



# Freedom Lodge No. 118

*The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia*  
**Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia**  
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NOVEMBER 2020

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## Stated Communication

**First Friday**  
Lodge: 8:00 PM

P.O. Box 293  
Lovettsville VA 20180

## 2020 Officers

**Worshipful Master**  
Mark Canter  
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**Senior Warden**  
Geoff Hoyt

**Junior Warden**  
Matthew Duley

**Treasurer**  
David Kirk

**Secretary**  
George Shoemaker, Jr.

**Senior Deacon**  
Lee McPeak

**Junior Deacon**  
Robert "J" Still

**Chaplain**  
Ray Mauk

**Marshal**  
Bobby Isleib

**Tiler**  
Dick Bond

**LIW**  
R. Harris McGarrah Jr.

**LEO**  
Loyd Davis

## From the East

Brethren, as we begin to open up in Western Loudoun, I hope everyone will be able to set in and enjoy the fall weather before we go into winter. And, as always stay safe out there.

We have had a busy month Masonically. First, we were able to raise two new Master Masons during the one-day conferral hosted by Herndon Lodge. Then, for the first time since March, we were able to hold practice in person. And finally, we finished out the month with a food drive.

Welcome Brothers Bill Hohl and Adam Smith. Both were raised at Herndon Lodge along with 13 additional Master Masons.

For the first time since March, we were able to hold an in-person practice in the lodge. As expected, the brethren adhered to the safety protocols and had a complete and successful practice.

A big thank you to the brethren who organized and assisted in the food drive. It was a big success. Given the turnout, we are planning to continue this at a quarterly event.

Looking ahead, we have deferred our Stated Communication to November 13 due to the Grand Annual Communication. Although the Grand Master has allowed us to bring meals to the Lodge, I have discussed these options with the Senior and Junior Wardens and I have decided that we will not have dinner in Lodge for the foreseeable future. We will once again have Masonic practice during our regular 3rd Wednesday of the month.

On the Level,  
Mark

## In the West

It was great to be able to finally start practicing ritual again. Thank you to Bro. Harris for leading the practice at our regularly scheduled Meet Up. We went over the Master Masons Degree in preparation for Bro. Danny's raising. As it stands now, Bro. Danny will not be able to raised until Match 2021. We will continue to meet on a more regular basis to deliver the best experience for him.

Our next Meet Up and Practice will be 11 November 2020. If you are able to make it, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you all at our next Stating meeting!



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S&F,

Brother Geoffrey Hoyt, SW

## In the South

My thanks to the Brethren for making the Food Drive a success!

Thanks to Bro. Harris for distributing the flier to local businesses and posting to several Facebook groups, and for use of your truck.

Thanks to all the Brethren who came out to assist, offer support, and help demonstrate our presence.

Thanks also to the people of the community for showing up with donations, some with a bag, some with a whole trunk load, some with cash!

I was very pleasantly surprised to show up to find bags and boxes of food piled around the Lodge door. Ask and ye shall receive.

I heard of donations being made in memory of Worshipful Mark Shapiro.

I heard of donations being made on behalf of the Widow's Sons.

Many people indicated that they were excited to see the Masons doing this, and together we managed to overfill the truck with generosity.

I look forward to working with you to hone our working tools and build upon our success.

Your Junior Warden,

Matt Duley



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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            |

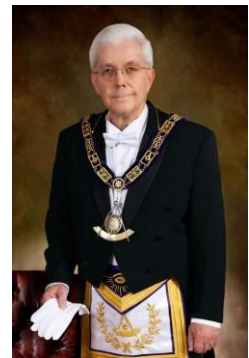
## November Masonic Birthdays:

Ralph Cavalieri  
 Matt Duley  
 Larry Frye  
 Fred George, III  
 Blake Gillenwater  
 Shannon Stong  
 Scott Wallace

## **Most Worshipful**

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

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## November 2020

| Sunday | Monday                               | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday                     | Thursday | Friday                                    | Saturday                           |
|--------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|---|------------------------------------|
| NOV 1  | 2                                    | 3   | 4<br>Virtual Meetup<br>7:00P  | 5        | 6   | 7<br>Grand Annual<br>Communication |
| 8      | 9<br>Olive Branch<br>Stated<br>7:30P | 10<br>Ashburn-Sterling<br>Stated<br>7:30P | 11<br>Virtual Meetup<br>7:00P | 12       | 13<br>Freedom Dinner /<br>Stated<br>8:00P | 14                                 |
| 15     | 16                                   | 17  | 18<br>Lodge Practice<br>7:30P | 19       | 20  | 21                                 |
| 22     | 23<br>Herndon Stated<br>7:30P        | 24  | 25<br>Virtual Meetup<br>7:00P | 26       | 27  | 28                                 |
| 29     | 30                                   | DEC 1                                     | 2                             | 3        | 4   | 5                                  |

## Future Dates

| <u>Freedom Lodge #118</u>           | <u>District 2</u>                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Check the website for more updates. | Check the website for more updates. |

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

*"So far as I am acquainted with the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry, I conceive it to be founded in benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind." – George Washington*