



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

Stated Communication – March 1, 2019
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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From the East

Brethren,

While our resident rodent meteorologist Punxatawney Phil has said that spring is on its way, we certainly did experience our fair share of "vicissitudes and inclemencies" over the course of February – with one or two more chilly visits possible before the seasons roll over. As the saying goes: "In like a lion, out like a lamb."

Despite the various storms, though, District 2 Masonry still showed – and continues to show – itself to be a positive and vibrant force. Attendance at our local social events was spectacular, and by all indications presence at both DDGM visits and District Events was well represented.

There are lots more opportunities throughout the spring to demonstrate the strength, fellowship, and charity of Freemasonry; take special note of some of the upcoming social events reported here from the South and make the commitment to attend and support at least one.

Additionally, brethren, be sure to take advantage of the local opportunities and resources we have as well. Consider how we might show up to support other town socials or special events, and don't hesitate to share those opportunities or calls for work days on our mail list. It's just as much for your own communication as for ours.

Yours in Service,
Mark Shapiro, Worshipful Master

From the West

From the West,

March is the beginning of the spring season, and with that comes spring cleaning of the Lodge. There are many items that need to be completed --- painting, cleaning, organizing, etc. Please consider to contributing your labor, or joining for fellowship, at an upcoming time for the lodge in late March and April. We will share various dates via email as weather permits.

S&F,

Mark

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From the South

Greetings from the South! There were 16 members and 2 visitors present for our District Deputy Grand Master visit.

In attendance for the Sweetheart's dinner were 25 brothers and their spouses, along with 4 of our very important widows. I would like to extend a special thank you to Harris and Dick for inviting and providing transportation to these wonderful ladies! And thank you to all that attended; you made it a great night! It wouldn't have been a success without your participation.

Bro. Wes will be providing dinner this month. We are looking forward to a delicious meal! Dinner reservations are open to those that would like to share one of their scrumptious meals for our stated meetings. I am looking for volunteers for May to August. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.

Upcoming Social Events

WHAT: Strasburg Railroad

WHEN: 11 May 2019 Show time 11 – 1130AM. Departure at 1200PM

WHERE: 301 Gap Road, Ronks, PA 17572

ADDITIONAL INFO: \$13.50/adult, \$7.00/child

2-11 Free

Food is provided at the Amish stand or bring your own

<https://www.strasburgrailroad.com>

WHAT: Tour de Cure

WHEN: 02 June 2019 6AM to 12PM

WHERE: TBD

ADDITIONAL INFO: Contact Bro. Duley for more information

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?pg=entry&fr_id=12816

WHAT: Flying Circus

WHEN: 23 June 2019 10AM to 5PM

WHERE: 5114 Ritchie Rd, Bealton, VA 2271

ADDITIONAL INFO: Contact me if you are planning to attend

<https://flyingcircusairshow.com>

WHAT: Night At The Drive In

WHEN: 23 June 2019 10AM to 5PM

WHERE: 5890 Valley Pike, Stephens City, VA 22655

ADDITIONAL INFO: Contact me if you are planning to attend

<http://www.thefamilydriveintheatre.com>

WHAT: Tank Days

WHEN: 07 September 2019 10AM to 4PM

WHERE: Nokesville, VA (Exact address TBD)

ADDITIONAL INFO: Contact me if you are planning to attend

Suggested \$10 donation per adult

<https://www.nmaw.org>

S&F,
Brother Geoffrey Hoyt

<p align="center"><u>Living Past Masters</u></p> <p>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 Brooks 2012,2014 Thomas W. Brierton 2013 Loyd E. Davis 2015 J. David King 2016 Chuck Wyant 2017 Wes Hirschhorn 2018</p>	<p align="center"><u>Mar. Masonic Birthdays:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Canter • Garland Cooper • George Facer • Frank Lamm • Donovan Libby • Lee McPeak 	<p align="center">Most Worshipful William Edward Hershey Grand Master Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. & A.M. https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org</p> 
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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Freedom Stated 7:00P/8:00P	2
3	4 Olive Branch Stated 7:00P/8:00P	5	6 Lodge Officers' Meeting/Practice 7:00P/8:00P	7	8	9
10	11 Loudoun RAC Herndon 7:00P	12 Ashburn-Sterling Stated 6:30P/7:30P	13	14	15 DLC: Warrenton 6:30P	16 DLC: Alexandria 8:00A
17	18 Herndon Stated 6:30P/7:30P	19	20 Freedom 118 Meet-up (Bonnies) 6:30P	21 Hamilton- Thompson Stated 6:30P/7:30P	22 D2 Warden's and Master's Meeting (Conf. Call) 7:00P	23
24	25 Potomac RAC Ashburn 7:30P	26	27 District School: Freedom 118 7:00P	28	29	30 Ken Shelton School Ashburn-Sterling 8:00A
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More Info at <http://freedomlodge118.org/>

Mark Your Calendar

<p>April 1 – Olive Branch Stated April 5 – Freedom Stated April 9 – Ashburn-Sterling Stated April 15 – Herndon Stated April 18 – Hamilton-Thompson Stated</p>	<p>May 11 – Strasburg PA Railroad Outing June 23 – Flying Circus Air Show (Tentative) July 6 – Family Drive-In Movie Night – Spider-Man (Tentative) July 19 – Grand Master's Official Visit September 7 – Tank Days @ Amer. in Wartime Museum, Nokesville November 6-9 – Grand Annual Communication (Projected)</p>
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***"The fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible,
but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining ashore." – Vincent van Gogh***