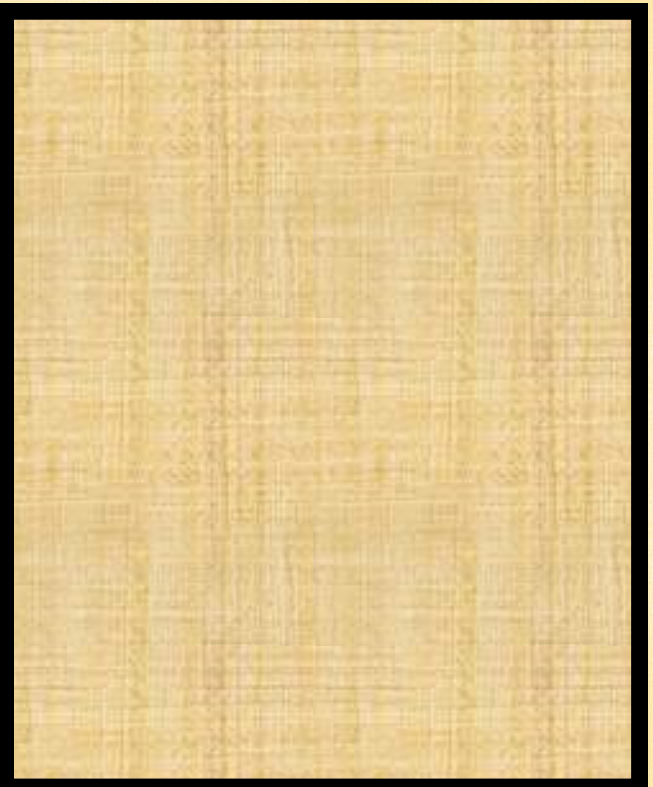


***November 2013
Trestleboard***



**Freedom Lodge 118
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Freedom Lodge #118

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

November 2013 Trestleboard

To Set the Craft to Work, and give them Proper Instruction for their Labor . . . *A Message from the East*

Greetings Brethren,

The month of November is now upon us. To me, November has always been a month about giving thanks and being grateful for what you have. With the year nearly over, November is always a good time to take inventory in our lives of what we are thankful for.

Of course all discussion of thanks and gratitude in November should start with its first great holiday — Veteran's Day. As Americans, we should always give thanks and be grateful to the millions of men and women who have been willing to walk away from home, family, and friends to face unknown risks, challenges, and possibly injury or death. Through their sacrifice over more than two centuries, they have protected our homeland, freedoms, and way of life, and helped create a better future for untold numbers around the world.

The second great November holiday, Thanksgiving, has its indelible image connected to the Pilgrims and Indians in

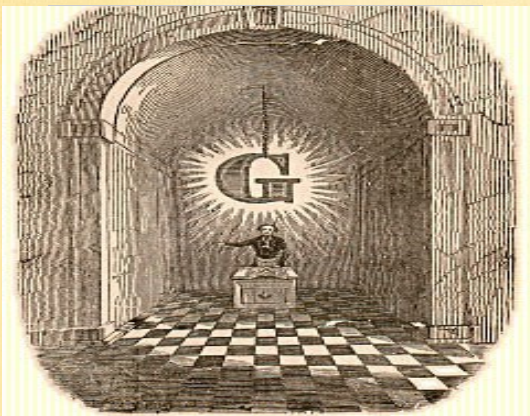
1620s Massachusetts. However, the roots of our modern Thanksgiving holiday also are directly tied to the actions of our veterans. In 1777, George Washington proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving as a celebration for the victory over the British at Saratoga. During our nation's darkest hours of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving for the fourth Thursday in November. Lincoln wanted to honor the courageous sacrifice of the men under arms as well as remind Americans as to the source of all of our blessings, the Supreme Architect. Lincoln thus established a date and tradition which has been followed in the United States ever since.

As our year starts to draw to a close, I hope that you will find the time to reflect on all that you have to be thankful for — not the least of which is the Brotherhood we enjoy as Master Masons. May your month of 'thanks' be blessed by the presence of family, friends, and the Supreme Architect.

Tom Brierton, Worshipful Master

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Correct in the West

A monthly column by

Harris McGarrah, PDDGM, Senior Warden

Brethren

As most of you know by now the Lodge program this month will be given by the Heroes of '76. While I have seen them do several programs and present the flag at Grand Lodge, I did not know just who the Heroes of '76 were.

According to the National Sojourners web site "the Heroes of '76 is an affiliate, auxiliary organization of National Sojourners, Inc., which functions under the authority of, and in accordance with, ARTICLE 15 of the By-Laws of National Sojourners, Inc. It is composed of National Sojourners who have, in recognition of exemplary service to National Sojourners, Inc., Freemasonry, or our National Government, received this inspiring patriotic Degree." Around 1876 Most Worshipful Brother E. B. Jones, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, developed a ritual for a degree he called the Heroes of '76. It appears the ritual was influenced by an oration given by Masonic writer and historian Brother Caleb Atwater at his Lodge, Pickaway Lodge #18, Circleville, Ohio in 1821. This oration was subsequently published in a book entitled Masonic Miscellany Vol I, 1821-2 and sometime later in a presentation book entitled The Emblem.

Before his death, MW Jones provided a copy of his ritual to Brother Thomas J. Flourney who was known as an accomplished ritualist. He passed the ritual along to Brother Christopher Van Deventer who rewrote the ritual. His records indicate he began conferring the degree in 1921. In 1922 while trying to come up with a way to revitalize the Sojourners Club, Brother Van Deventer realized the Heroes of '76 ritual was ideally suited to the membership of Sojourners. Local units under the sponsorship of the Sojourners was the obvious answer, and Van Deventer coined the term "Camp" to identify them. He proceeded to organize the first Camp (Bon Homme Richard) in Chicago Chapter in 1922. In 1923 he and several other Heroes from Chicago went to Washington, D. C. and organized George Washington Camp there. Following that, Camps were formed in most Chapters of National Sojourners, a situation which prevails to this date. Each Camp of Heroes is subordinate to and dependent upon one or more Chapters of National Sojourners, Inc. which is responsible for its proper functioning.

