



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

MARCH 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

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March brings the annual spring cleaning and repairs that need to be made. We will provide a list of the chores and hopefully knock off a few items from the Trustees Report. Please consider donating your time and efforts as we work on Lodge repairs.

From the West

Greetings from the West!

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If you would like to complete the Correspondence Course through the Grand Lodge of Virginia, please visit the site [here](#). If you have any questions regarding this course, please let me or RW Harris McGarrah know.

In the South

First, I would like to request volunteers to sign up to provide the meal for either April or May. I'd like to encourage newer or brethren who did not donate a meal last year. Providing a meal is an important part of donations to the lodge and it is always greatly appreciated by the brethren.

Second, I would like to again congratulate Brother Danny McLaughlin on his Fellowcraft return. It was a pleasure coaching and look forward to taking your next steps being raised as a Master Mason. We wish him well and safe travels on his journey abroad and look forward to his return.



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Committees

Budget

Geoff Hoyt

Building and Grounds

Chuck Wyant

IT / Website

Mark Shapiro

Finally, this reminds me of what H. Dean Smith wrote about “The Secrets of Freemasonry”:

“The secrets of Masonry can be realized only in a man’s own heart; the perfect realization is governed by its own conduct and habits of mind. The Mason who keeps the sacred fires of education burning on the alter of his heart will inevitably drawn nearer to his God and also to the meaning of life. Receiving the degrees does not make a Mason. The various degrees merely point the way and provide a means for securing the most noble and valuable secrets of our Order. In other words, they are the key to the Order, and the individual Mason must determine for himself whether or not he will seek more knowledge, using the little knowledge he already has to open up to the vast stores of wisdom preserved for those who are diligent.”



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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

March Masonic Birthdays:

Axel Alanis
 Alver Cohen
 Joe Evans
 Fred George, III

Most Worshipful

Vernon Douglas Jones
 Grand Master
 Grand Lodge of Virginia,
 A.F. & A.M.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 1	2 Olive Branch Stated 6:30P/7:30P	3	4	5	6 Freedom Dinner / Stated 7:00P/8:00P	7
8	9	10 Ashburn-Sterling Stated 6:30P/7:30P	11 Lodge Officers' Dinner Meeting / Practice 6:30P/7:30P	12	13	14
15	16 Herndon Stated 6:30P/7:30P	17	18 Freedom 118 Meet-up at Bonnie's / Practice 6:30P/7:30P	19 Hamilton Thompson #37 7:30P	20	21
22	23	24	25 Masters and Wardens Meeting 6:00P	26	27	28
29	30	31	APRIL 1	2	3 Freedom Dinner / Stated 7:00P/8:00P	4

Upcoming / Future Dates

December 31: Dues for 2020 are due
 March 16: Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge
 March 19: Called Communication
 March 20: District Leadership Conference, Warrenton
 March 21: District Leadership Conference, Alexandria
 March 28: Ken Shelton School

May 15: Grand Master Official Visit / Picnic
 May 27: Fraternal Visit to Brunswick + Grand Master of MD Visit +
 Annual Steak Dinner
 November 6-10: Grand Annual Communication
 TBD: District 2 Bowling Night

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

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man." -Douglas MacArthur