

***August 2013
Trestleboard***



**Freedom Lodge 118
P.O. Box 293
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Freedom Lodge #118

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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To Set the Craft to Work, and give them Proper Instruction for their Labor . . .

A Message from the East

Brethren,

Having returned home from my extended travels in June and July, I am looking forward to resuming my masonic duties at the lodge and sharing fellowship with all of you at our August stated communication.

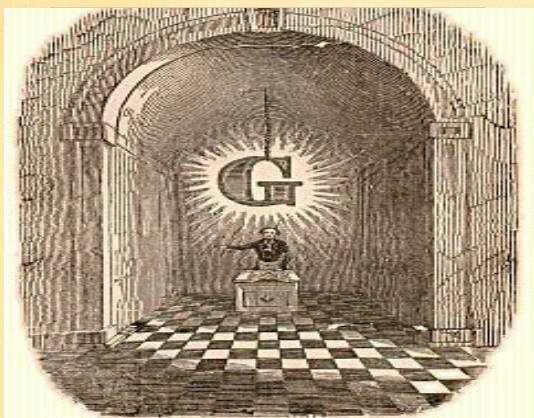
I would like to thank our Junior Warden, MW Loyd Davis, for assuming the East in my absence. By all accounts, he did an excellent job and all of the Brethren indeed felt like they were in a Virginia Lodge and not on a quick trip to Utah. Thanks also to Senior Warden RW Harris McGarrah and the rest of the officers and Brethren of Freedom Lodge for their continued work during my ab-

sence.

I hope all of the Brethren of Freedom Lodge are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It seems incredible that we only have one month left before Labor Day, the resumption of school, football season, and the crisper and cooler days of the fall are upon us (and we must once again wear jacket and tie to Lodge).

So I hope everyone can come out to our August stated and enjoy wearing the business casual clothes of summer one last time in 2013. See you Friday night!!!

Tom Brierton, Worshipful Master



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Stated Communication 1st Friday @ 8:00 pm

Correct in the West

A monthly column by

Harris McGarrah, PDDGM, Senior Warden

Freemasonry and Patriotism

We say that Freemasonry is a universal Brotherhood bringing together men of every nation, creed, and color and yet we also say that Masons are patriotic. Is there a contradiction between the universality of Freemasonry and its patriotic bent? The answer is no, and clearly demonstrated by the fact that some of the most patriotic men in our country and in other countries have been Masons. These include: George Washington and General McArthur from our own country. Rudyard Kipling and Winston Churchill from Great Britain, and from France - General Lafayette.

Patriotism is founded on great principles and supported by even greater virtues. It involves duties and responsibilities as well as privileges. The idea of patriotism involves personal sacrifice. True patriotism is a thinking patriotism. It goes beyond the shouting and hurrahs, beyond the blare of brass bands and the boom of fireworks. It is more than stump speeches and parades. True patriotism is a great, calm, and altogether lovely and holy thing that worships God and loves its fellow man. It is a consecration of high ideals, and it is the hallowing of a man's entire soul in a most holy cause.

In our own country, Americanism can easily be defined by the Declaration of Independence, which asserts the rights of man in one immortal sentence. No Freemason who reads those words, and those in our Bill of Rights and Constitution, would fail to recognize them as Masonic documents - not because of the great number of Freemasons who wrote or influenced them, but because they embody the living and time-honored tenets, precepts, and principles of our Ancient Craft.

Every Freemason in these United States should understand that Freemasonry, as an institution, has always been an integral part of America's history and destiny. It was Freemasonry in a preeminent degree that so carefully and yet so resolutely cradled democracy in the first eventful years of America's history. Indeed, American nationality was largely brought about by Freemasons. Loyalty to one's country is a basic Masonic principle and carries with it the highest obligation of citizenship - obedience to law, respect for constitutional authority, a recognition of the right of every human being to the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

So we can be proud that our Masonic values and the exercise of our patriotic duties have contributed so greatly to that civic progress which has made this uniquely American experiment with democracy work so well and for so long. We join with our Brethren around the world in standing up for truth and justice and we hope that the freedoms we enjoy in this great country may one day be enjoyed by all mankind all over the world.

