



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

*The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia*  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia  
<http://FreedomLodge118.org>

Stated Communication – April 6, 2018  
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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## From the East

### **Greetings Brethren:**

March was a busy month indeed brethren, we got a lot accomplished!

The first was our good showing at the Division Leadership Conferences in Warrenton and Alexandria. The general consensus that this was the first time in several years that it was worth the trip to Warrenton.

On Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Charlie Bannon and J. Still as Entered Apprentices. I would like to thank the degree team for a great job. Brother Shapiro did a fine job as Worshipful Master.

On Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> we convened a called communication so that Bro. Lee McPeak could deliver his Fellowcraft return. He did a great job and was enthusiastically voted to receive his Master Mason's degree.

Some of the District 2 brethren participated in Leesburg's Easter in the Park event at Morven Park on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. The cold kept many people away it appears but we still did a number of Child IDs and have been invited back for next year.

On Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> we performed Bro. McPeak's Master Mason degree. I would like to thank the participants very much for their support. It is greatly appreciated!

Please note that the commemorative 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary coins have arrived. Please claim yours now!

While work on the lodge room is ongoing, there are other parts of the building that really need refreshing. The dining hall windows need to be cleaned and repainted, the hallway between there and the stairs needs work and so on. Feel free to stake your claim to one of these areas so we can complete our makeover sooner than later. See Wor. Chuck Wyant for direction.

For our brethren who have not yet been raised as Master Masons, please feel free to attend lodge dinner and come out to our monthly meet-ups. You can enjoy fellowship before lodge and work on your catechisms at meet-up. You are also welcome to take on any of the pending lodge improvement projects currently pending.

Our May stated will be our "welcome to summer" meeting. Beach casual is recommended. The dress code will be casual through our September stated.

**Please also noted that we will be having an Entered Apprentice meeting that night. We will open and conduct lodge business under that degree. For all of you working on your catechisms this is a fine time to come out and see what goes on in a stated meeting.**

**Do not forget to drop the ladies off at the Market Table Bistro for the Ladies cocktail Hour. This is a fun time for the ladies to get together for fun, great food and libations.**

The current word from RW. Odie Case is that the Ken Shelton School will be rescheduled for sometime in May. Stay tuned for updates.

I would like for us to do a fraternal visit to Hamilton-Thomson 37 for their stated on April 19. Please let me know if you can attend. **If somebody would like to do a presentation that would be great, as well as valuable Hillman award points!**

I look forward to seeing you for dinner at 7 PM on Friday April 6th, 2018 and followed by Freedom Lodge No. 118 Stated at 8 PM. Also check out the District 2 Google calendar for more events.

For those who might be so inclined, I think it would be a fun thing to do for us to meet at the 1836 Taproom down the street for an adult beverage after lodge. I might even buy a round!

Wes Hirschhorn  
Worshipful Master

#### From The South

Please let me know if you have any ideas for brunches or other events we can use as a way to get together with our wives and foster further brotherhood.

I am working on a spring bowling event with the other lodges in District 2. More details to follow.

Mark Canter, Junior Warden

#### Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye	1983,2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm	1985
Roy Harris McGarrah, Jr.	1992-1995, 2011
Clifford S. Free	1996-1999
Richard A. Phillips	2000-2003
Gary R. Ing	2004
George M. Shoemaker, Jr.	2008-2010
Philip J. Brooks	2012,2014
Thomas W. Brierton	2013
Loyd E. Davis	2015
J. David King	2016
Chuck Wyant	2017

#### Mark Your March Calendar

April 2 – Olive Branch 114 Stated  
 April 5 – Hamilton-Thompson #37 Stated  
 April 6 – Freedom No. 118 Stated  
 April 9 – Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated Meeting  
 April 13 – Thomas Jefferson’s birthday  
 April 16 – Herndon 264 Stated  
 April 18 – Freedom 118 Meet-up  
 April 19 – Hamilton-Thompson #37 Stated  
 April 23 – Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated  
 April 28 – Horseback Tour of Gettysburg NBP

**Upcoming;**

**Ken Shelton School; May date TBD**

#### **Most Worshipful**

Gary Wallace Taylor  
 Grand Master  
 Grand Lodge  
 of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.  
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## April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 OB114 Stated Dinner at 6:30p	3	4	5 Herndon-Ashburn DeMolay 7:30p (Herndon Lodge)  HT 37 Stated 6:30	6 <b>Freedom Stated Dinner 7p, Lodge 8p</b>	7
8	9	10 Ashburn- Sterling 288 Dinner @ 6:30p Bethel 52; 7:30p Herndon Lodge	11	12	13	14
15	16 Herndon 264 Stated.	17	18 <b>Freedom Meet up. Dinner 6:30 Lovettsville Pizza Practice at 7:30</b>	19 HT No. 37 Stated 6:30 Herndon-Ashburn DeMolay 7:30p (Ashburn Lodge)	20	21
22	23 Potomac Royal Arch #88 Stated (Ashburn Lodge)	24 Ashburn- Sterling 288 Dinner @ 6:30p Bethel 52; 7:30p Herndon Lodge	25	26	27	28 Horseback tour of Gettysburg NBP
29	30					

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