



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

Stated Communication – June 7, 2019
Dinner at 7p, Lodge at 8p

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From the East

Brethren,

As the weather heats up moving into June, so too does our calendar! Lots of events and opportunities to draw attention to this month; including the recently completed Tour de Cure (see page 2), the upcoming Esotericon on the 15th, District 2 trip to the Flying Circus on the 23rd, and Saint John the Baptist's day on the 24th! A chicken dinner is also in the works, but still tentatively scheduled.

The Grand Master's official joint multi-district visit is scheduled for July 19th, at the firehouse in Bluemont, and tickets are now available for \$15. The event includes a catered dinner, and the Grand Master has specifically indicated that he would like to see family members and Masonic widows as well-represented as possible, so consider who of these *you* could consider sponsoring. Freedom Lodge has been presented with an initial allotment of 20 tickets; please help to ensure that our district's presence at the Grand Master's visit is as well-represented as possible.

Lastly, I'll likely be seeking a few volunteers at our next meeting to engage in some inter-lodge fraternal hijinks and shenaniganry. More details will be provided at our next stated, but I know there are quite a few brethren who would quite likely enjoy this pending opportunity. Stay tuned!

Yours in service,

Mark Shapiro, Worshipful Master



"The road is long
With many a winding turn
That leads us to who
knows where
Who knows where
But I'm strong
Strong enough
to carry him
He ain't heavy,
he's my brother"
-The Hollies



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Tour de Cure

On June 2nd, Masons throughout District 2 assisted riders in the annual Tour de Cure, a yearly cycling event supporting the American Diabetes Association. Freedom Lodge reassumed its position providing support and nourishment to riders at the Rectortown rest stop, an effort graciously coordinated and spearheaded by Brother Matt Duley.

Accompanying Bro. Duley were Worshipful Wes Hirschhorn, Brother Axel Alanis, and Brother Brian Thomas – a traveling brother from North Dakota whose assistance was most greatly appreciated. Members of the Widows' Sons, including our own Right Worshipful George Shoemaker, provided motorcycle escort and road clearing for the riders, ensuring they could ride safely.

The brethren of Freedom Lodge – and the riders who stopped at the station – owe a special debt of gratitude to Brother Axel Alanis, who demonstrated the spirit of Masonry by generously donating his own resources to bolster those initially provided by event organizers, helping to ensure that all weary souls who sought refreshment at our station would have the opportunity to partake. His actions were a testament to his character and reflect the true light of Masonry. To him, and to all who volunteered their time, we are grateful.



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From the West

Having passed through Memorial Day, I hope you took some time to think of the sacrifices many have made in service to our country so all of us can enjoy the freedom we so cherish.

As mentioned previously, throughout the summer months there are many events worth your consideration – Flying Circus (June 23), and the Night at the Drive In (July 6) to name a few.

And since we're in the summer months, summer dress attire is appropriate in Lodge.

From the West,

Mark

From the South

Greetings from the South!

There were 17 members and 2 visitors present at our Stated Meeting in May. Bro. Kirk will be providing dinner this month. We are looking forward to a wonderful meal!

Dinner reservations are open to those that would like to share one of their amazing meals for our stated meetings. I am still looking for volunteers for the following months: July, September, October and November. Please contact me if you would like to provide a meal.

Upcoming Social Events
District 2 Events

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: 06 July 2019 6PM to 11PM

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

Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye	1983,2005-2007
Franklin C. Lamm	1985
Roy Harris McGarra, 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

June Masonic Birthdays:

- Francisco D'Aguiar
- Loyd Davis
- Mervin Daniel
- Robert Legard, Jr.
- Robert Sagers

Most Worshipful

William Edward Hershey
Grand Master
Grand Lodge
of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.
<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org>





June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Tour de Cure	3 Olive Branch Stated 7:00P/8:00P	4	5	6 Herndon DeMolay	7 Freedom Stated 7:00P/8:00P	8
9	10 Loudoun RAC Herndon 7:00P	11 Ashburn-Sterling Stated 6:30P/7:30P	12 Freedom 118 Meet-up (Bonnies) 6:30P	13 Hamilton- Thompson Stated 6:30P/7:30P	14 Scottish Rite Mtg 7:00P	15 Mid-Atlantic Esotericon
16	17 Herndon Stated 6:30P/7:30P	18	19 <i>Lodge Officers' Meeting/Practice 7:00P/8:00P</i>	20 Herndon DeMolay	21 M&W Meeting (Telecon)	22
23 Flying Circus Air Show 11A-6P	24 Potomac RAC Ashburn 7:30P <i>Saints John Day (John the Baptist)</i>	25 Bethel 52 Stated	26 District School: TBD 6:30 PM	27 Piedmont Commandery	28	29
30 Mountain Master Craftsman 4P	31					

More Info at <http://freedomlodge118.org/>

Mark Your Calendar

July 6 – Family Drive-In Movie Night – Spider-Man
July 19 – **Grand Master's Official Visit**

September 7 – Tank Days @ Amer. in Wartime Museum, Nokesville
October 5 – District 2 Picnic
November 6-9 – Grand Annual Communication (Projected)

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." – Henry James