



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

*The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia*  
**Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia**  
[www.freedomlodge118.org](http://www.freedomlodge118.org)

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## Stated Communication

### **First Friday**

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Lodge: 8:00 PM

## 2020 Officers

### **Worshipful Master**

Mark Canter

### **Senior Warden**

Geoff Hoyt

### **Junior Warden**

Matthew Duley

### **Secretary**

George Shoemaker, Jr.

### **Treasurer**

David Kirk

### **Senior Deacon**

Lee McPeak

### **Junior Deacon**

Robert "J" Still

### **Chaplain**

Ray Mauk

### **Marshal**

Bobby Isleib

### **Tiler**

Dick Bond

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## From the East

Brethren,

The new year is here and your officers have been hard at work setting the course for the new year. There is much to be done around the lodge beginning with the finances and trustees report.

A big thanks to RW George Shoemaker and Brother Dave Kirk for their diligence in keeping the records. It's with their work that we can chart the course and understand how we need to shape the lodge finances for years to come. Also, a thank you goes out to Worshipful Chuck and the grounds committee. Their efforts mowing the grounds, fix anything that breaks around the lodge, and do whatever else is needed around the lodge keeps us running in the best shape possible.

We are working hard to review the Trustees Report and formulate a plan moving forward throughout 2020. As we discuss at Stated, I hope everyone can volunteer their time throughout the year to assist with the initiatives. More to come.

For Masonic ritual, we will be adding another practice night, the first Wednesday after our Stated Communication. Last year, we had this after our stationed officers meeting and want to continue.

We are planning our first fraternal visit in 2020 to Ashburn-Sterling #288 on January 14.

S&F,  
Mark

## From the West

Brethren,

It is new Masonic year!! I am honored to serve as your Senior Warden this year and to assist the Worshipful Master in any way I can. We have many events coming up including a Fraternal visit which we will be discuss at our next Stated Meeting. This will be a good opportunity to deliver the travelling gavel we received under the new obscure clause proposed.

As always, when we have an opportunity to learn and educate ourselves, I encourage you to take advantage of them. They will not only enrich your knowledge but will help out the lodge.

Looking forward to a great year with you all and hope to see you often!



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## Committees

**Building and Grounds**  
Chuck Wyant

**Audit**  
Geoff Hoyt

**IT / Website**  
TBD

S&F,  
Bro Hoyt

## From the South

Brethren, I hope you had a wonderful holiday and got to spend time with family and loved ones. As your newly installed Junior Warden, I look forward to serving you as best I can.

Planning for our annual Valentine's Dinner is well under way, thank you to those who responded to the survey. After review of the results, feedback provided, and discussion with several lodge officers, we decided upon Magnolias at the Mill in Purcellville.

Brother Lee McPeak was instrumental in using his connections to eliminate the room reservation fee and the standard food and drink minimum that sister business Tuscarora Mill would have charged us. The date and time are set for Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Stay tuned for updates on the expected cost as we are working on the menu. All requests for reservations must be sent to me as I will need a final head count by January 29.

It is time for me to solicit volunteers for our wonderful lodge meals! We currently only have coverage for January and March. If within the length of your cable tow, please reach out to me to sign up, especially if you did not provide one last year. Also, please let me know ahead of time any special items you need to prepare your meal. We now have a new gas regulator for the grill (even though I'm a charcoal fan). After using the regulator, store it in the lodge. The propane bottles cannot be stored in the lodge.



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## Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye	1983,2005-2007
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
Mark Shapiro	2019

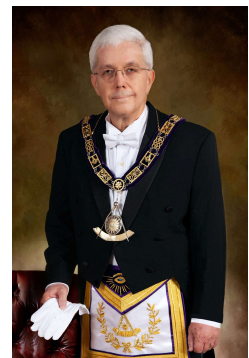
## January Masonic Birthdays:

Ray Mauk

## **Most Worshipful**

Vernon Douglas Jones  
 Grand Master  
 Grand Lodge of Virginia,  
 A.F. & A.M.

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## January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DEC 29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3 Freedom Dinner / Stated 7:00P/8:00P	4
5	6 Olive Branch Stated 6:30P/7:30P	7	8 Lodge Officers' Dinner Meeting / Practice 6:30P/7:30P	9	10	11
12	13	14 Ashburn-Sterling Stated 6:30P/7:30P	15 Freedom 118 Meet-up at Bonnie's / Practice 6:30P/7:30P	16 Hamilton Thompson #37 7:30P	17	18
19	20 Herndon Stated 6:30P/7:30P	21	22 District School @ Herndon	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	FEB 1

### Upcoming / Future Dates

December 31: Dues for 2020 are due  
 January 14: Fraternal visit to Ashburn Sterling #288

February 12: Valentines Dinner at Magnolias  
 March 28: Ken Shelton School

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

*"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it." Winston Churchill*