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November 2022

FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Freedom Lodge No.118
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From the East

At the October Stated Communication, I was delighted to receive **Worshipful Tim Dahlman** from Ashburn Sterling Lodge in the East, who presented us with The Travelling Gavel. He also spoke about some of the symbols of our Craft and reminded us of the speculative uses of the trowel. Worshipful Dahlman then proceeded to present Freedom Lodge the largest trowel I have ever seen, engraved with a dedication from Ashburn Sterling to Freedom 118, the engraving work having been done by a Brother! See the picture on the next page.

We will soon be conferring a Master Mason degrees 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! Please be on the lookout for emails about degree practice sessions.

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

Thank You to **RW Phil Brooks** for taking on the orders for our Walk of Masonry. I am delighted to announce that we received 10 orders! It will take several weeks to get them made and delivered, and we will likely need some help to install them once they arrive!

In lieu of a public food drive, our membership has decided that from now through Spring we would ask members to bring food pantry donations to the Lodge. There is a green bin specifically for depositing donations.

Thank You to **RW George Shoemaker, Jr. and his wife Beth** for installing the new sign, it looks great! Also, Thank You to **Wor. Wes Hirschhorn, Jr.** for replacing our well-worn markers! I am sure our incoming Senior Deacon will be especially pleased.



From the West

Brethren –

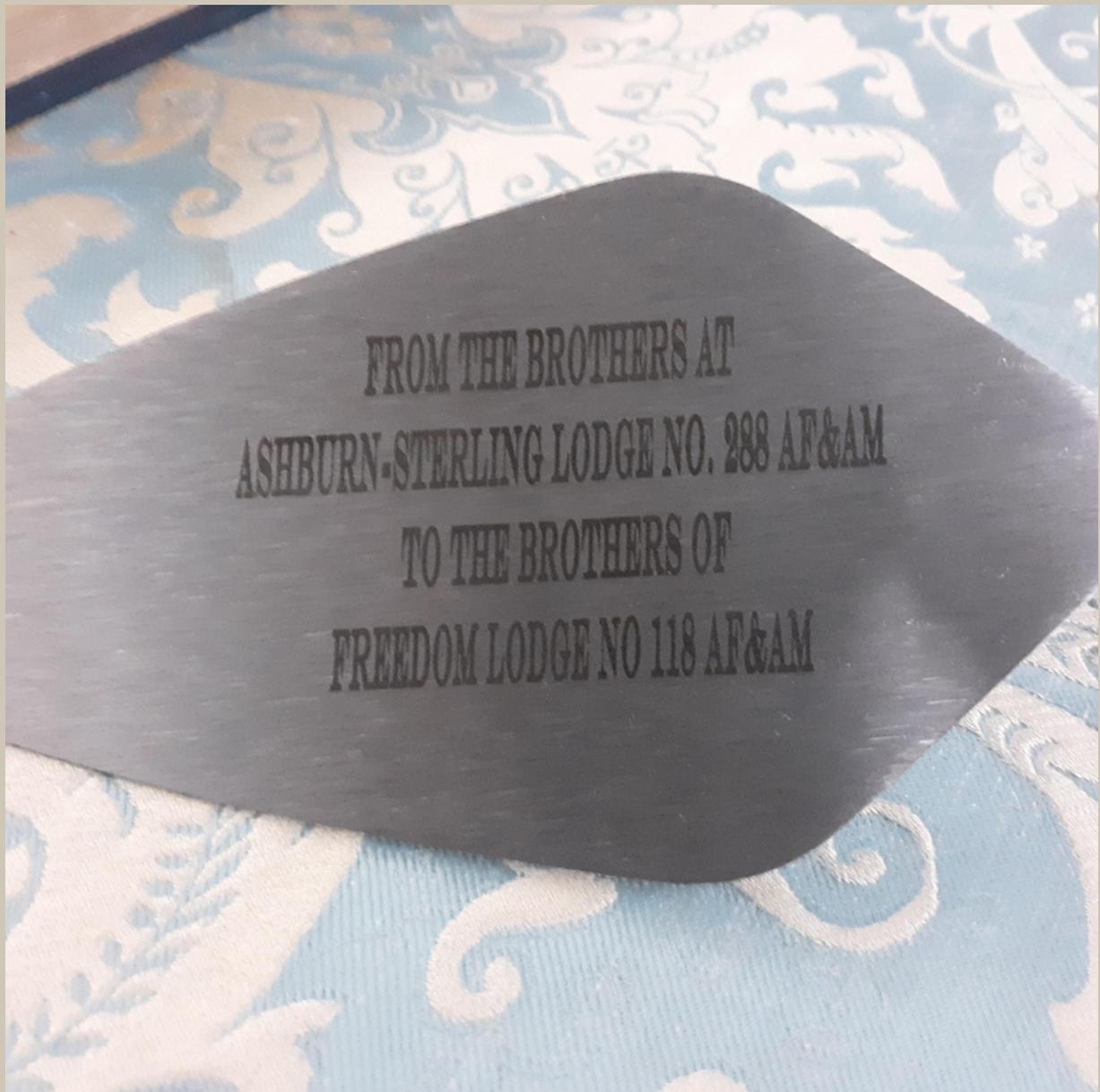
Last month this space displayed the tools of the Craft. Masonry is big on symbolism, but I'd like to reign that message back to something a little closer to home. Each of you had your own reason for joining Masonry. Is that reason being satisfied? Are you utilizing your personal tools to your own advantage to get what you want out of Masonry?

As an EA, you were presented a white leather apron and told to wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the fraternity. If you aren't wearing the apron, not participating in Lodge activities, how can you be satisfying that admonition? Are you gaining anything from your membership?

