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FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Freedom Lodge No.118
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From the East

Brethren,

A big "Thank You" to **RW Phil Brooks** for coordinating the Sweethearts Brunch, and for providing roses for each lady in attendance. Thank you also to **RW Harris McGarrah** for coordinating with our Widows as our special guests. The event was well supported by the membership, and I received numerous compliments which are due to YOUR support. My Aunt Rose enjoyed meeting our members, though I believe she enjoyed the bacon even more. It was great to see so many of you for this wonderful occasion.

Next, I would like to offer congratulations to our youngest Entered Apprentice, **Bro. Bernd Kupferer**, who was initiated on February 25th! Thank you to all who attended the Called Communication, and to **RW David King** and **Wor. Dick Phillips** for standing in for absent Officers. I am encouraged to see good men continuing to knock at the door! I look forward to the remaining degrees we will have this year. I would especially encourage the membership to come to practice for the degrees. If you have never done a part in a Master Mason degree, or you have always done the same part, how about learning something new? The more folks that we have cross-trained to fill different roles, the more self-reliant we will be as a Lodge. We are also need of Brethren that can help teach Catechism! Please **support your Lodge Instructor of Work** if you can help out!

Your Officers and I are continuing to plan various events throughout the remainder of the year that will focus on re-engaging with our membership, our families, and our community. Your *active* participation in these events are what makes the Lodge a vibrant and desirable place to be. If you have an idea you would like us to pursue, please bring it to your Stationed Officers! This is *your* lodge, and we need your input to make it the place to be.

I would especially encourage each our members to **support your Lodge Education Officer** by volunteering to give a program sometime this year. If you need help coming up with a topic, I am sure he will be happy to provide one for you. We should all endeavor to continue seeking more Light in Masonry and to share what we have learned with our Brethren.

Lastly, I know a number of you have really enjoyed having meals in Lodge again. Please **support your Junior Warden** and sign up to provide a meal. You can also team up with a Brother if you like! As our meal donations are not a fixed amount, we should each be cognizant to donate sufficiently to help cover the cost of the meal provided, as we all know that food is not cheap these days! I would like to see a Brother volunteer to coordinate a Food Drive this Spring. Our last several drives have been well supported by the Community. Please let me know if you can assist with this. Our Officer line cannot do everything by themselves and we need the support of our members. With *your* help, *together* we can accomplish great things!

Matt Duley,
Master 2022

From the West

Freedom's first social gathering in quite a long time was a terrific gathering for the Sweetheart's Brunch at Tuscarora Mill. The food was very tasty, the service was timely, and the fellowship was heartwarming. Although I am not quite sure what was in the water...



Brothers Lee and Robby "ham it up" at the Brunch.

This month's word is SUBLIME. The meaning of this word is that something is characterized by elevation or nobility, awe, is solemn or lofty. Hopefully, it won't be too far into the future when Freedom will be raising two new Brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Phil

From the South

Brethren,

We are off to a great start to this Masonic Year at Freedom Lodge.

I would like to take the time to once again thank **Right Worshipful David King** for his contribution to the February Stated Communication by providing the meal for our Stated dinner.

I would also like to thank **Worshipful Wes Hirschhorn** for volunteering to provide the Stated meal for our upcoming March Stated Communication. I am sure we are all very much looking forward to the upcoming fellowship. As always dinner is scheduled to commence at 7:00pm.

Worshipful Matt Duley should also be recognized as he took it upon himself to restock the refrigerator with beverages prior to this months stated communication.

We are still in need of brethren to volunteer for meals for the rest of the year. If it is within the length of your cable tow to provide a meal please sign up as soon as possible.

I have reached out to the Town Of Lovettsville to inquire about ways that the lodge can get involved in the upcoming Mayfest activities. I am currently awaiting a response and will push out all information as it becomes available after discussing with the other officers.

