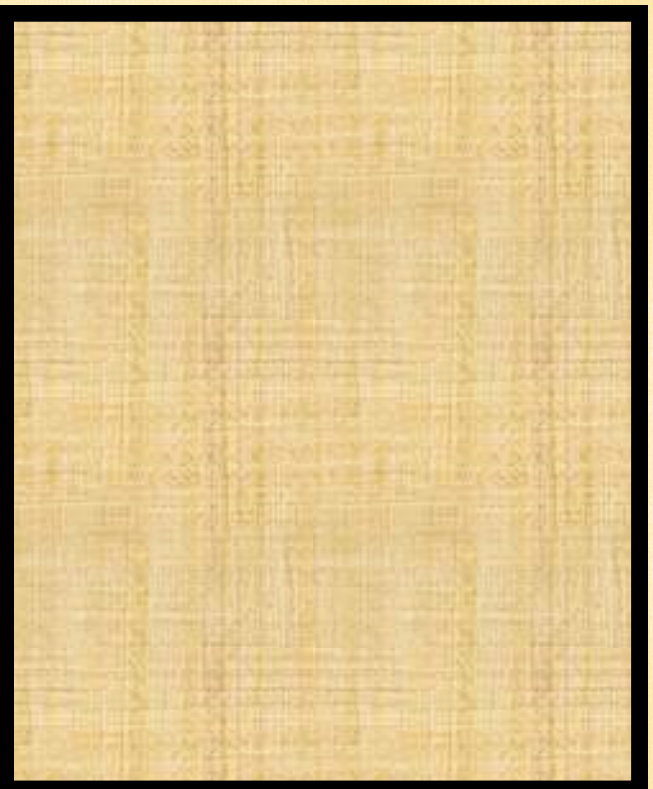


***October 2013
Trestleboard***



**Freedom Lodge 118
P.O. Box 293
Lovettsville, VA 20180**



Freedom Lodge #118

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

October 2013 Trestleboard

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

A Message from the East

Brethren,

Freedom Lodge has enjoyed a very productive month of September. As I reflect back on the lodge's accomplishments this month, I see that a common thread runs through all of them. Just like our craft brethren of old, **Freedom Lodge is BUILDING.**

On September 14th, we raised our newest Master Mason, Brother Brad Westerman, thus continuing to **build our membership** which is the heart of our lodge.

The next weekend, under the leadership of Brother Chuck Wyant and other volunteers, we engaged in physically **building the Walk of Masonry** — our new front entrance. The Walk looks fantastic, and special thanks to all the Brothers who made this project a success and emulated our Craft brethren of old.

On September 28th, we continued to **build Freedom's**

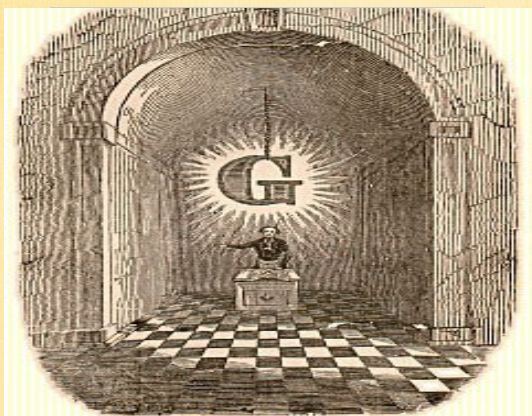
role in our Lovettsville Community with a highly successful open house and Child ID program. We completed over 30 Child IDs, a new record for a Freedom Child ID event. Special thanks to RW Harris and George, and everyone else who helped.

Finally, Freedom capped its month by submitting our application to the Grand Lodge for the prestigious Hillman Award. Throughout the year, we have engaged in many activities with the goal of **building on our success in winning the Hillman last year** by attempting to win it again this year. Each and every brother of Freedom has contributed greatly to this undertaking, and we should all be proud that we can compete for this honor.

Our fall now **builds to a climax** with our Masonic Homecoming at our October stated. Look on page 5 for further details of this exciting event! I hope to see you all there.

Tom Brierton, Worshipful Master

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Correct in the West

A monthly column by

Harris McGarrah, PDDGM, Senior Warden

October is Founder's Day Month

Each year the Grand Master makes a Proclamation which "directs the observance of Founders' Day Month in October. Recognition is to be given to honoring the founding fathers of the Grand Lodge and special note given to the Brethren who established the Masonic Home of Virginia."

So, just how did our Masonic founding fathers, found the Grand Lodge of Virginia? Well, according to the Methodical Digest, it all started with an invitation from the Williamsburg Lodge to the Masters and Wardens of Lodges in Virginia to meet in Convention at Williamsburg "for the purpose of choosing a Grand Master for the state of Virginia." Five Lodges sent delegates who met on May 6, 1777. The delegates were: Matthew Phripp, Esq., Deputy from the Norfolk Lodge; James Kemp, from the Kilwinning Port Royal Crosse Lodge; Duncan Rose, from the Blandford Lodge; William Waddill and John Rowsay, from the Williamsburg Lodge; and William Simmons and John Crawford, from the Cabin Point Royal Arch Lodge. Letters were also sent from Fredericksburg Lodge and Botetourt Lodge with questions. The delegates unanimously voted that a Grand Master should be chosen and appointed a committee to provide the reasons why a Grand Master should be chosen. The committee consisted of Duncan Rose, William Waddill, James Kemp and John Crawford. The committee came up with four reasons.

