



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

Stated Communication – July 5, 2019  
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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## 2019 Officers

### **Worshipful Master**

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### **Senior Warden**

Mark Canter

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### **Treasurer**

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### **Secretary**

George Shoemaker, Jr.

### **Senior Deacon**

J. David King

### **Junior Deacon**

Robert "J" Still

### **Senior Steward**

Lee McPeak

### **Junior Steward**

Matthew Duley

### **Chaplain**

Ray Mauk

### **Marshal**

Brad Westerman

### **Tiler**

Dick Bond

### **LIW**

R. Harris McGarrah Jr.

### **LEO**

Loyd Davis

## From the East

Brethren,

July evokes all the traditional moments of summer. Pools and beaches, grills and summer sun – and above all else, the heat! Whether it be at a party, or doing work around the house, be sure to keep cool and hydrated, and stay safe in all your endeavors.

Speaking of parties, I encourage you to take some time this 4<sup>th</sup>, or in the wake of it, to read (or re-read) the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Our nation deserves celebration for declaring and achieving its sovereignty – but it is through the wise establishment and considered quarreling of our forefathers over these documents that we have been enabled to preserve it. And as humble and loyal citizens to our country, we may better understand our nation through its study.

Lastly, I must regretfully inform any who are not aware that Brother Mike Cox, Past Master of Hamilton-Thompson Lodge suffered a stroke over this past weekend. While all indications are that he is conscious, cognizant, and recuperating well, the recovery from such trauma can be long and difficult. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers, and as always, be ready to assist our ailing brother if within your cable-tow.

Yours in service,

Mark Shapiro, Worshipful Master

## From the West

The summer months are a great time to contribute your time to further the lodge and its various projects. Consider donating your time as we work on lodge upkeep. We have to finish the plaster, painting, and other various projects that need to be completed. The Junior Warden has sent out a list with the current projects via the Freedom mailing list– please contribute by replying if possible.

Likewise, as we work to complete these projects, we need to continue the documentation of how to fix various common problems throughout the Lodge. The Lodge Manual has been started and is continuing to be expanded, but we need everyone's help to continue the documentation.

Finally, as we work to continue the budget that was formulated after the last audit, we need to document any normal expenses, donations, awards, or other items we contribute to year over year. This would include time donated for various activities around the Lodge.

S&F,  
Mark

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## From the South

Greetings from the South!

Bro. Hirschhorn will be providing dinner this month. We are looking forward to a wonderful meal! Dinner reservations are open to those that would like to share one of their amazing meals for our stated meetings. I am still looking for volunteers for the following months: September, October and November. Please contact me if you would like to provide a meal.

### Upcoming Social Events

#### *Freedom Lodge 118 Events*

**WHAT:** Chicken Dinner/Open House

**WHEN:** 03 August 2019 11AM to whenever the meals run out

**WHERE:** Freedom Lodge #118,

**ADDITIONAL INFO:**

\$9 Includes:

- 3 Piece Chicken
- Baked beans
- Hand Cut Fries or Baked Potato
- Cole Slaw
- Dinner Roll

Free Iced tea with Dine In

Iced Water \$1.00

#### *District 2 Events*

**WHAT:** Night At The Drive In

**WHEN:** 06 July 2019 6PM to 11PM

**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

***What Makes a Mason? Is it what he is and does in the lodge room? Not at all.  
It is practice out of the lodge those great moral duties that are inculcated in it.***

### **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

### **July Masonic Birthdays:**

- Phil Brooks
- George (Tommy) Chapman
- James (Dave) King
- Harris McGarrah
- Edward (Bruce) McKimmey
- Renace Painter
- Jesse Shannon
- Mark Shapiro
- Charles (Chuck) Wyant


### **Most Worshipful**

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





## July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Olive Branch Stated 7:00P/8:00P	2	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b> 	5 Freedom Stated 7:00P/8:00P	6 Family Drive-In Movie Night Stevens City, 6:00P
7	8 Loudoun RAC Herndon 7:00P	9 Ashburn-Sterling Stated 6:30P/7:30P	10 <i>Lodge Officers' Meeting/Practice</i> 7:00P/8:00P	11 Hamilton-Thompson Stated 6:30P/7:30P  Treadwell Lodge Visit, White Post 7:30 P	12 Scottish Rite Mtg 7:00P	13
14	15 Herndon Stated 6:30P/7:30P	16	17 Freedom 118 Meet-up (Bonnies) 6:30P SLOT Training – Herndon Amphora, 6:00P	18 Herndon DeMolay	19 <i>Grand Master's Visit (Tickets Only)</i> <i>Bluemont Fire House</i> 6:30P	20
21	22 Potomac RAC Ashburn 7:30P	23 Bethel 52 Stated	24 District School: TBD 6:30P	25 Piedmont Commandery	26 M&W Meeting (Telecon) 7:00P	27
28 Mountain Master Craftsman 4P	29	30	31			

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

### Mark Your Calendar

August 3 – Freedom 118 Chicken Cookout

September 7 – Tank Days @ Amer. in Wartime Museum, Nokesville

October 5 – District 2 Picnic

November 8-10 – Grand Annual Communication

***“For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”***

***Nelson Mandela***