



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia  
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## Stated Communication

### **First Friday**

Lodge: 8:00 PM

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## 2021 Officers

### **Worshipful Master**

Mark Canter  
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### **Senior Warden**

Geoff Hoyt

### **Junior Warden**

Matthew Duley

### **Treasurer**

David Kirk

### **Secretary**

George Shoemaker, Jr.

### **Senior Deacon**

Lee McPeak

### **Junior Deacon**

Wes Hirschorn

### **Chaplain**

Ray Mauk

### **Marshal**

Bobby Isleib

### **Tiler**

Dick Bond

### **LIW**

R. Harris McGarrah Jr.

### **LEO**

Loyd Davis

## From the East

Brethren,

As my year comes to a close, it has been an honor and a privilege to be your Worshipful Master throughout 2020 and 2021. These have been challenging times, but I'm glad to see all of us made it through without issues and have our health intact. As we welcome in the new Masonic year, consider donating your time and effort in the new endeavors that began during the pandemic such as the food drive, lodge cleaning, etc. It takes all of us to make this Lodge successful.

S&F,  
Mark

## From the West

Brethren,

I would like to present to you the working tools of our fraternity as told by WBro Joseph Stewart from the GL of Missouri.

Growing up my grandfather owned a construction company. I always saw him as a jack-of-all-trades and he owned the tools to go with (I spent summers going to jobs with him to be the gopher and help clean up).

My Dad too was always a fixer and builder. In his workshop, there were all types of tools, a lathe, a band saw, a table saw, and multiple toolboxes. Now I have been handed down tools from both of these men, but even though I now have the tools, I cannot build a house!

We are told that everyone should reference their sacred book and be given the tools of the craft with the speculative function of each tool throughout the degrees.

Ritual and the working tools are to be the answers to all the mysteries. It is up to each brother to research how to use them to make himself better and to grow.

The problem with tools is they can be used in more than one way. While the gavel can be used to knock off the edges and make the



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stones fit together, it can also be used to destroy or demolish. The trowel is not only used to smooth or spread, but also has a pointed tip to pick out the old mortar in tuckpointing. These are not improper uses for these tools.

How many times in life have you heard "measure twice cut once"?  
What if the gauge is in centimeters, not inches?  
What if you spend all day using the plumb and never take time to check if things are square? (Have you seen some of the smaller lodge buildings, did they use a square??)

Tools in the wrong hands or not used as intended can do damage.

We give the apprentices, fellowcrafts, and master masons tools and then expect the result to be a temple. We tend to overlook the fact that if we work alone, we will end up with something more like a shed than a temple.

We should give every mason the tools but WE need to also help them learn how to use them.

We are charged to become a perfect ashlar, though it is only perfection based on how it joins the next stone. If we solely focus inward, are we becoming the best possible version of ourselves?

Let us be mindful of our Masonic responsibilities that can be summed up in one word, "practice." This can be only accomplished by practicing solo, then coming together.

Buildings are not made of one stone but rather many put together. We are living stones needing to work as a group to build the future together.

\*\*one solo stone in a field is not a monument; it is a tripping hazard.

S&F,  
Geoff

## **From the South**

Brethren,

Fall seems to be quickly coming to a close and Winter will soon be here. I don't know about you, but I am not ready for the early



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nightfall or cold weather! I still have much to accomplish around the house.

For those who can attend, the meal before November Stated will be at Market Table Bistro. I recommend arriving early (before 6:30) to get your order in.

As a reminder, we are participating in the town Open House at the Library on Saturday the 13th from 1:00 to 4:00pm if you would like to join us to answer questions about who we are and what we do.

For those who will be travelling for the Thanksgiving holiday, may your journey to see friends and family be joyful and safe.

Your Junior Warden,  
Matt Duley

## Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye	1983, 2005-2007
Roy Harris	1992-1995, 2011
McGarrah, Jr.	
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

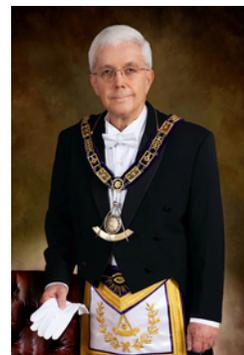
## November Masonic Birthdays:

Ralph Cavalieri  
 Matt Duley  
 Larry Frye  
 Fred George, III  
 Blake Gillenwater  
 Shannon Stong  
 Scott Wallace

## Most Worshipful

Vernon Douglas Jones  
Grand Master  
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A.F. & A.M.

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## November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 31	Nov 1 Olive Branch Stated	2	3	4	5	6 Grand Annual Communication
7	8	9 Ashburn-Sterling Stated	10	11 Veteran's Day Hamilton-Thompson Stated	12 Stated Communication 8:00P	13
14	15 Herndon Stated	16	17 Lodge Practice 7:00P	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4

### Future Dates

<b>Freedom Lodge #118</b>	<b>District 2 / Grand Lodge</b>
Lodge Dues are now due for the 2021-2022 Masonic Year.	None planned.

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