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October 2022

FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Freedom Lodge No.118
28 E Broad Way,
Lovettsville, VA 20180

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[HTTP://FREEDOMLODGE118.ORG/](http://freedomlodge118.org/)

From the East

Greetings Brethren! This past month I was delighted to represent Freedom Lodge at Bethel 52's Job's Daughters initiation ceremony. I also distributed via the email list their invitation to join them in person or virtually for a ceremony honoring Masons. I hope that some of you were able to attend and support our youth organizations.

Also this past month, we participated in the Lovettsville Oktoberfest activities by serving food alongside the Lions Club at the local Fire Department. Thank You to the Lions Club for inviting us to participate! Also, a special thank you to each person who donated their time, as this even also provided a share of profits to the Lodge based on member hours worked. **Bro. Bill Hohl, and his wife Phoebe, WB Wes Hirschhorn, RW Phil Brooks** (along with **Bro. Franz Ortega, Bro. Roger Meshreki, Bro. Rob Carloff**, and **Phil Sherwood** from Herndon), and **Wor. Matt Duley** all supported Freedom Lodge. **Bro. Dave Kirk, RW Harris McGarrah** worked in support of the Lions Club. The amount of great German food we loaded onto plates for only \$15 was a bargain in this economy, and the community enthusiastically turned out to support it. Please see below for some photos of the event.

On October 1st, even though the remnants of Hurricane Ian were moving through the area, Lodge members were able to join family and friends for a bus trip to see the Washington Nationals defeat the Philadelphia Phillies. Luckily the rain only briefly delayed the game and everyone was able to enjoy themselves!

We will be conferring a Master Mason degree in the near future and **we need your help** to fill in the cast! Maybe learn a role that you have not done before. Even if you have not been part of a degree before we will be happy to teach you what you need to know! Just show up for practice on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm (we will probably be adding additional sessions for this degree too.)

Coming soon, for your convenience, we will be incorporating a new tool that enables members to be able to pay dues online or to make donations to the Lodge electronically. We will be discussing this at Stated. **This is also a reminder that your annual dues will soon be due for the upcoming Masonic year!**

The October Stated is the final cutoff date to submit your order a brick for the Walk of Masonry! You can bring your check and completed form (available on the website) to the meeting.

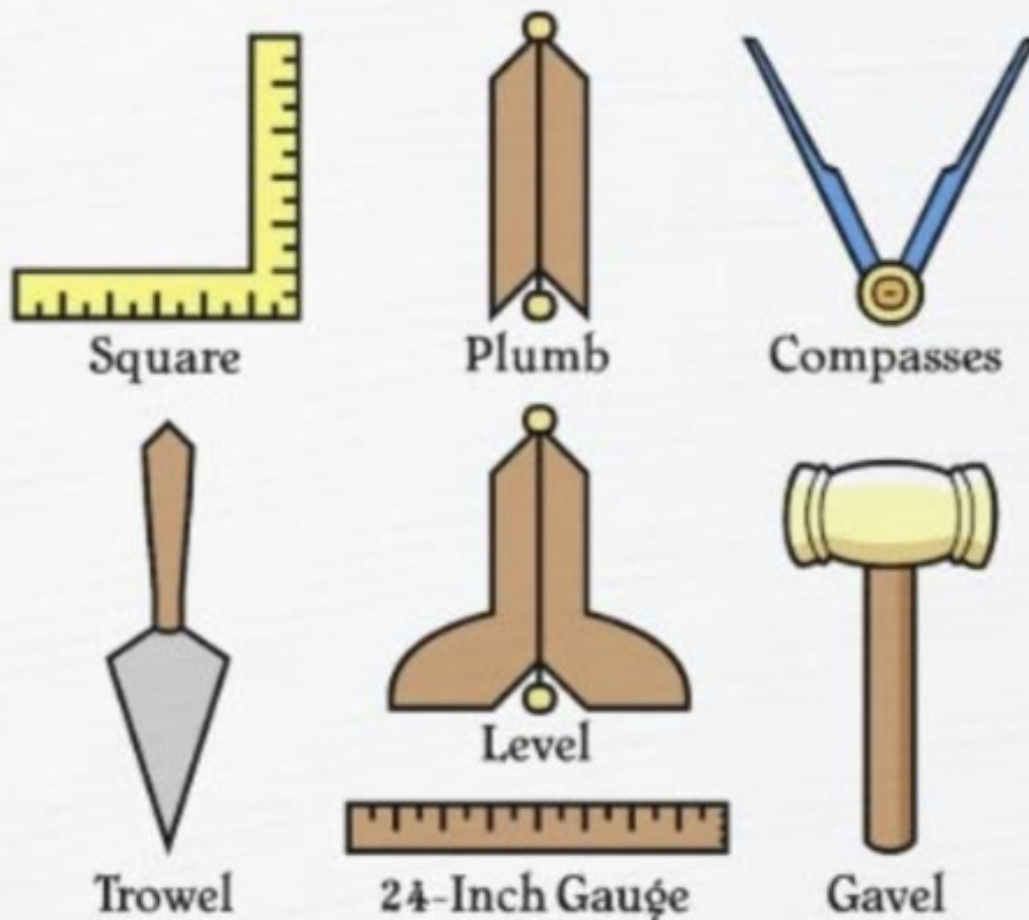
Lastly, your Senior Warden has already begun to reach out to discuss his plans for next year, so please be on the lookout for following communications from him. I am sure he would welcome your input on things you would like to see next year. This is *your* Lodge, so get involved and labor in the quarry to make it the best.

