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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

At the August Stated Communication, Freedom Lodge was once again presented the **Morlock Award** for 2022! Recognition goes to **Bro. Ray Mauk** for providing our education on the award, as well as tracking the donations and submitting the application. Congratulations Brethren, and thank you for your donations to the Masonic Home of Virginia, our crown jewel.

This past month, I had the pleasure of travelling to a Prince Hall lodge for the first time. RW Phil Brooks and Bro. Bill Hohl joined me in attendance and we were all warmly received. I enjoyed the opportunity to expand our fraternal ties. Please see below for pictures. In addition, we were also able to visit Herndon Lodge No. 264, though sadly only Bro. Brooks was in attendance. Later, I was able to attend a Master Mason degree at Treadwell Lodge, their first in two years. Travelling to other lodges and establishing those connections is really a great opportunity that I recommend many of you to consider engaging in. Due to a lack of participation, we have not been able to count many full fraternal visits this year. Your Senior Warden has endeavored to provide numerous opportunities to do so.

Also this past month, we had the pleasure of conferring another Entered Apprentice degree. It is only through *your active* participation in *your* Lodge, that other candidates will continue to knock at the door. Congratulations to our new Brother, **Alfred "Al" W. Erickson, Jr.!**

This Friday at 1:00pm I have arranged for JES company to come and inspect our flooring and crawlspace issues. I would particularly invite the Trustees to attend to address any immediate questions. JES will provide suggestions on options to fix the floor and install a vapor barrier along, and any other issues they note with a written estimate. The expected duration of the inspection is 90 minutes. This will at least provide us a solid starting point for budget planning.

For this month's Stated, your Secretary and I will be doing a cookout for the meal!

As mentioned in an email I sent to the list, **Saturday August 6th**, we have a **Food Drive and a Lodge Maintenance Day** scheduled. Your participation in these activities is requested. Thank you also to the Brother that cut the grass at the Lodge.

In addition to upcoming events noted below and on our calendar, I wanted to let you know that Treadwell Lodge in White Post will be having their annual Corn Roast on Sunday, August 14th at 6:00pm. Thursday, September 1, they will be having a Lodge of High Hill at 6:00pm at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown.

The Morlock Award

Presented to


FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118

For calendar year 2022

This award is named in memory of Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, 1993-94.

This award is given in recognition of the generosity of the members of this Lodge in giving to the Masonic Home of Virginia. Only the lodges in Virginia with the very highest participation levels of members donating are eligible to receive this award.

With the grateful appreciation of the residents and of the Board of Governors, we congratulate this lodge for its exemplary leadership in supporting the Masonic Home.



Grand Master
James W. Golladay, Jr.



President, Board of Governors
Samuel M. Jones

Fraternal Visit to Metropolitan Lodge No. 161



August 2022

Brethren – This month I offer a bit of entertainment, de-bunking a common Masonic myth that I've pondered for years.

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From The Midnight Freemasons Archives: The Masonic Conspiracy Behind Rolling Rock Beer

by Midnight Freemasons Founder

Todd E. Creason, 33°



"Beer is proof that God loves us, and wants us to be happy."

~Benjamin Franklin

There has always been speculation that there is some connection between Latrobe's Rolling Rock Beer and the Freemasons—I mean, it's obvious, there's a '33' right on the bottle! And the 33rd degree is the highest degree that can be attained by Freemasons. Is it possible the Latrobe's were Freemasons?

It's one of those great beer controversies—where did the '33' come from? Everyone seems to have a theory, and nobody has the definitive answer.

And there are many theories:

-One common theory is that it was to celebrate the repeal of prohibition in 1933. That was an important year for brewers and beer drinkers alike!

-Another legend is that the Rolling Rock brewery was started with money won at the horse track. The winning bet was placed on #33, "Old Latrobe," and that is why there is a horse and the '33' on the bottle.

-Another has it that brewers in those early days belonged to the local union #33.

-Another claims the reservoir the brewery got its water from was fed by 33 streams.

