a positive light, many of which are listed in greater detail on the reverse side of this newsletter.

Of special note this month: District 2's Strasburg Railroad trip on March 11<sup>th</sup>; a Festive Board at the Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM (contact SW Howard Snowdon – [howardsnowdon@gmail.com](mailto:howardsnowdon@gmail.com)); and the potential for both a yet-to-be-determined bowling night as well as a potential chicken dinner. Stay plugged in, and updates will be provided here, in lodge, and on the list as applicable.

Several attempts were made to muster a work party for the benefit of the physical state of the lodge in April, but due to a combination of schedule and weather issues, all had to be rescheduled. If your schedule offers you any free time on a weekend, and you're willing to lend a hand, please contact myself or SW Canter so we can arrange for your convenience.

Finally, brethren, on a more somber note: our lodge will be taking a moment to remember RW Kenneth Shelton, who laid up his working tools April 14<sup>th</sup>. His contributions to Masonry are immeasurable, and live on in his name and memory.

Yours in service,

Mark Shapiro, Worshipful Master

**There is a destiny  
that makes us  
brothers;**

**None goes his way  
alone.**

**All that we send  
into the lives of  
others,**

**Comes back into  
our own.  
(Edwin Markham)**



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## From the South

Greetings from the South! There were 17 members and 2 visitors present at our Stated Meeting in April.

Bro. McGarrah 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 June, July, September, October and November. 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](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

**May Masonic Birthdays:**

- Jim Crunk
- Geoffrey Hoyt
- Reginald Sandbower, Jr.

**Most Worshipful**

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





## May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Freedom Stated 7:00P/8:00P	4
5	6 Olive Branch Stated 7:00P/8:00P	7	8 Lodge Officers' Meeting/Practice 7:00P/8:00P	9	10 Scottish Rite Mtg 7:00P	11 Strasburg Railroad 11:00A/12:00P
12	13 Loudoun RAC Herndon 7:00P	14 Ashburn-Sterling Stated 6:30P/7:30P	15 Freedom 118 Meet-up (Bonnies) 6:30P	16 Hamilton- Thompson Stated 6:30P/7:30P	17	18 Festive Board – Old Brogue 2:00P
19	20 Herndon Stated 6:30P/7:30P	21 <b>RW Ken Shelton Memorial – Chatham, VA 11:00A</b>	22	23	24	25
26	27 Potomac RAC Ashburn 7:30P	28	29 District School: Ashburn-Sterling 288 6:30 PM	30	31	

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

### Mark Your Calendar

June 3 – Olive Branch Stated

June 7 – Freedom Stated

June 11 – Ashburn-Sterling Stated

June 13 – Hamilton-Thompson Stated

June 15 – Mid-Atlantic Esotericon

June 17 – Herndon Stated

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

October 5 – District 2 Picnic

November 6-9 – Grand Annual Communication (Projected)

*"The beauty of genuine brotherhood and peace is more precious than diamonds, or silver, or gold." – Martin Luther King Jr.*