

September 2013
Trestleboard



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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,

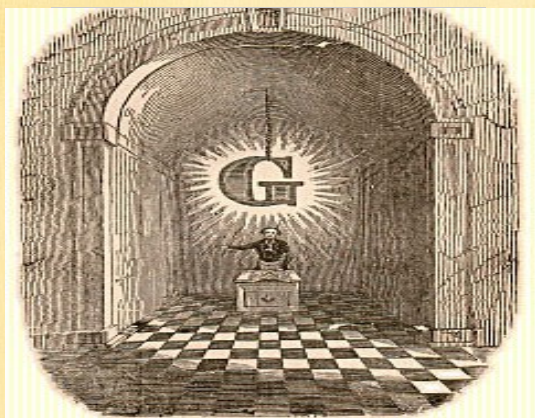
Although it is hard to believe, the slower-paced days of summer are over and fall is now upon us. I know that personally I am very happy that this summer seemed to be cooler and more pleasant than the past few years which made things that much more enjoyable for me. I hope each and every one of you has had a great summer 2013 and are ready for an exciting fall.

Now that September is here, our Masonic calendar will once again be filling up with events and activities for us to participate in. We will be conferring a Master Mason's degree on Saturday the 14th – a topic that Junior Warden MW Loyd Davis

will discuss in detail in his column. District 2 Masonic school will be resuming as well. Our annual open house and child ID drive in conjunction with the Lovettsville Oktoberfest celebration the last Saturday of the month. And of course, the long-awaited installation of the new Freedom #118 Walk of Masonry is upon us as well.

I am looking forward to a fun and productive fall starting with our stated on Friday night the 6th. I hope that you can make it, and remember that now summer is over we will resume our normal masonic dress code of jacket and tie for our stated communications.

Tom Brierton, Worshipful Master



Worshipful Master
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Treasurer
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Senior Deacon
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Senior Steward
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Stated Communication 1st Friday @ 8:00 pm

Correct in the West

A monthly column by

Harris McGarrah, PDDGM, Senior Warden

As most of you know, I love to read. Well I recently purchased an e-tablet and found several e-books on Masonic subjects. My favorite so far has been a little book written by Brother Janti Marks entitled Level Steps 100 Daily Meditations for Freemasons. As Brother Marks states in the introduction to his book, he loves the idea "of starting each day with reading a quiet thought" like many small books of philosophy, religion, poetry, and meditation offer. They have inspired him to use this discipline to provide his readers with the philosophy and teachings of Freemasonry. I agree with Brother Marks that there "is an enormous wealth of many Masonic writings" on history or philosophy, however "there is remarkably little to inspire, on a daily basis, the living-out of our tenets in a busy, modern world." Brother Marks makes it clear that his thoughts and comments do not come from any "Masonic authority." They are just his own thoughts in which, in my opinion, he captures the essences of Freemasonry. He hopes that his book will be an inspiration to Masons and a way for others to better understand our order. He begins each of his "100 steps" with a quote of Masonic significance and follows that with his insightful comment on the quote. Here is an example:

"You agree to be a good Man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law."

Ancient Charges

Initiation into Freemasonry is an acceptance of a great responsibility. By agreeing to be 'a good Man and true' we enter into an obligation, to ourselves no less then to God, to renounce selfishness and all the little dishonesties that it brings with it. We bind ourselves to act for the general good, making our every contact with others an expression of the truth that we are all one. This is the surest obedience to 'the moral law': to love God and love each other as we love ourselves.

September Masonic Ritual Instruction

Freedom Lodge School of Instruction — September 12th @ 7 pm

District 2 School — September 25th @ 7 pm Location TBD

Right in the South

A monthly column by

Loyd Evan Davis, PGM, Junior Warden

Greetings Brethren

As I said in my June message to you, my principal duty as your Junior Warden is to supervise your activities while at refreshment. In that regard, it seems to me that it is again time for us to have a Sunday Brunch for our Widows and Wives. Our June Brunch at Eggspectations was another success. In order to expose you to additional variety in restaurants in the area, I have tentatively reserved the party room at Magnolias At The Mill in Purcellville for 1:30 PM on Sunday October 6th. Magnolias official address is 198 North 21st Street, Purcellville, VA next to the old Purcellville Train Station. It's a delightful place and the party room is just right for a relaxing brunch. You can't hear the other diners in the restaurant. Expect prices in the range of \$20 to \$25 per plate.

Our big effort this month is the raising of a new Brother on Saturday September 19 at 9 AM. The cast list is shown here. Let me know if you can make the degree or need a replacement. The candidate is well known among the DeMolay community and we can expect to have many visitors. We will practice the degree at our regularly scheduled school on Thursday September 12 at 7:00 PM. Let me know if you can not make the practice.MM Cast for 9/14/13 stands as follows so far. Feel free to volunteer for any open spots!!!