If you happened to have missed our last meeting, RW George Shoemaker announced that he is donating the entire cost of replacing the Lodge road sign seen on the way into town. Thank You George for this outstanding donation to your Lodge!



From the West

From the FreeMason Networking... "Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, to easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase 'the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God.' Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character."



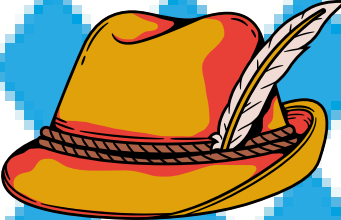
The Tools of The Craft
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Oktoberfest



Thank You to the Lions
Club for inviting us to
participate!



Oktoberfest





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Lodge Social

at Elite Shooting Sports



Who: YOU

What: Freedom Lodge Social

When: Friday October 14 @ 6:30p

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) by 10/7 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 7:00p 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

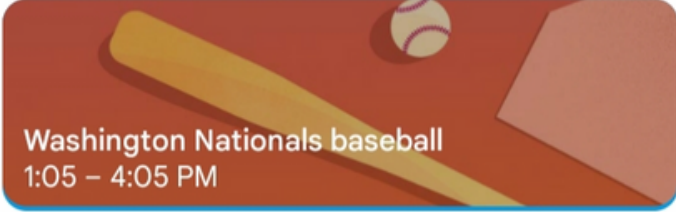
Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>

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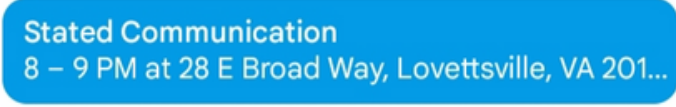
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Washington Nationals baseball
1:05 – 4:05 PM

Oct 2 – 8

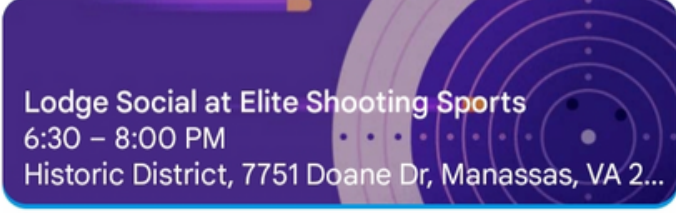
Fri
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Stated Communication
8 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

Oct 9 – 15


Fri
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Lodge Social at Elite Shooting Sports
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Historic District, 7751 Doane Dr, Manassas, VA 2...

Oct 16 – 22

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





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, 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.



Masonic Birthdays

- William Hohl
- Adam Smith

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



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>