



Freedom Lodge No. 118

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia
www.freedomlodge118.org

FEBRUARY 2020

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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 year 2020 started off quickly for Freedom Lodge.

Our Budget Committee is hard at work preparing a budget for the Lodge. Any brother who is in arrears, please get caught up. Dues are past due as of Dec 31. Dues go to support various Masonic efforts such as the youth organizations, MAHOVA, the Grand Lodge, and Freedom Lodge itself.

On January 14, the brethren of Freedom traveled to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge 288 in Ashburn, VA to pass the Traveling Gavel. This was a great showing by the brethren as Freedom recorded a Fraternal Visit with 9 brethren in attendance. The Gavel was passed with a set of instructions for its care.

We had several excellent and well attended ritual practices throughout the month. Not to mention a catechism practice assisted by a member of the Committee on Work.

Lastly, we initiated a brother as an Entered Apprentice on February 1.

In the month of February, we will be receiving the DDGM at the Stated Communication. The annual Valentine's Dinner will be on Feb 12th. The Lodge practices will consist of learning and polishing ritual based on the upcoming events.

We are planning a few community outreach events. If you have time to donate in May, please let one of the stationed officers know. Stay tuned.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Mark

From the West

We have begun the new year quite busy. With an initiation on 1 February and potentially another in the near future, this is a great time to see our ritual work practice pay off.



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Committees

Budget

Geoff Hoyt

Building and Grounds

Chuck Wyant

IT / Website

Mark Shapiro

The District Leadership Conference coming up in March, which be held in Warrenton. All officers and appointed offices are encouraged to attend.

I would also encourage you to complete the Correspondence Courses through the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The course can be found at the following URL <https://courses.vamasons.org>. If you have any questions, please direct them to myself or RW McGarrah.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next Stated Communications, 7 February 2020!

Senior Warden
Bro Hoyt

From the South

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the annual Valentine's Dinner at Magnolia's. Our total number of guests for this event is 26.

If something changes before the day of the event and you cannot make it for one reason or another, please send me an email (at mduley@hotmail.com) so that I may alert the vendor accordingly.

Speaking of meals, I am seeking volunteers to provide our Stated Communications meals. I am *especially* encouraging members who did not provide a meal last year and new members of our lodge to sign up. The months remaining available are April, May, June, and August through December.

Your Junior Warden,
Matt



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Additional Lodge and Other Notes

Lodge Dinners:

Lodge dinners are a great way to contribute to the lodge in addition to providing a great meal to the brethren. While dining, consider making a donation to Freedom Lodge for the meal.

Brick Sales:

Purchasing a brick is a great way to contribute to the building fund. Bricks are \$135.00 each and your choice of engraving. Half bricks are \$35 and have the G, Square, and Compasses engraved.

Lodge Coins:

We have plenty of Freedom Lodge coins left. Coins are \$10.

Scottish Rite:

Any Master Mason interested in seeking more light in Masonry that is interested in joining the Scottish Rite, please see JW Matt Duley for an application or if you have questions. The next class is forming for the Spring and I would love to see you there!

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 |

February Masonic Birthdays:

None.

Most Worshipful

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

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February 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| JAN 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Olive Branch Stated 6:30P/7:30P | 4 Ashburn-Sterling Stated 6:30P/7:30P | 5 | 6 | 7 Freedom Dinner / Stated 7:00P/8:00P | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Lodge Officers' Dinner Meeting V Wings / Practice 6:30P/7:30P | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Herndon Stated 6:30P/7:30P | 18 | 19 Freedom 118 Meet-up at Bonnie's / Practice 6:30P/7:30P | 20 Hamilton Thompson #37 7:30P | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 D2 M&W Meeting / District School @ Olive Branch 6P / 7P | 27 | 28 | 29 |

Upcoming / Future Dates

December 31: Dues for 2020 are due
 March 16: Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge
 March 20: District Leadership Conference, Warrenton
 March 21: District Leadership Conference, Alexandria

March 28: Ken Shelton School
 TBD: District 2 Bowling Night
 May 15: Grand Master Official Visit / Picnic
 November 6-10: Grand Annual Communication

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

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