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April 2022

FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

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From the East

Brethren,

Spring is allegedly here, even though I saw it snowing today! We have been making great progress so far this year, and have a number of things coming up that I want you to be aware of.

First, your Deacons are planning a food drive to meet the urgent needs of the local community. I will send out an email as soon as we have the details.

Later this month, we have the VisionWalk, which I am pleased to say we have done quite well in supporting. Let's make a final push to get whatever donations we can in the time remaining. I urge each of you to contribute if you can, please see below for details.

Towards the end of the month, I anticipate we will be having an EA catechism return and Fellowcraft degree!

Lastly, we have been requested to provide a Masonic Funeral Service for Worshipful Mark Shapiro on Saturday, May 7. I will send out the details as soon as I have them.

Matt Duley,
Master 2022

From the West

I've never found it easy to sit down and write out an article for a Trestleboard. Over the year I have written a few Trestleboards and read many more. Some Lodges have elaborate layouts for their Trestleboards, others keep it as simple as a short email. So long as the message get across – what the Master has planned for the Lodge in the upcoming weeks and year ahead that's really all that matters.

For myself, the most important part of any Trestleboard is the calendar. This one tool sketches out for me what is upcoming and where I should be to take part. It's on our calendar where I hope to land a few visits to other Lodges for us. After all, It is one of the perks of membership – to travel, work and receive Master's wages. I am seeking your input for this. Where would you like to visit?

I found this list in my recent travels and now share it with you...

7 Cardinal Rules in Life

- Make Peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
- What others think of you is none of your business.
- Time heals almost everything, give it time.
- Don't compare your life to others and don't judge them. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- Stop thinking too much. It's alright if you don't know the answers. They'll come to you when you least expect it.
- No one is in charge of your happiness, except you.
- Smile. You don't own all the problems in the world.

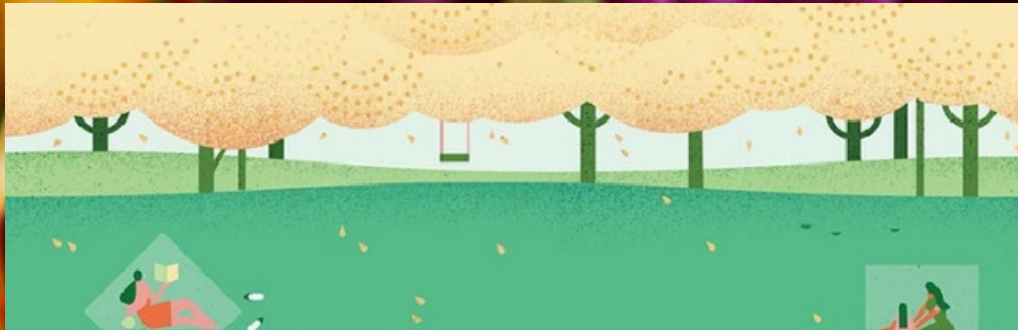
About Your Secretary

Your Secretary recently competed in a USA Powerlifting event in Philadelphia. After not having been at a meet in 10 years, he finished **first** in his class and achieved a personal best 147.5Kg/325.18lbs. Congratulations to our Secretary! If you have not paid your dues, I am sending him after you! :)



Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>



Fri
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Stated Communication

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

Apr 3 – 9

Apr 10 – 16

Apr 17 – 23

Wed
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Lodge practice

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

Apr 24 – 30

Sat
30



VisionWalk

Lincoln Memorial, 2 Lincoln Memorial Cir NW, W...

We will likely have a Called Communication at the end of April for an EA catechism return and FC degree. Please keep an eye out for that!



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, 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

An additional area school is being scheduled, likely to be the second Saturday in September for the Master Mason degree.

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

A close-up photograph of a birthday cake with several lit candles. The candles are in various colors (blue, red, yellow) and are placed on a cake decorated with blue frosting and white sprinkles. The background is dark and out of focus.

Masonic Birthdays

- Thomas Brierton
- David Kirk
- David Lang
- Richard Phillips
- George Shoemaker, Jr.

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 clouds. The monument is the central focus, with its peak pointing towards the top of the frame. The city skyline is visible 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](#)



Ashburn Assembly #11 IORG

Steak Dinner for \$25 donation (125 tickets available)

Sunday, May 15, 2022

5:00pm to 8:00pm

Ashburn-Sterling Masonic Lodge
43881 Waxpool Road, Ashburn, VA

Menu: steak, baked potato, green beans, salad, dinner rolls, tea, lemonade or water and dessert

For tickets: email ashburnrainbow11@gmail.com. Tickets can be reserved or picked up at door.

POC: Samantha S., Worthy Advisor

Proceeds go to:

- 50% to "Pennies for Paws" charity
- 50% to Ashburn Assembly #11 travel fund

WASHINGTON NATIONALS

Freedom Lodge No. 118 Family & Friends Trip

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

Saturday, October 1

Time: 1:05pm

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