



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

JANUARY 2021

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Stated Communication

First Friday

Lodge: 8:00 PM

P.O. Box 293
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2021 Officers

Worshipful Master

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Junior Deacon

Wes Hirschorn

Chaplain

Ray Mauk

Marshal

Bobby Isleib

Tiler

Dick Bond

LIW

R. Harris McGarrah Jr.

LEO

Loyd Davis

From the East

Brethren, looking back and reflecting on 2020, it has certainly been an interesting time. I am proud of what we were able to accomplish and our positive outlook moving into 2021.

We lost a great brother in Worshipful Mark Shapiro way too young and others have gotten sick either before, during, or due to the pandemic.

We were able to raise two new Master Masons, and one still on the way. Another Brother moved away from the area, and other Brothers have reconnected with the Lodge. We have received a handful of Masonic book donations and continue to have interest in the Craft from new people in the community.

Through it all we have been able to continue our Craft and push forward into 2021. We have remained connected virtually through weekly meetups in a drop-in basis as each Brother's time permits and I look forward to continuing this in 2021.

We had a food drive and plan on performing a food drive quarterly in 2021. While we had to postpone Lodge improvements, I look forward to continuing those efforts in 2021.

On the Level,
Mark

In the West

I would like to take this time to wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This year has no doubt been a tough year for our Lodge and Freemasonry in general. We banded together and met each week on Zoom to ensure our members were and continue to do well and had what they needed through 2020. This to me, is the very nature of who we are as a Fraternity. We were even able to contribute to our local community and will be doing so again moving forward throughout the year. There were a few practices that provided some of us a much need refresher on ritual and just time to be together as brethren. Although we do not know what this year will bring, rest assured, we will continue to support and help each other and our community as we always have.

Do not let up! We will get through this and hopefully we will see more light in the tunnel soon and be on the other side of doing what we do best. I hope to see everyone soon!



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S&F,

Brother Geoffrey Hoyt, SW

From the South

For me, 2020 was a year of reflection. Reflection on departed brothers; on plans that were dashed; on opportunities stalled.

I reflected on how things were done in the past and lessons therein. As a result, this month I will be presenting my program on "Masonic Relief during the Pandemic" to the A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research No. 1949, which has been updated to include mention of Freedom Lodge No. 118's Food drive.

I closed out the year by conducting personal reflection on how I could have done better – been a better Brother, a better Father, and a better Husband.

For me, 2021 will be a year of hope and resolve. With vaccines close at hand there is hope. We will find a way through this, and we will move forward. Now more than ever, we must resolve to remain vigilant and do those things that will keep us safe.

Let us resolve to reach out to that Brother whom you have not seen or heard from recently.

Let us resolve to identify ways to provide charity, which comes in many forms.

Let us resolve to look after our widows to see if they need help and simply let them know we are here for them.

Let us resolve to show the world why Masonry endures and will not be defeated by these challenges.

Let us resolve to look forward; to return to Lodge; the Raising of a Brother; to celebrate family milestones.

Lastly, let us resolve to strengthen our faith. May God bless all of you.

Your Junior Warden,

Matt Duley



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Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye	1983,2005-2007
Roy Harris McGarrh, 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

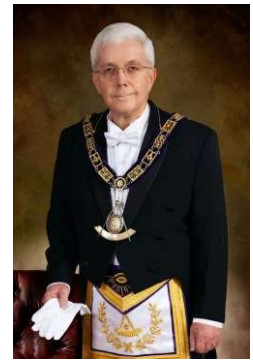
January Masonic Birthdays:

Ray Mauk

Most Worshipful

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

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January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOV 26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6 Virtual Meetup 7:00P	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Virtual Meetup 7:00P	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Virtual Meetup 7:00P	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Virtual Meetup 7:00P	28	29	30
31	FEB 1	2	3	4	5	6

Future Dates

<u>Freedom Lodge #118</u>	<u>District 2</u>
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