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*June 2013 Trestleboard*

**Freedom Lodge 118  
P.O. Box 293  
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# Freedom Lodge #118

## Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

### June 2013 Trestleboard

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

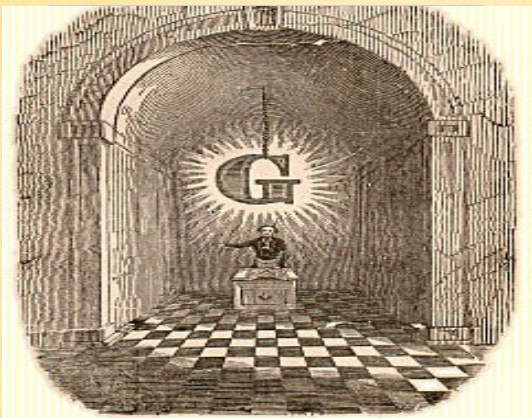
*A Message from the East*

Brethren,

Welcome to your new and improved Freedom Lodge 118 Masonic Trestleboard. Like many of the masonic building projects of our predecessors in operative masonry, the new Trestleboard will be a work in progress for some time. I welcome your feedback and suggestions on how to further improve the presentation and content of the Trestleboard. My goal is to have a fully finished, ready-to-use product which can be turned over to our next Worshipful Master upon his installation this December. In the meantime, I am pleased to present the first edition in the new format. In addition to boasting an attractive new appearance and style, the Trestleboard will now be featuring

officer's columns each month from the East, West, South and elsewhere about the Lodge. The monthly calendar has been enlarged so it will be easier to read at a glance. Information about Lodge and District events, Called Communications, and other important activities should now be easier to find. Over time, I anticipate other features and highlights will be added. I hope you enjoy the new look and features of the Trestleboard which will be added over the remainder of this year.

**Tom Brierton, Worshipful Master**



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**Stated Communication 1st Friday @ 8:00 pm**

## Correct in the West

*A monthly column by*

*Harris McGarrah, PDDGM, Senior Warden*

When Worshipful Tom asked that I write a column for our monthly Trestleboards, I wondered what I might write about. Well I thought I would write on educational Masonic subjects that have been of interest to me or that I was curious about. And while I will be doing that, I would also like to invite you to let me know if you have anything you would like me to research and present in the Trestleboard.

Since this is being written from the West I thought, at least this month, I would discuss something the Senior Warden brings up at the opening and closing of each Master Masons Lodge, the Wages of a Master Mason. Have you every received Master's wages from the Lodge? What are they? The Masonic Services Association of North America's Short Talk Bulletin of February 1933 entitled [A MASTER'S WAGES\\*](#) presents it this way:

***"Our Operative brethren received their Master's Wages in coin of the realm. Speculatives content themselves with intangible wages - and occasionally some are hard pressed to explain to the wondering initiate just what, in this practical age, a Master's Wages really are. The wages of a Master may be classified under two heads; first, those inalienable rights which every Freemason enjoys as a result of fees, initiation and the payment of annual dues to his Lodge; second, those more precious privileges which are his if he will but stretch out his hand to take."***

The inalienable rights listed in the Short Talk Bulletin include: the right to attend his Lodge, the right of visitation to other Lodges even in strange places, the right to receive relief when needed, and the right to a Masonic funeral. Some of the intangible wages presented are the new acquaintances made, the opportunity to serve both within the Lodge and in the community, and the enjoyment of fellowship just to list a few. Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Franklin, Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1760, wrote:

***"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another. Sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."***

The MASNA Bulletin and other articles on Masonic Wages may be found at online at:

<http://www.masonicdictionary.com/wages.html#0233>.

## June Masonic Ritual Instruction

***Freedom Lodge School of Instruction — June 13th @ 7 pm***

***No District 2 School in Summer — Resumes in September***

**Breakfast Menu**

**Yolk Around the Clock:** A bagel, cut in half then toasted on the grill, with 2 sunny side eggs in the bagel hole, topped with bacon & cheddar cheese. Served with breakfast potatoes & a fruit garnish.

