



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

*The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia*  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia  
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>

Stated Communication – Nov 4, 2016  
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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## 2016 Officers

### **Worshipful Master**

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### **Senior Warden**

Chuck Wyant

### **Junior Warden**

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### **Treasurer**

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### **Secretary**

George Shoemaker, Jr.

### **Senior Deacon**

Mark Shapiro

### **Junior Deacon**

Mark Canter

### **Senior Steward**

Brad Westerman

### **Junior Steward**

Mariano D'Aguiar

### **Chaplain**

Ray Mauk

### **Marshal**

David Kirk

### **Tiler**

Dick Bond

### **LIW**

R. Harris McGarrah Jr.

### **LGO**

Dick Phillips

## From the East

### **Masonic Progress**

Greetings Brethren:

October had a few key Masonic milestones. We submitted our Freedom Lodge No. 118 2016 Hillman application before the October 1, 2016 deadline and earned the Morlock and Stokes awards because of the Brothers' generous donations.

We have a couple months left in 2016 and several more Masonic events planned with the 2016 Grand Annual Communication on November 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. Freedom Lodge No. 118 November Stated will be held on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup>. For this meeting, I will be taking in the proceedings from the sidelines as this will be Masonic Future Night at Freedom. Freedom Lodge line will move up a chair a preview if you will of next year's proposed slate of officers for Freedom. A few items that will be coming your way soon. On the agenda, we will discuss the Senior Warden's proposal to change Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated date from first Friday to first Wednesday of each month.



Annual dues notices will be sent out shortly after Grand Lodge for 2016. Please consider including a donation to our building fund with your payment. The Grand Annual Communication that will be taking place starting the 9<sup>th</sup> in Richmond. You should make plans to attend now. It is a great experience and you can meet the Grand Lodge Leadership on the level and hear the issues and opportunities facing the Virginia Brethren.

Freedom's last Stated of the year will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> when the election of officers will be conducted and will install our officers for 2016 in an installation open to the public.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday on November 4, 2016 and followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Coat and tie please.

-David

P.S. – <http://freedomlodge118.org/2016-lodge-officers/>

**Correct in the West**

Chuck Wyant, Senior Warden



At October Stated, I propose a change to our Stated from the first Friday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month. The objective of the proposed Stated date change is to allow more brethren to attend. We have heard the that many brothers traveling with family vacations leave on Fridays and other brethren with children have sporting events to attend, from little league through high school, and college. This puts a hardship on the Brethren with a younger family and those whom travel for work by having a Friday taken up for the Lodge meeting. Often these members cannot make lodge due to conflicting events. You may recall last year we moved our Stated to a Tuesday night and had to bring chairs up into the lodge room to provide seating for our Brethren. This proposal will hopefully see many members at future Stated meetings. A Lodge is not a Lodge without Brethren.

**Common Man's Freemason**



Harry S. Truman is our 33rd President (1945-1953) and the second time in the 169 year history of the United States of America, a Past Grand Master of Masons was elevated to the office of President. He was born May 8, 1884, a LaMar, Barton County, Missouri. He was made a Mason in Belton Lodge No.450, of Missouri, March 9, 1909, and served as Junior Warden in 1910. In 1911, he organized Grandview Lodge No.618 and served as its first Worshipful Master. From 1925 to 1930, he served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Lecturer, and in 1930 was appointed Grand Pursuivant, and progressed regularly until his elevation as Grand Master in 1940. In 1945, he was crowned a 33 degree by the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction.

**November Masonic Birthdays**

Michael Fred Cooper,  
Larry Frye, Blake Gillenwater,  
Ghorley Haines Gregg, Scott Wallace

**Living Past Masters**

Larry D. Frye,	1983,2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm,	1985
Roy Harris McGarrath, 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
Loyd Davis	2015

**Mark Your December Calendar**

Dec 1 – HT #37 Stated /Officers Installation  
 Dec 2 – Freedom #118 Stated /  
 Open Officers Installation  
 Dec 5 – Herndon Stated  
 Dec 5 – OB #118 Stated  
 Dec 10 – OB #118 Officers Installation  
 Dec 10 – Herndon Officers Installation  
 Dec 13 – AS #288 Stated  
 Dec 17 – AS #288 – Officers Installation

**Most Worshipful**

James Edward Litten  
 Grand Master  
 Grand Lodge  
 of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.



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**November 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 Freedom Called Communication Master Mason Degree 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	2	3 HT # 37 MM Called Communication	4 Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p	5	
6	7 Olive Branch #114 Stated	8 Ashburn Sterling #288 Stated	<b>238th Grand Annual Communication</b> of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia				12
13 238th Grand Annual Communication (Last Day)	14	15	16 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	17 HT # 37 Stated	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving! 	25	26	
27	28	29	30				



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