



Freedom Lodge No. 118 AF&AM
28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>



Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

Month in Review – December marked the culmination of a very active year at Freedom Lodge. At our monthly Stated, we witnessed the recitation of the Master Mason's catechism by Bro. Wes Hirschhorn. This is the first Master Mason's catechism presented to the Lodge in some time. Bro. Hirschhorn did an excellent job with his recitation. A hearty thank you is due as well to Wor. Dick Walk, who mentored Bro. Hirschhorn through all three catechisms this year.

Wor. Brooks announced enough commitments to purchase the commemorative bricks have been received to provide sufficient funds to make the initial purchase of paving stones. Brother Chuck Wyant has reported that a target date of March 2 has been set for a Lodge Work day to install the paving stones. This will be a great opportunity for all of the Brethren to roll up their sleeves and engage in some operative masonry. You can purchase one or more bricks through the Lodge website at <http://freedomlodge118.org/2012/12/walk-of-masonry/>

Finally, the election and the installation of Lodge Officers for 2013 took place. Special thanks to Rt. Wor. Larry Frye for serving as Marshal, and Rt. Wor. W.O. Harrison for conducting the installation. Freedom was honored by the presence of the sitting or incoming Masters of each Lodge in District 2, as well as visiting Master William R. Brierton of Friendship Lodge #7 in Dixon, IL. Thanks to all who came out and made it a memorable evening.

Visit of the Grand Master – MW Louis Kerford Campbell will be making his official visit to District 2 on January 4. The Patriot Lodge at George Mason University will be hosting a dinner reception starting at 6:30. Tickets are available at

<http://www.thepatriotlodge.org/gmov/>. All Brethren are encouraged to attend this fun event.

A Look Ahead – IMPORTANT REMINDER. Due to the Grand Master's Official Visit, our January Stated will be held one week later than normal, on **January 11th**. At our stated we will be discussing a number of items including a busy upcoming Masonic calendar of events, the sidewalk fundraising project, upcoming degree work, January District School, and other important topics. I hope all Brethren can join us at the January stated and help Freedom start the New Year off right!

2013 Lodge Dues – Brethren, the 2013 Membership assessments are now due. Thank you to those Brothers who have already paid. If you have not yet had an opportunity to pay, please bring your checkbook to Lodge to save us the postage. Otherwise, you should be receiving your notices shortly if you haven't already. Please consider including a donation to the Lodge Building Fund along with your payment.

A Special Thank You – December marked the end of the tenure of Wor. Phil Brooks as Master of Freedom 118. The leadership, dedication, and energy of Wor. Brooks made a huge impact on Freedom in 2012. His tenure was filled with degree work, interesting programs each month, community outreach activities, and culminated with the Hillman Award. His exciting year in the East will not be soon forgotten by the grateful Brethren of Freedom 118. A sincere thank you for a job well done!!!

Sincerely & Fraternally
Tom Brierton, WM

January Ritual Instruction

Freedom School of Instruction – Jan 10 at 7p
D2 School of Instruction – Jan 30 at 7p

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in January!

Ray Mauk

Milton Hummer

“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”

Please bring your donations to the January stated meeting to support the Lovettsville Food Bank. The food bank has a need for non perishable food items and other household items for those less fortunate than us. There is a need for bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergents and bleach, dish soap, and other cleaning materials in addition to non perishable food items. With the cold weather in full force and the demands of the recent Holiday season, the Food Bank needs our help to restock their provisions.

Upcoming Events

Jan 4 Grand Master's Visit to Districts 2 and 4
Patriot Lodge, Fairfax Dinner@7p
Jan 10 Freedom Lodge School of Instruction @7p
Jan 11 Freedom Stated, Dinner @7p, Meeting @8p
Jan 16 Meet Up! Lovettsville Pizza and Subs@7p
Jan 26 Division Leadership Conference
Alexandria Scottish Rite 8:30-11:30a
Jan 30 District 2 School of Instruction Olive Branch@7p
Feb 1 Freedom Stated, Dinner @7p, Meeting @8p
Mar 2 (Tentative) Installation of new Sidewalk@TBD
Mar 9 Ken Shelton School of Instruction
Hosted by Freedom Lodge @TBD

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Junior Steward	Dick Phillips	

January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Grand Master's Dinner at Patriot Lodge 6:30 pm	5
6	7 Olive Branch 114 Fellowship – 7:00 Stated – 8:00	8 Ashburn Sterling 288 Fellowship – 6:30 Stated – 7:30p	9	10 Freedom Lodge School of Instruction 7pm	11 Freedom 118 Fellowship – 7:00 Stated – 8:00 	12
13	14	15	16 Freedom Lodge Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza 	17 Hamilton Thompson 37 Fellowship – 6:45 Stated – 7:30	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Division Leadership Conference Scottish Rite Temple Alexandria 8:30 am
27	28 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	29	30 D2 School of Instruction – Olive Branch 7p	31	1 Freedom 118 Fellowship – 7:00 Stated – 8:00 	

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