I have also received correspondence that Olive Branch is in the process of planning a district bowling tournament. I have been in communication with their Junior Warden Greg Marks. They are still in the early planning stages but are looking to schedule the tournament for a Friday night or Saturday afternoon at the new bowling alley in Leesburg (formerly Village Lanes). As more information comes out and the date and time is selected I will provide that information to the Brethren. I did make sure to express that Freedom Lodge holds it's Stated Communication on the first Friday of every month so that it's not overlooked in scheduling the tournament. There are more details about the layout of the tournament that I plan on addressing at the upcoming meeting.

I hope that everyone is doing well and that you and your families are looking forward to the anticipation of warmer weather.

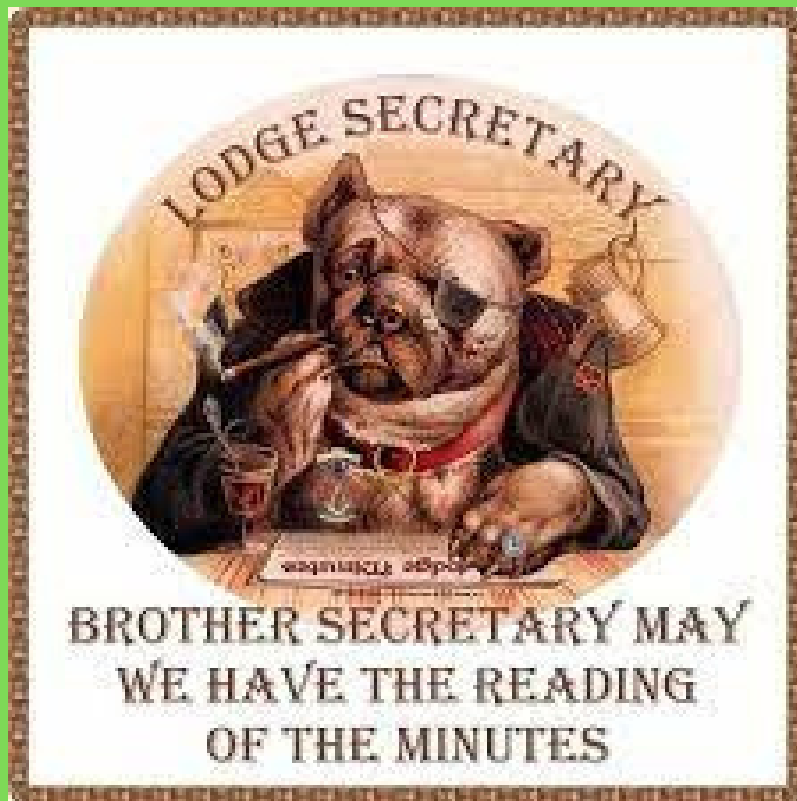
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Lee McPeak

Junior Warden

Freedom Lodge 118

From the Secretary



Dues are now due! Your Secretary wishes to remind you that if your Membership Card does not show **2022** as the expiration year, to please ensure he receives all monies due. Please reach out if you find yourself in need of assistance!

Lodge Calendar

https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j_

March 2022



Fri
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Stated Communication

8 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

Mar 6 – 12

Mon
7

Fraternal Visit to Olive Branch

8 – 9 PM

Mar 13 – 19

Wed
16

Lodge practice

7 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

Mar 20 – 26

Mar 27 – Apr 2



District 2 News

Below is the schedule of the D2 Ritual Schools. All Master Masons are welcome to attend, and all Line Officers are encouraged to attend *as many as they can*. As a reminder, sufficient attendance at each school can count towards the Hillman Award. If you do attend, please ensure our Senior Warden is aware for Hillman tracking purposes. Attendance is highly encouraged for those seeking Warden's Certificates.

District 2 Ritual Schools		
Date	Lodge	Time
Tuesday, March 22, 2022	Hamilton/Thompson 37	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 26, 2022	Olive Branch 114	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 24, 2022	Freedom 118	7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 27, 2022	Herndon 264	7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 25, 2022	Ashburn/Sterling 288	7:00 PM

March 22nd District School: the focus will be on the Fellowcraft degree and catechism.