August Masonic Ritual Instruction

Freedom Lodge School of Instruction — August 8th @ 7 pm

No District 2 School in Summer — Resumes in September

Right in the South

*A monthly column by
Lloyd Evan Davis, PGM, Junior Warden*

Brethren

I want to thank you all for your support and indulgence during my inaugural stated meeting as Worshipful Master pro tem last month. I rather enjoyed it and got the impression you did also. You will recall that Worshipful Brother Gary Ing talked about the funds he predicts we will need to accrue to maintain our lodge building over the next ten years. He talked about the probable need to replace our furnace, our air conditioner, some of our flooring, and other potential problems we will face. This immediately brings to my mind the need for an Endowment Fund. This fund is not a tax deductible fund for its investors. It is a fund dedicated solely for our lodge building's maintenance needs. We can begin deposits to this fund through our yearly budget starting next year, but its principal source of deposits must come from us individually. It is a donation from ourselves to ourselves for use in keeping our lodge building structurally sound and properly furnished. I propose that we begin discussions about this fund immediately and come to an agreement about how we would like to implement and administer this fund by our November meeting. The time is now and the need is urgent.

On a lighter note, both the Junior and Senior Wardens of my home lodge, Occoquan Lodge No. 310 in Woodbridge, have received their Wardens Certificates. They don't know it, but my goal is to receive mine by November and they are now ahead of me. The race is on to complete my goal. Don't hesitate to remind me of my goal and chide me about my progress.

I am currently halfway through a cross country road trip visiting friends and relatives. I will miss the August stated meet since I don't expect to return home until about the middle of August. I wish you all a pleasant and fun summer and expect to see all of your smiling faces at our September stated meeting.

May the GAOTU shine his blessings upon you.

Lloyd Davis, PGM
Junior Warden

August Masonic Birthdays

***Daniel Fleming
Joe Evans
Lloyd Davis***

Wish these Brothers
A Happy Masonic Birthday!!!

**To call the Craft
from Labor to Refreshment . . .**

Stewards' Menu for August Stated

**Country Ham Platter
Chicken Salad Sandwiches
Potato Salad
Relish Tray
Carol McGarrah's Delightful
Desserts**



Until its next Stated Communication . . .

A Look Ahead from the East

As we begin the last month of Summer 2013, now is a good time for us to look ahead to a busy fall for the Brethren of Freedom 118. We anticipate that sometime this month, we will be conferring another Master Mason's degree. If you would like to participate in this degree, please reserve the time to come to Lodge practice. If you want to sit in a chair, or learn a new part, I encourage you to do so.

At our August stated, we will be discussing a number of items such as ongoing maintenance and pest control concerns at the Lodge, the installation schedule for our new sidewalk and Freedom's Walk of Masonry. The bricks are here, and we will soon be finalizing our plans for placement. We will also talk about our plans for presenting the Community Builder's Award next month, observing the 90th anniversary of the Lodge fire, and plans for the Lodge to participate in the Lovettsville Octoberfest celebration.

I am also pleased to report that we have confirmed a very special educational program for our September stated communication. The Heroes of '76, a unit of the National Sojourners, will be coming to Freedom Lodge. The Heroes will be presenting their renowned Flag Build, a patriotic salute to and exemplification of the history of our Nation's Flag. I hope you can all make plans now to be able to attend this rare and special presentation which has not been seen in Lovettsville for many years.

Finally Brethren, I would like to point out two ways in which you can choose to help, aid, and assist our community in the coming month. The Food Bank is once again in need of donations of food and other back-to-school necessities for needy families in our community. Also, Henry Lodge will be hosting a blood drive on September 7th from 10 am-3 pm at their Lodge. Please consider supporting them as a strong turnout is necessary to keep the Bloodmobile coming in the future.

***Sincerely and Fraternally,
Tom Brierton, Worshipful Master***



AUGUST 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Freedom 118 Meal 7 pm Stated 8 pm	3
4	5 Olive Branch 114 Meal 7 pm Stated 8 pm	6 HT 37 EA Degree Meal 630 Degree 730	7	8 Freedom 118 Ritual School 7 pm	9	10
11	12	13 Ashburn Sterling 288 Meal 630 Stated 730	14	15 HT 37 Meal 630 Stated 730	16	17 Blue Lodge Degree Exemplification and Dinner 4-7 pm Alexandria
18	19	20	21 Freedom 118 Meetup Lovettsville Pizza 7 pm	22	23	24
25	26 Potomac Royal Arch 88 Stated 730pm	27	28	29	30	31

Freedom Lodge Events

August 2nd — Stated

August 8th — Ritual School

August 21st — Meetup at Lovettsville Pizza



District 2 Events

August 5th — Olive Branch 114 Stated
Leesburg

August 13th — Ashburn Sterling Stated *Ashburn*
(Special Lodge Anniversary Night Celebration)

August 15th — Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated
Purcellville

August 17th — Alexandria Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Degree Exemplification and Dinner 4-7 pm
Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple

August 26th — Potomac Royal Arch *Ashburn*

