



Freedom Lodge No. 118

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

MAY 2021

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Stated Communication

First Friday

Lodge: 8:00 PM

P.O. Box 293
Lovettsville VA 20180

2021 Officers

Worshipful Master

Mark Canter
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Senior Warden

Geoff Hoyt

Junior Warden

Matthew Duley

Treasurer

David Kirk

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George Shoemaker, Jr.

Senior Deacon

Lee McPeak

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,

Congratulations to our newest brother Danny McLaughlin. After a little over a year, a few shutdowns, work committments, and many other events, we were able to raise him to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Worshipful Mark Shapiro's Celebration of Life will be held on May 5. I hope to have a good showing from the brethren in W. Mark's honor.

We continue to open Virginia and the lodge to greater levels. The Grand Lodge of Virginia has opened dining to Phase 2. However, even with Lodge distancing we may not be able to attain the ability to eat in Lodge meeting the requirements. For March, we will continue to not have a meal in Lodge due to the requirement issues. We will revisit this periodically as we get more guidance and the orders rescinded.

I continue to wish everyone to stay safe and remain healthy in these times.

On the Level,
Mark

In the West

Brethren,

As you all know, we have been allowed to resume conferring degrees by the Grand Master of Virginia. After over a year of waiting, we were able to raise Brother McLaughlin to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 1 May 2021. What a great feeling this was felt by all! I would like to thank everyone involved that helped make this happen and to give Bro. McLaughlin a truly great experience.

Our degree work does not stop there though. We still have more work to do. We have a potential candidate that would like to join our great Fraternity, referred to us by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. This gives us an opportunity to start brushing up on our degree work so that this man can have the same experiences Bro. McLaughlin had. I encourage you to attend any of our meet ups to help make this happen. There are opportunities at Herndon Lodge and will be other schools coming up to help with learn your ritual and to just simply to get together for fellowship.

I too would like to echo what Bro Duley said. We gave our time on several



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occasions, even though we may not have had a lot of it. We showed what being a Freemason is all about. It is my hope that as we move forward, that we continue to do this not just for our brothers but our community and fellow man. We are pillars of light, shining brightly on mankind!

Your Senior Warden,
Geoffrey Hoyt

From the South

Brethren,

In the course of our degrees, and in the King James version of the Bible, Matthew Chapter 7, versus 7 and 8, the text reads:

7 Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

In preparing to sit in the East for a degree for the first time, I reflected on this passage. I noted that until this point I had largely been receiving from Freemasonry,

as I knocked and the door was opened to me and I made my way to being a Master Mason. But I also observed that in bringing everyone together for practices, and in brothers devoting extra time to

meet with each other and practice the ritual, in raising Brother Danny to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, we were now in the role of giving -

providing Brother Danny something he will have for the rest of his life. And to me, I came to see that as a true secret of Freemasonry, for it is in *giving* that we receive.

I would particularly like to thank Bros. Cameron Gore, Doug Wann, Tim Shrum, Fred Baerenz, and Ed Ziemba.

Thanks also to our Treasurer, Dave Kirk, for standing in as our Tyler on short notice so that another brother could hear the lecture.

Great job everybody! Thank you for your time and your work and congratulations Brother McLaughlin on this achievement!



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Your Junior Warden,
Matt Duley

Living Past Masters

Larry D. Frye	1983, 2005-2007
Roy Harris	1992-1995, 2011
McGarrah, Jr.	
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

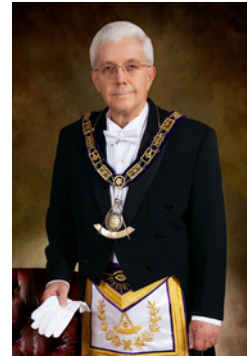
May Masonic Birthdays:

Jim Crunk
Geoff Hoyt
Reginald Sanbower Jr.

Most Worshipful

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

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May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Called Communication 9A
2	3 Olive Branch Stated	4	5 Celebration of Life for W. Mark Shapiro	6	7 Freedom Stated Communication 8P	8
9	10	11 Ashburn-Sterling Stated	12	13 Hamilton- Thompson Stated	14	15
16	17 Herndon Stated	18	19 Lodge Practice 7:00P	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 District School (Ashburn Sterling Lodge)	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day	Jun 1	2	3	4	5

Future Dates

Freedom Lodge #118	District 2
May 1: Called Communication May 5: Mark Shapiro's Celebration of Life	May 26: District School Sept 25: Ken Shelton - District School



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