



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



Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

What a great month August has been for Freedom Lodge. During the dinner preceding the August stated, Bro. Donovan Libby presented an informative program on the Boy Scouts in general and the Masonic connections to the Order of the Arrow in particular. During the meeting RW Harris McGarrah and Bro Bennett Corrado provided an entertaining program regarding the Masonic connections to the game of baseball, and also about “the greatest straight man ever” Brother William “Bud” Abbott along with a Masonic variation of “Who’s on First”. To close the Lodge, the Brethren assembled about the alter as RW Larry Frye lead us in the Master Mason’s obligation.

At separate called Communications, the Brethren first received a well prepared Fellow Craft catechism and at the next raised Bro. Wes Hirschhorn to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Lodge room was full and the Brethren performed a terrific degree. Bro Wes provided a hearty meal and the evening was capped with warm and wonderful fellowship. Bro. Wes is the second newly raised Master Mason in our Lodge this year. Welcome Bro. Wes!

A contract has been let to replace the gutters and repair and repaint the exterior wood from the top of the building down. This work is to start in early September and should be completed well before this year’s Oktoberfest celebration. Your assistance is requested on the 15th for a Lodge Clean Up to further prepare us for Oktoberfest. Freedom Lodge will be participating in the Lovettsville Oktoberfest this year in the form of an open house. Everyone’s help will be needed to man the CHIP stations, provide tours of the Lodge, answer questions about Masonry, and to show the Town of Lovettsville the best the Craft has to offer. Make plans to support your Lodge on September 15th and 29th.

Dress for the September Stated is Hawaiian shirts. The program for the evening will be a joint presentation by our DIW and DEO. It will be very informative and thought provoking program.

The District 2 picnic will be held at Franklin Park in Purcellville on the 22nd. Freedom members should bring a dessert or side dish to share. There will plenty of food and fellowship for all. Directions and other information can be found on the Lodge website.

On the 8th Metropolitan Lodge will host a picnic to thank District 2 for their help over the past couple of years. Food and entertainment are planned. Come out to join in the fun.

You can keep up to date with Lodge news at our web site – <http://FreedomLodge118.org>.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Sincerely & Fraternally
Philip Brooks, WM

Ritual Instruction

Freedom School of Instruction – Sep 13 at 7p

Masonic Education

Wages

Wage remotely descended from the Latin *vas*, having the meaning of pledge, security, pawn, or a promise to pay backed up by security.

“Wages” are paid to laborers over short periods of time, or at the completion of the required task. In Speculative Masonry the Master Mason symbolically receives “wages,” rather than salary, because they represent the rewards that come to him as rapidly as he does his work; and, as the etymology of the word suggests, they are certain, something one may bank on.

Source – 100 Words in Masonry

“When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer ‘Present’ or ‘Not guilty’.”-
 Bro. Theodore Roosevelt

“Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature”

Please bring your donations to the September stated meeting to support the Lovettsville Food Bank. The food bank has a 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

- Sep 6 Treadwell’s Lodge on High Hill
- Sep 7 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Debate Night
- Sep 8 Metropolitan Picnic @ Olive Branch
- Sep 15 Freedom Lodge Clean Up
- Sep 22 D2 Picnic, Franklin Park - Purcellville
- Sep 29 Lovettsville Oktoberfest
- Oct 5 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
Past Masters Night
- Nov 2 Freedom Stated, Dinner @ 7p, Meeting @ 8p
- Nov 10 Grand Lodge - Richmond

**Officers of Freedom Lodge No. 118
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September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Olive Branch 114 Stated - 8p LABOR DAY	4	5	6 Treadwell Lodge on High Hill - Long Branch - 7:30p Dinner at 6p 	7 Freedom 118 Stated - 8:30p Dinner at 7p 	8 Metropolitan Picnic at Olive Branch 12-3 
9	10	11 Ashburn Sterling 288 Stated - 7:30p	12	13 Freedom School of Instruction - 7p	14	15 LODGE CLEAN UP
16	17	18	19 Freedom Lodge Meet Up at Lovettsville Pizza 	20 Hamilton Thompson 37 Stated - 7:30p	21	22 D2 Picnic Franklin Park 11-5 
23	24 Potomac 88 RAC 7:30p	25	26	27	28	29 Oktoberfest

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