And the theories go on and on and on . . .

Sadly, the most likely version is the least exciting. It may have simply been a printers mistake in the beginning. This version of the story comes from a very reliable source--the former CEO of the company. He was also very interested in where that '33' had come from--his name was James Tito. What he discovered is actually very simple.

The slogan on the back of the bottle read originally:

"Rolling Rock – From the glass lined tanks of Old Latrobe, we tender this premium beer for your enjoyment as a tribute to your good taste. It comes from the mountain springs to you."

That's 33 words. There were a number of different versions of the slogan in the beginning, but the Latrobe family finally settled on the shortest one--the one that ran only 33 words. Somebody noted that in the margin, and when it went to the printers, the printers didn't realize that the 33 wasn't part of the text and included it. The mistake wasn't discovered until a large batch of bottles had been produced, and back in those days, the labels were painted right onto the bottles, and those bottles were reused, which explains why the mistake wasn't immediately corrected.



And just maybe it wasn't corrected later because of the stir it had created when those bottles reached the public. Everyone talking about and debating what that '33' meant and speculating about where it had come from. Perhaps Latrobe saw that controversy as a good thing. Here it is more than seventy years later, and people are still talking about it. I guess you'd call that 'beer buzz'.

So that's the big Masonic conspiracy behind Rolling Rock Beer. It doesn't have anything to do with the Freemasons at all.

Not to propagate a myth, but I can tell you, I do have it on good authority that at least one 33rd Degree Freemason enthusiastically approves of the product--he finds it crisp and refreshing with a easy-to-drink flavor.

In fact, I think I'll go have one now . . .

~TEC

Social @ Elite Shooting Sports

Who: YOU

What: Freedom Lodge Social

When: Friday August 19 @ 6:00p

Where: Elite Shooting Sports

Manassas *

Why: Enjoy some fellowship and hone your marksmanship



Hosted by Freedom Lodge, join us at Elite Shooting Sports (<https://eliteshootingsports.com/>) for a social at the gun range. **Spaces are limited. Paid reservations (\$20/person) are required by 8/11 to secure your slot on the range.** Small arms only for the 25yd range. There is a snack bar in house – or bring your own refreshments. Range opens at 6:30p for everyone that has completed the range orientation. **Send you questions / reservations to Brookspjbe@aol.com**

* Every new customer must go through a brief range orientation process (\$10 one-time initiation and registration fee) prior to shooting on our ranges, regardless of shooting experience. Minors under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian for the first visit, and that parent or legal guardian MUST sign the waiver. No exceptions. Follow-up visits can be made with an adult who is not the parent or legal guardian.

Elite Shooting Sports 7751 Doane Dr, Manassas, VA 20109

Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>

Tue
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Subordinate Lodge Officer Training @Ashburn...
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Fri
5

JES floor and crawlspace inspection
1:00 – 2:30 PM

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

Sat
6

Food Drive & Lodge Maintenance
9 AM – 1 PM

Aug 7 – 13

Aug 14 – 20

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

Fri
19

Lodge Social at Elite Shooting Sports
6 – 8 PM
Historic District, 7751 Doane Dr, Manassas, VA 2...



District 2 News

Subordinate Lodge Officer Training **UPDATE**

Tuesday August 2, 2022 6:30PM Fellowship/Dinner 7:00PM Program Kickoff SLOT at Ashburn-Sterling No. 288. **All Officers should attend.**

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, September 27, 2022	Herndon 264	7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 25, 2022	Ashburn/Sterling 288	7:00 PM

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.



Most Worshipful
James W Golladay Jr
Official Visit to Masonic District 2

UPDATE: FRIDAY, 26 August 2022 7:00PM - 9:00PM

St Timothy's Episcopal Church
432 Van Buren Street, Herndon, VA, 20170

[Link to TICKETS for EVENT](#) (before 06 August)

Single Ticket -- \$30

Pair of Tickets -- \$54
(10% off Single Ticket price)

Block of 6 Tickets -- \$144 (20% off Single Ticket price)

Tickets must be purchased online by 06 Aug. All Tickets after 06 Aug \$60 each.



