

Freedom Lodge No. 118 AF&AM

28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA

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Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

March was a busy month and I would like to thank all of you that supported Freedom Lodge with you attendance to the many events during the month. The Ken Shelton School was a big success with the largest turnout ever and Freedom made a good showing. The Grand Master's Tiled visit on St. Patrick's Day is one that will be remembered in the Second District for a while. It seems that a Murphy (as in Murphy's law) helped some Leprechauns get into mischief by providing special green chocolate candies that must have been laced with fairy dust. We made our first official visit of the year and all had a great time. The Division Leadership Conference went well. Most Worshipful James Dean Cole made a very interesting presentation on the Masonic Home's new Outreach Program. This program's goal is to bring the same quality of care services to our Brethren and their wives or widows as the Masonic Home provides except it is provided in the Brother's home. We also had a good turn out for District School which was held at Freedom.

We have several important business items slated for our April stated. We will be voting on our recommendation for District Deputy Grand Master for 2012 and 2013. Don't forget we need names of non-masons we might present with the Community Builders Award

One last thing, I would like for Freedom Lodge to support the Lovettsville food bank. Please bring non-perishable foods to Lodge and we will get to the food bank.

Sincerely & Fraternally R. Harris McGarrah, Jr. WM

Ritual Instruction

We will begin holding a Ritual School each month at Freedom. The school will be held on the Second Thursday of each month 7:00 pm. This month that will be April 14.

The District School for April will be held at Hamilton-Thompson 37 at 7:30 pm on April 27. Masters & Wardens meeting 7:00 pm,

Masonic Education

Worshipful Kevin Homan of Olive Branch 114 will be giving a program on the Scottish Rite at our April stated communication.

Grand Master's Open Visit

The Grand Master's second official visit to the Second Masonic District will be on May 2 at 6:00 pm. This visit is open to all Masons, their families (including children/grandchildren), and visitors. It will be a casual BBQ and will be held on a lovely site owned by one of the brothers of Hamilton-Thompson 37. There will be a cost which has not yet been finalized.

Freedom Lodge Official Visits

We will be making several official visits to Lodges within and outside of the district. The purpose of these visits is to have fun and fellowship with our Brethren outside of Freedom Lodge.

This month our official visit will be to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge 288 on Tuesday April 12 at 7:30 pm

Support the Lovettsville Food Bank!!

Don't forget your obligations. Bring canned goods or other non-perishable foods to Lodge each month and we will see they go to the Lovettsville Food Bank.

If you are willing to receive the Trestleboard electronically, please provide your email address to: harrismcg@verizon.net. If you prefer to continue receiving it in the mail you do not have to do anything.

> Don't forget dues are past due. If you don't have a current dues card you are delinquent.

Upcoming Events

April 1 Freedom 118 Stated

April 12 Freedom Official Visit to Ashburn-Sterling 288

April 14 Freedom Ritual School

April 27 District School Hamilton-Thompson 37

May 2 Grand Master's Open Visit Middleburg

May 7 Gettysburg Battlefield Tour Herndon 264 Sponsor

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