**Bacon & Cheddar Cheese Omelette:** Three egg omelette with a touch of cream & cheddar cheese, wrapped in bacon. Served with breakfast potatoes & a fruit garnish.

**California Scramble:** Two scrambled eggs mixed with red onions & green peppers on a toasted English muffin topped with tomatoes, goat cheese, & hollandaise sauce.

**Florentine Benedict:** Two poached eggs served atop spinach and an English muffin with gruyere cheese & hollandaise sauce. Served with breakfast potatoes & a fruit garnish.

**Fruit Stack:** Three pancakes layered with strawberries, blueberries, & bananas, then topped with English cream & powdered sugar.

**Spinach & Swiss Omelette:** Three egg omelette with a touch of cream, spinach, & swiss cheese. Served with breakfast potatoes & a fruit garnish.

**Lunch Menu**

**Tropical Chicken Salad:** Fresh spinach with mango, papaya, grapefruit, & strawberries topped with honey-mustard grilled chicken & roasted sunflower seeds. Served with balsamic vinaigrette dressing.

**Linguini Pomodoro with Chicken:** Grilled chicken sliced and tossed with tomato basil sauce & parmesan cheese over linguini noodles.

**Chicken, Mushroom, & Spinach Crepe:** Two crepes bretonnes stuffed with grilled, sliced chicken, spinach, sautéed mushrooms, & our Three Cheese blend. Served with roasted red pepper sauce.

**Bacon & Cheddar Burger:** A half pound grilled burger topped with cheddar cheese, bacon, lettuce, red onion, tomato, & a pickle. Served with French fries. Rare, Med Rare, Medium, Med Well, Well

**Cobb Club:** Grilled chicken, crumbled bleu cheese, avocado, tomatoes, bacon, mayonnaise, & lettuce on toasted wheat bread. Served with French fries & a pickle.

**Right in the South**

*A monthly column by  
Loyd Evan Davis, PGM, Junior Warden*

*Greetings Brethren*

*My principal duty as your Junior Warden is to supervise your activities while at refreshment. In that regard, it seems to me that **it is again time for us to have a Sunday Brunch for our Widows and Wives.***

*Our Valentine's Brunch at Tuscarora Mills was a grand success and I would like to repeat that success again this month. I have reserved the party room at **Eggspectations** in "The Village at Leesburg," directly across the street from the Wegman's parking garage, for 1:30 PM on Sunday June 30. Eggspectations official address is 1609 Village Market Blvd, Ste 105, Leesburg, VA 20175.*

*Their Sunday Brunch offering for groups is a fixed price for either a breakfast or lunch menu. The price is \$15.36, tax and tip included. We have to select one of six choices from the breakfast menu and one of five choices from the lunch menu which are listed on this page. **Please have your reservations to me at K8EI@ARRL.Net or 801 390 6559 by June 24.** Bear in mind that we must choose only one of the items on each menu. As you might expect, the majority wins! I certainly hope you will be able to join us for another family get together with good food and good conversation.*



## In case you missed it . . . Our Previous Month in Review



The month of May got off to a fast start with the annual Freedom Lodge Blood Drive and Child ID event on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Wor. Phil Brooks for coordinating with the Blood Bank, and RW Harris McGarrah for organizing the Child ID event, and to all the Brethren from Freedom Lodge and District 2 who came to these events.

A second weekend activity occurred on May 18<sup>th</sup> with the annual District 2 Masonic Picnic in Purcellville. This great family event was attended by well over 100 people, who got to enjoy many culinary delights and fun activities. Special thanks go out to Brother Chuck Wyant and his crew, who labored for hours preparing the excellent barbecue chickens and beef which we all enjoyed immensely.

Freedom continued to grow in May with the addition of our newest Brother Mark Shapiro. Brother Shapiro's paperwork from the Grand Lodge of Georgia finally came through, and we are glad to welcome him to our ranks. Freedom also set a new man on the path to light June 1<sup>st</sup> with a successful EA degree. Thanks once again to all the Brethren who assisted with the degree work or are mentoring the several candidates we have working towards the Master Mason's degree.