To find out more about the Heroes of '76 and the National Sojourners visit the National Sojourners web site at: <http://www.nationalsojourners.org>

November Masonic Birthdays

Michael Cooper
Ghorley Gregg

Larry Frye
Scott Wallace

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday!!!

Right in the South

A monthly column by

Loyd Evan Davis, PGM, Junior Warden

Fourteen Freedom Lodge Members and their families met at Magnolias at the Mill on Sunday October 6 for a pleasant interlude of good food and good conversation. It was a great opportunity to get to know our Brothers and their families with no schedule pressure or must do agendas. Thanks to all who have attended these socials this year. We will continue them next year.

At the Alexandria Scottish Rite meeting the week after our October Stated Meeting, my young Brother from Occoquan Lodge 310, Brandon Lundeen, talked to us about **how to talk to young people who come to us with mis-perceptions about Masonry they read about on the internet**. Here are the principal ideas they have about Masonry:

We believe in Lucifer

We are part of the Illuminati

Catholicism and Masonry are incompatible

We are part of the New World Order

We have satanic rituals

We are a religion, we have multiple gods or believe all gods are the same.

Now we know the questions. . . it is up to us to provide the answers. The National Geographic web site and You Tube have excellent answers available if we but locate them and study them. For my part, I intend to use my monthly Trestle-board articles to let you know what I have learned in the last month. I learned the questions this month, next month I'll have a few answers. Please join me in this effort and be prepared to give short extemporaneous presentations in lodge.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Heroes of 76 Build the Flag Dinner and November Stated Meeting on Friday.

Your Servant in the South

Loyd Davis
801 390 6559

Steward's Flag Build Menu

***Fried Chicken
Football Ham
Potato Chips
Deluxe Salad
Delicious Desserts***

Until its next Stated Communication . . .

A Look Ahead from the East

Brethren,

Our November stated communication will be the occasion for a very exciting and unique opportunity. We are pleased to be welcoming the Heroes of '76 and their camp followers to our Lodge. The Heroes will be putting on a patriotic program of building the American flag. This presentation will be an open program, not tiled, and all of your family members are invited to attend. Prior to the program, we will be having a special family meal beginning at 6:30. Many of the Heroes and their Camp Followers will be making a long journey of nearly 100 miles to come to our Lodge for this presentation; please honor them with your presence if at all possible.

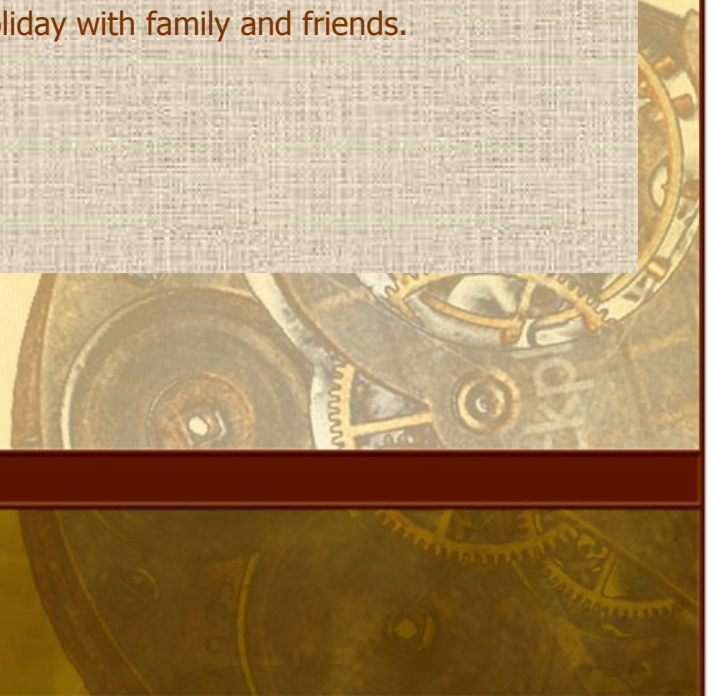
On Tuesday, November 12th, Wor. Kevin Harp will be installed as our District Deputy Grand Master for 2014. The installation will take place at Ashburn-Sterling Lodge during their regular stated communication. (Soon-to-be) RW Kevin has been a great supporter and friend of Freedom Lodge, attending many of our events over the years. Please join me in attending his installation if within the length of your cable tow.

Finally, our Brothers at Hamilton Thompson Lodge in Purcellville will be holding their annual Thanksgiving dinner at their stated on Thursday, November 21st. Many of you have had the opportunity to attend this great event with fine food and fellowship in the past. Wor. Chris Thompson is once again inviting all District 2 masons to join HT 37 for this year's annual celebration.

I hope you all are able to enjoy a happy Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

See you in December!!!

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

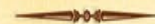


NOVEMBER 2013

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

District 2 Events

Nov 4th — Olive Branch
114 *Leesburg*
Nov 12th — Ashburn
Sterling 288 — *Ashburn*
Nov 21st — Hamilton
Thompson 37 — (*annual Thanksgiving Dinner*)
Nov 25th — Potomac
Royal Arch *Ashburn*



Freedom Lodge Events

November 1st — Stated
HEROES of '76 FLAG BUILD AND PATRIOTIC PRESENTATION

November 11th —
VETERANS DAY

November 14th — Ritual
School

November 20th —
Meetup at Lovettsville
Pizza

November 28th —
THANKSGIVING

