



Freedom Lodge No. 118 A F & A M

28 E. Broadway, Lovettsville, VA

www.freedom118.org

Stated Communication 1st Friday, 8:00 pm

From the East

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know several of us were able to help some of those less fortunate than we are by providing food and support for Ashburn-Sterling Lodge's event at the Loudoun Homeless shelter. I know the email I sent was short notice, but the response was great.

We are at that time of year where we should reflect on how our year went. If you recall, I stated at the beginning of the year that Freedom Lodge was at a crossroads. I believe we have begun to move in the right direction. I am disappointed we did not initiate a candidate again this year. However, we did have four new affiliations. We have had interest from one of our guests at the Bring a Friend to Lodge Night and the word is getting out in the community that we exist. Our work with the Food Pantry has brought attention to our Lodge. I was even asked by one of the workers at New Jerusalem how her husband might become a Mason. We also had fun this year making three official visits and just falling short by one person twice as we made two visits to Ashburn-Sterling. I want to thank all of you for your support and feel sure you will support my successor and the Lodge next year. And don't forget: "Let Your Little Light Shine!"

Don't forget we will be presenting two Community Builder Awards before our December Stated Communication. Agenda for the evening:

- Community Builder Awards 7:00- 7:45 (light snacks will be served).

- Stated Communication 8:00

- Meal to follow meeting

Please come early to help us honor our Award recipients.

Sincerely & Fraternally

R. Harris McGarrah, Jr. WM

"Should You Ever Meet a Fellow Creature"

The food bank still has a great need for food and other items for those less fortunate than us. They will need more canned soups and stews during the winter. They can use bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergents and bleach, dish soap, and other cleaning materials as well as food items.

Ritual Instruction

Freedom Lodge TBD.

District School will begin again after the New Year.

Masonic Education.

Happy 119th Birthday Freedom Lodge!

December is a special month in the history of Freedom Lodge. A dispensation was issued on September 22, 1865, for a Masonic Lodge to meet in Lovettsville with the name of Freedom Lodge. The charter for Freedom Lodge No. 199 was issued on December 13, 1865. The stated communications were to be on the first, third, and fifth Fridays of every month. The Lodge was suspended in 1881 and again in 1888 before becoming extinct in 1890. In 1892 a request was made to the Grand Lodge of Virginia to revive Freedom Lodge. The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia issued a dispensation on January 18, 1892, for the opening of a Lodge at Lovettsville under the designation of Freedom Lodge. On December 8, 1892, a charter was issued for Freedom Lodge No. 118. Stated communications were held at Lovettsville on the Friday night on or before the full moon of every month. In 1956 the stated communication was changed to the first Friday each month.

The last part of success, is to pass your work on to those whom will do better than you. - WRF

"LET YOUR LITTLE LIGHT SHINE!"

Support the Western Loudoun 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 Western Loudoun Food Bank.

Upcoming Events

Dec 2 Community Builder Awards Presentation 7:00
 Dec 2 Freedom 118 Stated 8:00

Officers of Freedom Lodge No. 118 A.L. 6011, A.D. 2011

Wor. Master	R, Harris McGarrah, Jr	540 8225702 703 431-8531 703-707-8150
Senior Warden	Philip Brooks	
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Junior Deacon	Bruce McKimmey	
Chaplain	Dick Bond	
Tiler	Richard Phillips	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 27	28	29	30	December 1	2	3
				7:30pm Hamilton-Thompson 37	7:00pm Commutee Builder Awards 8:00pm Freedom 118	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	8:00pm Olive Branch 114			7:00pm Freedom Ritual School		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		7:30pm Ashburn-Sterling 288				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						Christmas Eve (United States)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day (United States)						New Year's Eve (United States)

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