



Freedom Lodge No. 118 AF&AM
28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>



Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:30 pm

From the East

For the April stated the Brethren broke out in denim as overalls were the dress of the day. Wor Dick Walk provided insight into our Masonic heritage with a program regarding Moon Lodges and how the full moon in particular has played a role in our Lodge's lives, and how the moon relates to other events like the timing of Easter each year.

We held our first ever "Meet Up" at Lovettsville Pizza and it was a great success. Thanks again to MW Loyd Davis for getting us started on Meet Up. This social media outlet provides us with another venue to attract those that are interested in Masonry and another opportunity for us to share Masonic fellowship.

Freedom closed the month with the initiation of our third candidate of the year. We are off to a grand start with our candidates, but need to keep the momentum going. Come out to help with the conferral of the degrees. May 2nd and 10th are currently set aside for degree work. The more Brethren we have handling the work, the lighter the load is for everyone. It also would be wonderful to have the sidelines full to support our candidates as they progress through the degrees!

The program on the "Invisible Lodge" for our May stated will be presented during dinner. This program – as all dinners are – is open to the public. To permit ample time for the program, the stated meeting will start at 8:30p. Looking forward to the June stated we'll host our 2nd annual strawberry night. I encourage you to invite your family, friends and colleagues to join us at the dinners. It is a terrific way for us to share our Masonic Light with others.

On Saturday May 5, Freedom will host a Blood Drive at the Lovettsville Game Club. Bring your friends, family and neighbors to this important community event. There are still appointment slots open if you wish to donate. We also could use some help manning the registration table or processing children at the CHIP table. Any bit of assistance is always greatly appreciated.

We still have a long way to go towards our goals for regular maintenance of the Lodge. If you have time and the inclination to help, that is always the best bet. Otherwise, any donations you are able to make would be greatly appreciated. Make your donation payable to Freedom Lodge and on the memo line mark it to the Building Fund.

The District 2 picnic has been rescheduled for September. More on that item to be published once it becomes available. Keep up to date with Lodge news at our web site – <http://FreedomLodge118.org>

Sincerely & Fraternaly
Philip Brooks, WM

Ritual Instruction

District School will be May 24 at Freedom.

Masonic Education

"Just Lodge"

A Lodge is said to be Just, Perfect, and Regular under the following circumstances: *Just*, when it is furnished with the three Great Lights; *Perfect*, when it contains the constitutional number of members; and *Regular*, when it is working under a Charter of Warrant of Constitution emanating from the legal authority.

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

"Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth."

Roberto Clemente

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Birthday in May!
 Brother Reginald Sanbower, Jr.

"Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature"

Please bring your donations to any of the May meetings to support the Lovettsville Food Bank. The food bank has an ongoing need for non perishable food items and other household items for those less fortunate than us. There is a need for bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergents and bleach, dish soap, and other cleaning materials in addition to non perishable food items.

Upcoming Events

May 2 Freedom Called @ 7:30p
 May 4 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 830p
 May 5 Community Blood Drive 8a – 2p
 May 10 Freedom Called @ 7:30p
 May 16 Freedom Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza, 7p
 May 24 D2 School @ Freedom
 Jun 1 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
 Jun 22 Masonic Day at Potomac Nationals
 Jul 6 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p

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May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Freedom 118 Called - 7:30pm	3	4 Freedom 118 Stated - 8:30pm Dinner at 7pm	5 BLOOD DRIVE at the Game Club 8- 2
6	7 Olive Branch 114 Stated - 8pm	8	9	10 Freedom 118 Called - 7:30pm	11	12
13	14	15 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated - 7:30p	16 Freedom Lodge Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza 7pm	17 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated - 7:30p	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 D2 School @ Freedom 7p	25	26
27	28 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	29	30	31		

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