At this time five Grand Lodges had chartered lodges in Virginia. This lead the committee to their first reason, there was no single authority to settle differences between Lodges in Virginia and the Craft could never meet in Annual Communication with Lodges chartered from five different Grand Lodges. Secondly, "Masonry has never derived any benefit from the foreign appointment of a Grand Master in this country." Thirdly, "there was no authority to apply to in the event of irregularities occurred in a Lodge or if a group of Brethren wanted to start a new Lodge." And lastly "the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland founded their original right of election upon their sole authority, by mutual consent, distinct and separate from all foreign power whatever. We, therefore, conclude that we have, and ought to hold, the same rights and privileges that Masons in all times heretofore have confessedly enjoyed." The convention of delegates met several more times and, according to *The History of Freemasons in Virginia*, was joined by delegates from Fredericksburg Lodge, Botetourt Lodge, and Tappahannock Lodge. On October 13, 1778 the convention elected John Blair Jr., of Williamsburg Lodge as Grand Master. The delegates met again in convention on October 30, 1778, but for the first time adjourned as a Grand Lodge.

October Masonic Ritual Instruction

Freedom Lodge School of Instruction — October 10th @ 7 pm

District 2 School — October 25th @ 7 pm Hamilton Thompson 37

Right in the South

A monthly column by

Loyd Evan Davis, PGM, Junior Warden

Greetings Brethren

I'm sure looking forward to Worshipful Brother Tom's Masonic Homecoming Celebration and I hope you are making plans to attend, especially since RWB Fast Black Caddy (George Shoemaker) is doing the grilling. It should be a great event for everyone, especially for the visitors we bring with us. Don't forget that we will be having our Fall Sunday Brunch at 1:30 PM on October 6th at Magnolias at the Mill in Purcellville. Let's continue the celebration then.

As my contribution to our Hillman Award efforts, I will begin relearning the Master Mason Degree Lecture on Monday Sep 29 under the expert guidance of our DIW RWB Chris Thompson. I knew this lecture in 1974 so I'm hoping that the relearning process will be relatively easy. At any rate I need to be certified by December 1. At that point we will have at least one Freedom Lodge Brother who can give each of the degree lectures. This will make the life of future Worshipful Masters much easier. Now we need YOU to volunteer to learn the other parts of the degree casts so that we can confer them all from our own resources.

The weather is cooling, the leaves are turning, football has returned; it's a great time to be a mason in Freedom Lodge No. 118, the Southern Least Lodge in Virginia.

See you at the Masonic Homecoming and the Fall Sunday Brunch.



Steward's Homecoming Menu

Flame-Grilled Burgers
RW George's Special Bratwursts
Potato Chips
Baked Beans
Delicious Desserts

Until its next Stated Communication . . .

A Look Ahead from the East

MASONIC HOMECOMING CELEBRATION 2013!!!

This Friday night, October 4th, Freedom Lodge will be hosting our '1st Annual Masonic Homecoming Celebration', which will take place from 630 – 8 pm, just prior to our October stated communication. Just like a high school or college homecoming, our Freedom Masonic Homecoming will be an opportunity for friends and brethren to gather together for an evening of fun and fellowship, renew old acquaintances, and perhaps make some new ones. The idea behind our Masonic Homecoming Celebration is to breathe new life into long-standing masonic concepts such as Past Master's Night, Rusty Nail Night, and Bring-A-Friend Night, and recognition of appendant bodies, then roll them all into one activity that brings us all together in a fun, informal atmosphere. The highlights of this year's homecoming celebration will include:

A football tailgate style cookout featuring burgers, bratwursts handcrafted by RW George Shoemaker, and all of your favorite pregame food and fixings

Recognition of the Past Masters of Freedom Lodge

Dedication of the new Freedom Walk of Masonry

Presentation of Freedom Lodge's Community Builder Awards for 2013

Visits by Masonic Youth Groups including Job's Daughters Bethel #52 from Herndon

All Masons, Members of Appendant Bodies, and their guests are welcome. DRESS CODE for the evening is casual and in keeping with the spirit of the event, everyone is asked to wear a football jersey or other gear from your favorite team.

Additionally, all Freedom Lodge Brethren are encouraged to invite at least one friend whom you think might have an interest in Freemasonry.

Finally, I would like to make a special appeal to all Freedom Brethren who may not have had an opportunity to attend Lodge recently to consider coming out for this special event. Just as at any high school or college homecoming, our highest aspiration for the evening is to have as many Brothers as possible there and participating. If you are in need of a ride or other assistance in order to come, please let me know and we will arrange assistance. Hope to see you all there!!!

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



OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Freedom HOME-COMING Meal 630p Stated 8 p	5
6 Freedom Fall Brunch Magnolia's at the Mill 130pm	7 Olive Branch 114 Meal 7 pm Stated 8 pm	8 Ashburn Sterling 288 Meal 630 Stated 730	9	10 Freedom 118 Ritual School 7 pm	11	12
13	14	15	16 Freedom 118 Meetup Lovettsville Pizza 7 pm	17 HT 37 Stated Meal 630 Stated 730	18	19
20	21	22	23 District 2 School Meeting 700 School 730	24	25	26
27	28 Potomac Royal Arch 88 Stated 730pm	29	30	31 Trick or Treat at the Lodge 530-730 pm	1 Freedom 118 Meal 7 pm Stated 8 pm	2

District 2 Events

Oct 7th — Olive Branch
114 *Leesburg*
Oct 8th — Ashburn Sterling 288 — *Ashburn*
Oct 17th — Hamilton Thompson 37 — *Pville*
Oct 23rd — District School — *TBD*
Oct 28th — Potomac Royal Arch *Ashburn*

Freedom Lodge Events

October 4th — Stated

MASONIC HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

October 6th — Fall Sunday Brunch at Magnolia's at the Mill in Purcellville

October 10th — Ritual School

October 16th — Meetup at Lovettsville
Pizza

October 23rd — District School

October 31st — Trick or Treat at the Lodge

