



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

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From the East

Masonic Change is Constant

Greetings Brethren:

First, I want to recognize Shannon Stong as our newest Master Mason. He was raised on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. The November Stated was his first Master Mason experience. It was a memorable Stated to experience with Wes Hirschhorn, Junior Warden in the East. Brother Ray Mauk, the District 2 MOHVA Ambassador, presented Freedom Lodge No. 118 with the Morlock Award plaque due to the Brethren's generous donations. We were honored to have Brother W.O. Harrison on the sidelines. He provided his typical witty and insightful comments regarding Brother Harry S Truman.

The Grand Lodge Communication commenced on November 11th in Richmond, Virginia for the 238th Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia. The election of Grand Lodge Officers was held at 10am on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Brother Vernon Stuart Cook was elected as the 172nd Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. Most Worshipful Cook and the Grand Officers were installed in an open ceremony on Saturday afternoon.



Freedom No. 118 December Stated will be held on December 2nd with my final business items, the election of the 2017 officers and an open installation with the public invited.

Reminder, your 2017 dues notices are in the mail. You can bring your dues payment to the December 2nd stated or mail to RW George Shoemaker, Jr. at **Freedom Lodge No. 118, Attn: Secretary, P.O. Box 293 Lovettsville, VA 20180**. Donations to the Lodge Building Fund are always needed and greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner on Friday on December 2, 2016 and followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated and Election. I will provide updates on the meeting agenda and Open Installation. Coat and tie please.

-David

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So, Rises the Sun in the East...

On December 4, 2015, I was installed as Freedom Lodge No. Worshipful Master after a lot of long hours and hard work from late RW Kevin Harp and many other Brothers. I had a few 2016 goals; send out a weekly Events of the week, encourage the Brethren to participate with at least three fraternal visits, and perform a few Lodge repairs before the 125th year celebration. At the closing of my term, I have reflected upon my rich and memorable experience to serve a great fraternity and Lodge.

In the past year, we made seven visits to other Lodges where we presented a couple programs. We attended a half dozen district schools, the Division Leadership Conference, the Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 2 on March 19th, earned the James Noah Hillman Award, Morlock Award, Stokes Award, our Senior Warden received his Warden's Certificate, had a new degree lecture, raised a Master Mason.

My Brothers, you have carried out the duties needed to accomplish this rich Masonic experience in 2016. Thank you!



New GRAND MASTER OF VIRGINIA



172nd Grand Master of Masons in Virginia is Most Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook. Brother Cook was made a Master Mason in Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 on March 17, 1966. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 2009. He affiliated with Washington and Henry Lodge No. 344 on December 13, 2004, where he is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 2008. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 15C in 2010. He has served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance and the Grand Lodge Committee on Security. He was a member of the Commission on Background Investigation of Candidates. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in November 2015.

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December Masonic Birthdays

Brother Alver Gene Cohen,
Brother Joseph Thomas Evans, Brother
Fred Lee George, III

Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye,	1983,2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm,	1985
Roy Harris McGarrah, 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 January Calendar

Jan 1 – Happy New Year 2017
Jan 2 – OB #114 Stated
Jan 6 – Freedom #118 Stated
Jan 10 – AS #288 Stated
Jan 18 – Freedom #118 Meet-up
Jan 19 – HT #37 Stated


Most Worshipful

Vernon Stuart Cook
Grand Master
Grand Lodge
of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.



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December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HT # 37 Stated Elections & Install	2 Freedom Stated Dinner & Lodge Elections & Install	3
4	5 Olive Branch #114 Stated Elections	6	7	8	9	10 Olive Branch #114 Officer Installation
11	12	13 Ashburn Sterling #288 Stated Elections	14 Freedom Meet-Up Fellowship 6:30p, Practice 7:30p	15 HT # 37 Stated	16	17 Ashburn Sterling #288 Officer Installation
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31 