	Open	1st Section	2nd Section	Close
WM	Loyd Davis	Loyd Davis	Phil Brooks	Phil Brooks
SW	Tom Brierton	Tom Brierton	Tom Brierton	Tom Brierton
JW	Harris McGarrah	Harris McGarrah	Harris McGarrah	Harris McGarrah
1st SD	Ron Heald	Ron Heald		
2nd SD		Ron Heald	Ron Heald	
JD	Mariano D'Aguiar	Mariano D'Aguiar	Mariano D'Aguiar	Mariano D'Aguiar
SS	Wes Hirshorn	Wes Hirshorn	Wes Hirshorn	Wes Hirshorn
JS	Mark Shapiro	Mark Shapiro	Mark Shapiro	Mark Shapiro
Tiler	Ray Mauk	Ray Mauk	Ray Mauk	Ray Mauk
Treas	Cliff Free	Cliff Free	Cliff Free	Cliff Free
Resolution		Dick Walk	Loyd Davis Back Up	
FC1		W. O. Harrison		
FC2		Harris McGarrah		
FC3		Rhey Solomon		
R1		Dick Phillips		
R2		Ray Mauk		
R3		George Shoemaker		
SFM		Ray Mauk		
Lecture		Dick Walk	Chris Thompson Back Up	
Charge		Loyd Davis		

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

***Stewards' Menu for September-
Stated***

**Masonic Quiches and Fritattas by
Brother Chuck Wyant**

**Delightful Desserts by Carol
McGarrah**



September Masonic Birthday

James T. Rollins

Wish Brother Rollins
A Happy Masonic Birthday!!!

Until its next Stated Communication . . .

A Look Ahead from the East

As our busy fall schedule now begins, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a number of upcoming activities that Freedom Lodge will be participating in over the next few months.

In September, one of the highlights of the month will be conferring a MM degree on Saturday the 14th. We are expecting a large turnout of visitors for the degree due to the candidate's long history of involvement with DeMolay. Two weeks later, we will be having our annual Open House and Child ID program in conjunction with the Lovettsville Octoberfest. It is also quite likely that between now and then, we will have a 'work day' to install the new Walk of Masonry in front of the Lodge.

October's stated communication will feature a football-themed tailgate for the Lovettsville 'Masonic Homecoming'. Patterned after high school homecoming celebrations, this night will combine elements of traditional 'rusty nail' and 'bring-a-friend' nights together into a fun and relaxed evening where old friends and new can join us at Lodge. In keeping with the football theme, our dress code will be to wear a football jersey or other form of team memorabilia to Lodge that night. At the end of the month, we will once again have trick-or-treating at the Lodge in conjunction with the town's celebration of Halloween.

Further down the road, November will feature Past Master's/Warden's night at our stated, as well the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia from Nov 6th to 10th. I would encourage you to make your plans now if you are looking to attend Grand Lodge as room availability is getting low.

In addition to the above events, we need to schedule one more fraternal visit to a masonic youth organization and one more to another Lodge to include a presentation in order to fulfill Hillman Award requirements. We will discuss scheduling these at the September stated.

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



SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Freedom 118 Meal 7 pm Stated 8 pm	7
8	9 Olive Branch 114 Meal 7 pm Stated 8 pm	10 Ashburn Sterling 288 Meal 630 Stated 730	11	12 Freedom 118 Ritual School 7 pm	13	14 Master Mason Degree 9 am Freedom 118
15	16	17	18 Freedom 118 Meetup Lovettsville Pizza 7 pm	19 HT 37 Stated Meal 630 Stated 730	20	21
22	23	24	25 District 2 School Meeting 700 School 730	26	27	28 October-fest Child ID and Open House 900-400
29	30 Potomac Royal Arch 88 Stated 730pm	1	2	3	4 Freedom 118 Meal 7 pm Stated 8 pm	5

District 2 Events

Sept 9th — Olive Branch 114 *Leesburg*
Sept 10th — Ashburn Sterling 288 — *Ashburn*
Sept 19th — Hamilton Thompson 37 — *Pville*
Sept 25th — District School — *TBD*
Sept 30th — Potomac Royal Arch *Ashburn*

Freedom Lodge Events

September 6th — Stated

September 12th — Ritual School

September 14th — MM degree conferral

September 18th — Meetup at Lovettsville Pizza

September 25th — District School

September 28th — Open House and Child ID at Lovettsville Octoberfest

October 4th — Stated Freedom Masonic Homecoming Tailgate

