



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
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From the East

Alexander Gulick Babcock to Speak at Freedom

Greetings Brethren

As part of our celebration of Founders Month, we will be visited by one of the two founders of the Masonic Home of Virginia, Alexander Gulick Babcock, in the person of MW Jeffery Eugene Hodges, PGM 2009, whose theme was "Discovering Our Potential." He will discuss the circumstances surrounding the founding of the home. Our educational presentation will discuss the founding of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. At the end of our meeting you will be much more informed about the founding of these two organizations.

We have completed all requirements for the James Noah Hillman award. I mailed our application to the Grand Secretary on September 23. I spoke to him this past weekend at the Virginia Scottish Rite Conference and he noted that we were the first lodge to submit this year. So we can look forward to receiving our fourth award of the James Noah Hillman Award at the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit next year. Let me thank all of you once again for your support in completing the requirements for this award. I believe we have set a new record for the lodge. Pat yourselves on the back; it's because of you we have this new record.

As I look forward toward the end of the year, I note the following activities that are still on the Trestleboard. We expect to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on Brother William McMasters in the next two months. Next month we will meet on the first Tuesday of November, November 3, because Grand Lodge meets on our Stated Meeting night. Our final honored guest for the year will be MW George Harry Chapin, PGM 1999 whose theme was "Building Bridges. At our December Stated Meeting we will look back at the year and see how well we accomplished the goals I set when I was installed as your Worshipful Master. We will close the Lodge of Sorrow and then hold our Annual Officer Elections. Installation of Officers will occur at the completion of elections. The new Worshipful Master will then close the lodge.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday October 2 followed by lodge at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

Loyd

Correct in the West

David King
Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren:

In many ancient customs Kings wore crowns to denote their rank, while court subjects standing around him removed their hats in deference to his superior status. This tradition found its way to America and was adopted by Freemasonry. As early as 1768 this custom of the worshipful master wearing a hat is documented in a book entitled "Solomon in all his Glory".

The Worshipful Master's hat alludes to the crown that adorned the head of King Solomon. The hat worn by a Worshipful Master signifies his authority and status. The Master is not required to wear a hat, however. It is his privilege or province to wear a hat. No other person in the lodge may wear a hat. The top hat, Stetson, Homburg, and Fedora styles are quite popular and chosen by a majority of Worshipful Masters.

Last month, I was privileged to sit in the East and wear the Worshipful Master's hat. The experience was enlightening and illustrated how much work is necessary to prepare to lead a lodge. Even though the Worshipful Master's hat fits and looks very nice, there is a lot of work and Masonic education you cannot see which prepares every Worshipful Master.

I want to thank the many brothers that have mentored me and continue to prepare me for the East. I look forward to seeing you at the October 2nd Freedom Stated and other lodge events.

On the level,
Br. J. David King
Senior Warden

No October Masonic Birthdays

Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye, 1983, 2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm, 1985
Roy Harris McGarran, Jr.
1992-1995, 2011
Clifford S. Free, 1996-1999
Richard A. Phillips, 2000-2003
Gary R. Ing, 2004
George M. Shoemaker, Jr.,
2008-2010
Philip B. Brooks, 2012, 2014
Thomas W. Brierton, 2013

Right in the South

Chuck Wyant
Junior Warden

From the South there is light at meridian height and we might be about to get the Marquee up now that the water and sewer line work is over. I have been coast to coast in the past month and met several brothers along the way. Most recent was the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and I was afforded a tour and was truly impressed with this tour. Their Past Grand Masters portraits showed one who was an American Indian of the Cherokee Tribe. Very interesting and I was privileged to spend several hours in the building.

Looking into October we will have Chile at the stated meeting to get the night rolling. I will see you in lodge.

Your JW
Chuck

Calendar

Oct 2 Freedom 118 Stated

Dinner 7:00 PM, Meeting 8:00 PM

Oct 5 Olive Branch 114 Stated

Dinner 7 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Oct 10 MAHOVA Family Day

8:00 AM Henrico, VA

Oct 13 Ashburn-Sterling 288

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Oct 13 Brunswick 191

Table Lodge - \$20/Steak

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Oct 15 Hamilton-Thompson 37-

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM

Oct 21 Freedom Meetup &

Lodge School

Pizza 6:30 PM, School 7:30 PM

School: Fellowcraft Degree

Oct 28 Olive Branch 114

District 2 School

Dinner 6:30 PM

Masters & Wardens 7:00 PM

School 7:30 PM

Freedom Lodge

History of Worshipful Masters In The East For Many Years

Loyd Davis

Worshipful Master

Greetings Brethren

As I have reviewed the chart of Past Masters of Freedom Lodge, it is clear that we have survived because of the willingness of PMs to spend multiple years in the East. Here is our list:

12 Years

R. N. Lanham – 1929, 1935-1940,
1946 – 1950

7 Years

W. G. Nixon – 1906, 1909-1912,
1928, 1930

5 Years

R. H. McGarran, Jr. – 1992-1995,
2011

4 Years

J. T. McGavack – 1892-1895
J. G. Comfer – 1931-1934
C. W. Gioll – 1955, 1963-1964
P. F. Legard, Jr. – 1956-1958, 1962
L. D. Frye – 1983, 2005-2007
C. S. Free – 1996-1999
R. A. Phillips – 2000-2003

3 Years

R. G. Johnson – 1917-1919
H. W. Ritchie – 1925-1927
G. E. Wire – 1941-1943
J. P. Comfer – 1951-1953
C. J. Hardesty – 1959-1961
R. B. Jones – 1971-1973
G. M. Shoemaker, Jr. – 2008-2010
A. B. Hausheolder – 1898, 1903-1904
H. W. Lamick – 1905, 1907-1908
J. U. Beardsley – 1986-1987, 1989

2 Years

C. A. Butts – 1922-1923
W. F. George – 1966-1967
J. E. Clairvaux – 1981-1-82
R. G. Welch – 1990-1991
P. B. Brooks – 2012, 2014

As we approach 2016, we are poised to break the chain of PMs in the East for multiple years. Keep up the good work.