Masonic Birthdays

- Lester Bond
- Jeffrey Dell
- Clifford Free
- Lionel Hirschhorn, Jr.
- Robert Isleib
- Jason Lage
- Robert Miller, II
- Jay Still

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

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us Saturday, August 27th for Blue Lodge Night!

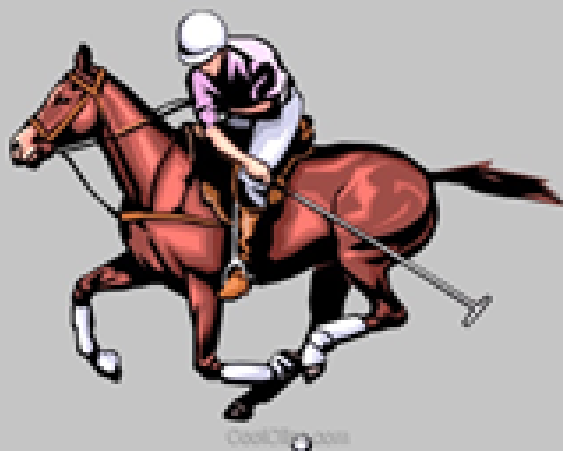
Blue Lodge Night is where the Scottish Rite performs the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in full costume!



The Master Mason degree starts at 4:00pm, an intermission dinner will be served at 5:30pm, with degree conclusion to follow

There is no charge, but Brethren are requested to RSVP to secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org

The Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple
1430 West Braddock Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22302-2706



AUGUST 13, 2022 Polo, Cars & Cigars!

Fundraiser Presented by the
Alexandria Scottish Rite
Philanthropy Committee

Join ASR for an evening of Polo, Cars
& Cigars to benefit children with
communication challenges. Guests
welcome, max 50 participants.

Pay online at

Alexandriascottishrite.org/Charity

Please select "Twilight Polo with the Alexandria
Scottish Rite".

If you have question or need to make
alternative payment arrangements,
contact Brother Ron Craft at
ronc2011@gmail.com.

Tickets \$100 per person

Includes:

Parking

Food

Wine

VIP Deck Seating

3 Polo Matches

Antique Car Show + Cigars

Gates Open at 5:30pm

Location:

Twilight Polo

5089 Old Tavern Rd.

The Plains, VA 20198





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

The Lodge and our membership should start planning now if we wish to participate in the George Washington Memorial events listed below. Lodge registration is required for the parade; individual registration is required for the other elements.

Meetings and Tours — Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19, 2023

We welcome Lodges and other Masonic groups to attend and participate. Beginning Friday, February 17, through Sunday, February 19, Lodges that wish to tile a meeting in the Memorial may reserve time slots within the Memorial. Visiting Masonic groups may schedule tours during those days as well. Popular speakers such as Mark Tabbert and Shawn Eyer will be available to provide an appropriate message upon request. Time slots are limited, so interested groups are encouraged to register early on our website.

Parade and Cornerstone Rededication Event — Monday, February 20, 2023

All Grand Lodges, Lodges, Masonic groups, and Freemasons in amity with the Grand Lodge of Virginia may participate in the Parade from historic Old Town Alexandria up to the Memorial's beautiful grounds. The Parade steps off at 1:30 p.m. Registration is available on our website.

The Rededication Ceremony takes place at 3:00 p.m. All individuals attending the events of February 20, 2023, should register on our website. (Note: *Those registered to attend through the Conference of Grand Masters are already considered confirmed.*)

Annual Washington's Birthday Gala — Wednesday, February 22, 2023

The Memorial's traditional Washington's Birthday Gala will be held on Wednesday, February 22. This elegant formal event will, as always, include a reception in Memorial Hall, entertainment in the Theater, and a Gala Banquet in Grand Masonic Hall.

For complete details, schedule, and to register, visit

<https://gwmemorial.org/2023>