Each of you has your own special set of tools. It might be your love of cooking a meal, doing carpentry, being a dog whisperer, working a webpage, organizing a party, teaching or performing ritual - whatever your own personal tool might be, bring that tool, your talent and passion to bear for the benefit of the Lodge. You'll gain pleasure in your accomplishment and the Lodge will honor you for helping.

Hope to you all soon in Lodge.

S&F
Phil



We are excited to announce that this year, Freedom Lodge will be an official *non-public* drop site for the Toys for Tots 75th anniversary campaign!
All Brethren are requested to bring NEW, UNWRAPPED toys to our November and December Stated meetings if within the length of your cabletow.
The ages where we have the most need are "0 to 1 year" and "9 years to Teen".
We will then seal the toys in clean plastic bags and drop them off at a Loudoun County Fire Hall following our December Stated meeting, no later than December 8, 2022

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS



Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>

November 2022



Fri
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Toys for Tots collection

Stated Communication

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

Nov 6 – 12

Nov 13 – 19

Wed
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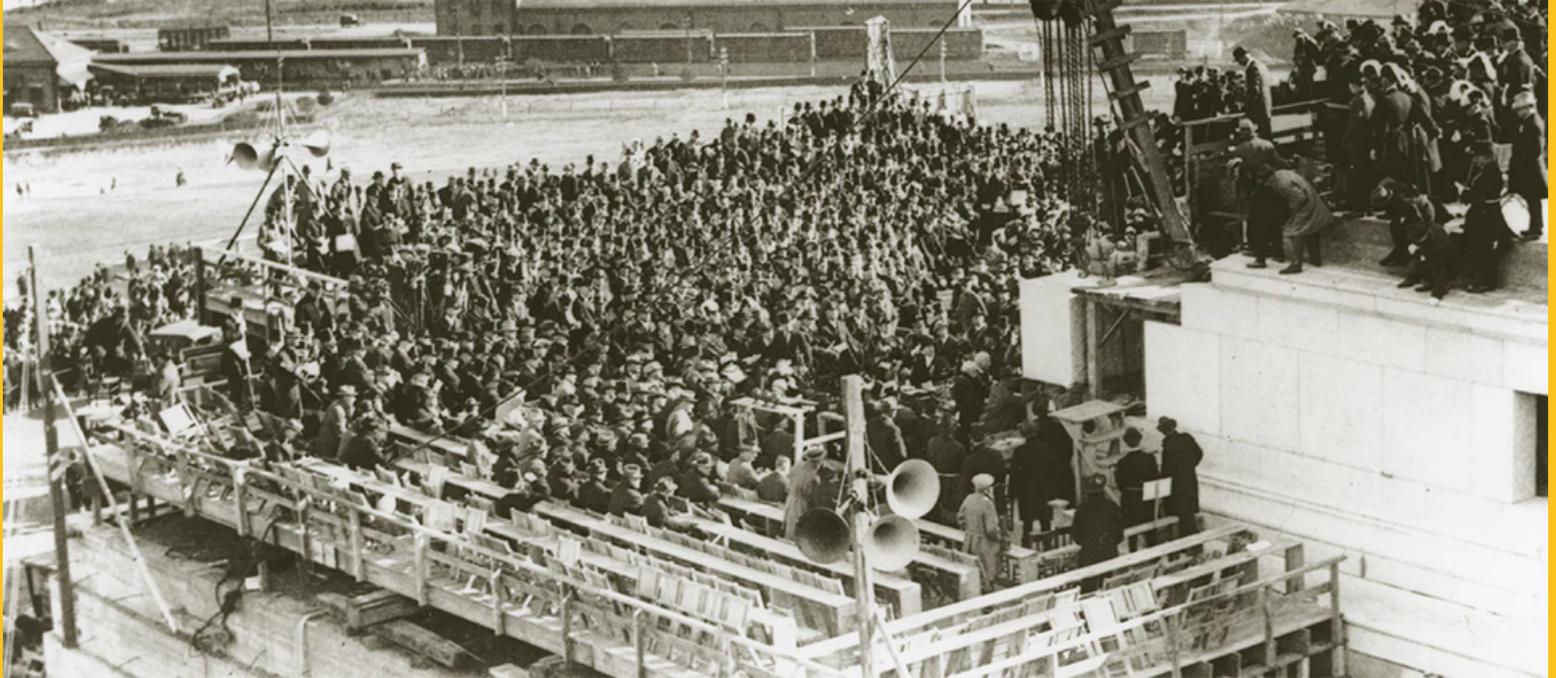
Called Communication EA

7 – 9 PM

Nov 20 – 26

Nov 27 – Dec 3

Be a Part of History!



Start planning now if you wish to participate in the historic George Washington Memorial events.

- **Lodge registration** is required for the parade; 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 on Monday, February 20th, at 1:30 p.m.
 - Cost per unit registration for the parade is \$50
- **Your individual registration** is required if you wish to attend either:
 - ***The Rededication Ceremony***
 - takes place at 3:30 p.m Monday, February 20, 2023
 - this registration is free
 - ***Washington's Birthday Gala***
 - takes place on Wednesday, February 22 from 5:00-10:00PM
 - Cost per ticket to attend the gala is \$200

<https://gwmemorial.org/pages/cornerstone>

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 top of the cake. The cake is decorated with blue frosting and white sprinkles. The background is dark and out of focus.

Masonic Birthdays

- Ralph Cavalieri
- Michael Cooper
- Matthew Duley
- Larry Frye
- Blake Gillenwater
- Ghorley Gregg, Jr.
- Shannon Stong
- Scott Wallace

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



Ancient & Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
of the Valley of Alexandria - Orient of Virginia



"SPES MEA IN DEO EST"

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