The Ken Shelton School of Instruction will be held at Ashburn/Sterling Lodge 288 on Saturday March 26th. The line up, as of now, will be for Herndon 264 to open the Master Mason's Lodge, take up the wrong word and call off. Hamilton/Thompson will open an Entered Apprentice lodge and exemplify the degree and catechism. Ashburn/Sterling will open a Fellowcraft lodge, confer the degree and catechism. We will then reopen a Master Mason's Lodge and begin working on the first half of the Master Mason's degree. There will be breakfast and lunch provided.

The doors should be open by 8:00am, plan to start at 08:30.

District Officers

DDGM: RW Bennett James Corrado, Sr.

DIW: RW Christopher Conway Thompson

DEO: Wor. Eric J. LeHew

Grand Master

Most Worshipful James Golladay, Jr.

D2 Official Visit June 10



Masonic Birthdays

- Mark Canter
- Garland Cooper Jr.
- George Facer
- Kristopher "Lee" McPeak

Living Past Masters	
Brother	Year(s) Served
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 Canter	2020 - 2021

A photograph of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and purple hues. The monument is the central focus, with its peak pointing towards the top of the frame. The city skyline is visible in the background at the base of the monument.

Washington DC Metro VisionWalk Saturday, April 30, 2022

In support of our Brother, Adam Smith, Freedom Lodge has registered a team called "Adam's Freedom Walkers" and would like you to join us in support of this event by walking or making a donation. This event is also Chaired by a Mason, Bro. Fred Baerenz



[Adam's Freedom Walkers team link](#)

[Washington DC Event Details Link](#)

WASHINGTON NATIONALS

Freedom Lodge No. 118 Family & Friends Trip

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

Saturday, October 1

Time: 4:05pm

WAS vs PHI

Reservation details coming soon!



Walk of Masonry Brick Sales

Please consider making a donation to Freedom Lodge by ordering your very own commemorative paver brick for our Walk of Masonry. Bricks are a donation of \$118 each. We will be taking orders through the Summer with a planned installation this Fall.

Click the Order Here image below to open the order form for Freedom's Walk of Masonry. Please note that we are aware of usability issues with the online form and are working to resolve those. Forms can be printed and turned in.

There are 3 formats available for the pavers:

Format 1: 3 lines of text – 20 character maximum per line – NO EMBLEM

Format 2: 2 lines of text – 20 character maximum per line – emblem on center line

Format 3: 3 lines of text – 12 character maximum per line – emblem to the left of the text

Emblems available at present include: Blue Lodge, Past Master's Jewel, Royal Arch, AMD, Shrine, Eastern Star, and Rainbow Girls (see order form for selection)

All text will be centered on each line and letters engraved in all CAPITALS.

Members of any organization recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia are encouraged to donate a brick for the walk. Suggested text might be your name, Lodge, and date of raising. But, any Masonic message is welcome.



Improved order forms are anticipated to be available soon!



If you have not been to Stated Communication lately, informational brochures have been made available to those interested in learning more about the Scottish Rite, how it is organized, the degrees, charities we support, and how to become a member. We are now accepting petitions for our next bi-annual reunion class! For your convenience, here are some useful links:

<https://www.alexandriascottishrite.org/about/scottish-rite-freemasonry>.

<https://www.alexandriascottishrite.org/about/alexandria-valley-scottish-rite>

<https://www.alexandriascottishrite.org/about/scottish-rite-degrees>

<https://www.alexandriascottishrite.org/charity>.

For 2022, the Freedom Lodge No. 118 Scottish Rite Representative is Wor. Matthew T. Duley

Please see a Brother listed below for a petition. Give the printed petition to two Scottish Rite Masons for their signature and they will take care of getting it to our Alexandria Scottish Rite Secretary for action.

SR Member	
James	Crunk
Loyd	Davis
Matthew	Duley
Geoffrey	Hoyt
Gary	Ing
David	King
David	Kirk
Shannon	Stong