## June Masonic Birthdays

**Mariano d'Aguiar**  
**Loyd Davis**  
**Daniel Fleming**  
**Robert Legard Jr.**  
**Robert Sagers**

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic  
 Birthday!!!



## Until its next Stated Communication . . .

### *A Look Ahead from the East*

As the summer has now started, I would like to remind all Brethren that Freedom will be dispensing with the suits and ties until September in favor of casual dress at our stated communications. In June, we will be nominating, discussing, and voting on whom we will salute with this year's **Community Builders Awards**. **If you know of someone worthy of recognition for the role they have played in building our Lovettsville Community, please don't hesitate to nominate them for an award.** Remember that this award is not limited to masons – any man or woman can be recognized. We will be presenting the Community Builders Awards in September on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lodge Fire to maximize the Lodge's exposure in the community.

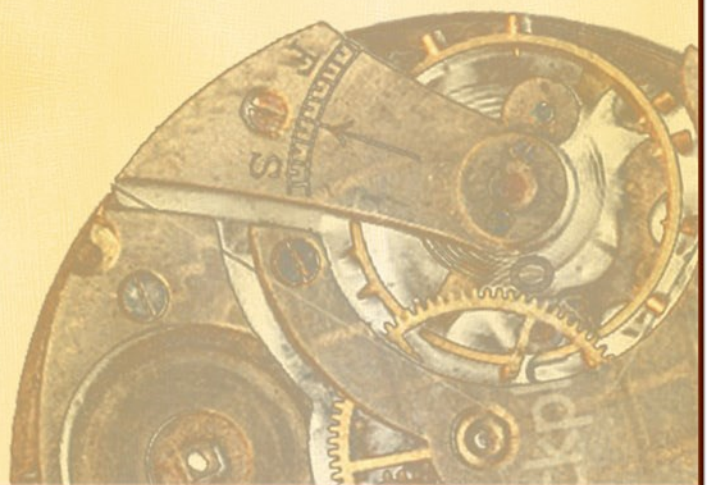
One of the first steps in building a strong community is remembering our solemn obligation to help, aid, and assist our distressed Brethren. The Lodge recently received a letter from MAHOVA mentioning the lack of contributions from District 2 in general, and Freedom 118 in particular. **I would like to encourage each of you to consider making a donation to the Masonic Home of Virginia in the month of June.** Let's make our DDGM look good by making Freedom 118 and District 2 leaders for MAHOVA in Virginia.

For those seeking to use the operative tools of masonry, we will be discussing two opportunities to do so. **Volunteers are needed for a work party to remove the floorboards in the storage room** in preparation for the exterminator. Also, the brick pavers for our Walk of Masonry have arrived. Brother Chuck will be needing help to do the work necessary to install them.

**On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Grand Master will be visiting Hamilton-Thompson Lodge #37 in Purcellville.** As you know, the Brethren of HT 37 have always been available to assist all of the other Lodges in District 2 whenever needed. The visit of the Grand Master is a great opportunity for HT 37 to showcase their lodge, and I would like to help make this event a smashing success for them with a strong turnout of every Freedom 118 brother who can possibly attend. Food will be served at 6:30 pm, and a tiled Lodge will start at 7:30 pm.

Finally, many of you know that we had discussed moving the July stated communication. However, after discussion with the Wardens, **our July stated will remain on its regular date of July 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm.** Please come out and support MW Loyd Davis, who will be assuming the East in Virginia for the first time during my absence.

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



# JUNE 2013

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

## Freedom Lodge Events

- June 7th — Stated
- June 13th — Ritual School
- June 19th — Meetup
- June 25th — HT 37 Grand Master Visit



## District 2 Events

- June 3rd — Olive Branch 114 Stated *Leesburg*
- June 11th — Ashburn Sterling Stated *Ashburn*
- June 24th — Potomac Royal Arch *Ashburn*
- June 25th — Hamilton Thompson 37 Special Stated Communication with visit from Grand Master of Virginia Masons MW Louis Kerford Campbell

