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December 2022

FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Freedom Lodge No.118
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From the East

Brethren,

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice, **Kevin Greenleaf**! Thank you to those who came out to support our candidate. It was especially nice to have a visit from **Worshipful Chuck Wyant**! along with guests.

Holy cow, the year has already come to it's end! As I wrap up this final Trestleboard of the year, I wanted to take a moment to say *Thank You*. Thank you to our Officer corps for your dedicated service to the Lodge throughout the year. Many hands make lighter work, and your leadership and participation made my job much easier.

I believe (and I hope that you all do too), that we have emerged from the worst of the COVID pandemic in a dynamic way. This year saw the return of Fraternal Visits, meals together in the Lodge, and the return of ritual schools. My goal this year was to reconnect with our members and our community as well as family and friends. Even though we did not achieve the Hillman Award as I had initially hoped, I certainly consider this year to have been a success.

We had an Open House with the town at the local library. We had a wonderful Valentine's Brunch with our families and our Widows. We were able to finally give Worshipful Shapiro the Masonic funeral service we had been waiting for. We celebrated the personal accomplishments of our members. We conferred degrees on several new members. We had several successful food drives. We raised money to help cure vision diseases. We participated in a district bowling event. We travelled to Lynchburg to support our Brother being Raised. We attended a Table Lodge, along with numerous visits to other lodges with unique events. I wish I could have attended the Master Masons Degree performed by the Oklahoma Indian Degree Team at the Delaware Fair Grounds! We had several social events at a shooting range. We replaced the sign at the town entrance. We raised donations for our Walk of Masonry, with 10 bricks to be installed in the Spring. We received recognition via the Morlock and Levy awards. We had a cookout at the lodge. We made improvements to the Lodge and performed Lodge maintenance. We updated the Wall of Past Masters. We had a family and friends trip to see the Washington Nationals (in a hurricane!). We raised funds by working alongside the Lions Club at the Oktoberfest. We collected Toys for Tots. While I am certain the list above is not comprehensive, it demonstrates that we were an *active* lodge with many things for our membership to participate in. Again I thank you all for a wonderful year, and as the likely incoming Senior Warden, I encourage you to submit ideas to me of things you would like to see the Lodge do this coming year!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Matt Duley

Master 2022

LAST CALL!

All Brethren are requested to bring NEW, UNWRAPPED toys to our December Stated meeting if within the length of your cabledow.

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

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS



Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>

December 2022



Fri
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Toys for Tots collection

Stated Communication

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

Dec 4 – 10

Dec 11 – 17

Dec 18 – 24

Wed
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Lodge practice

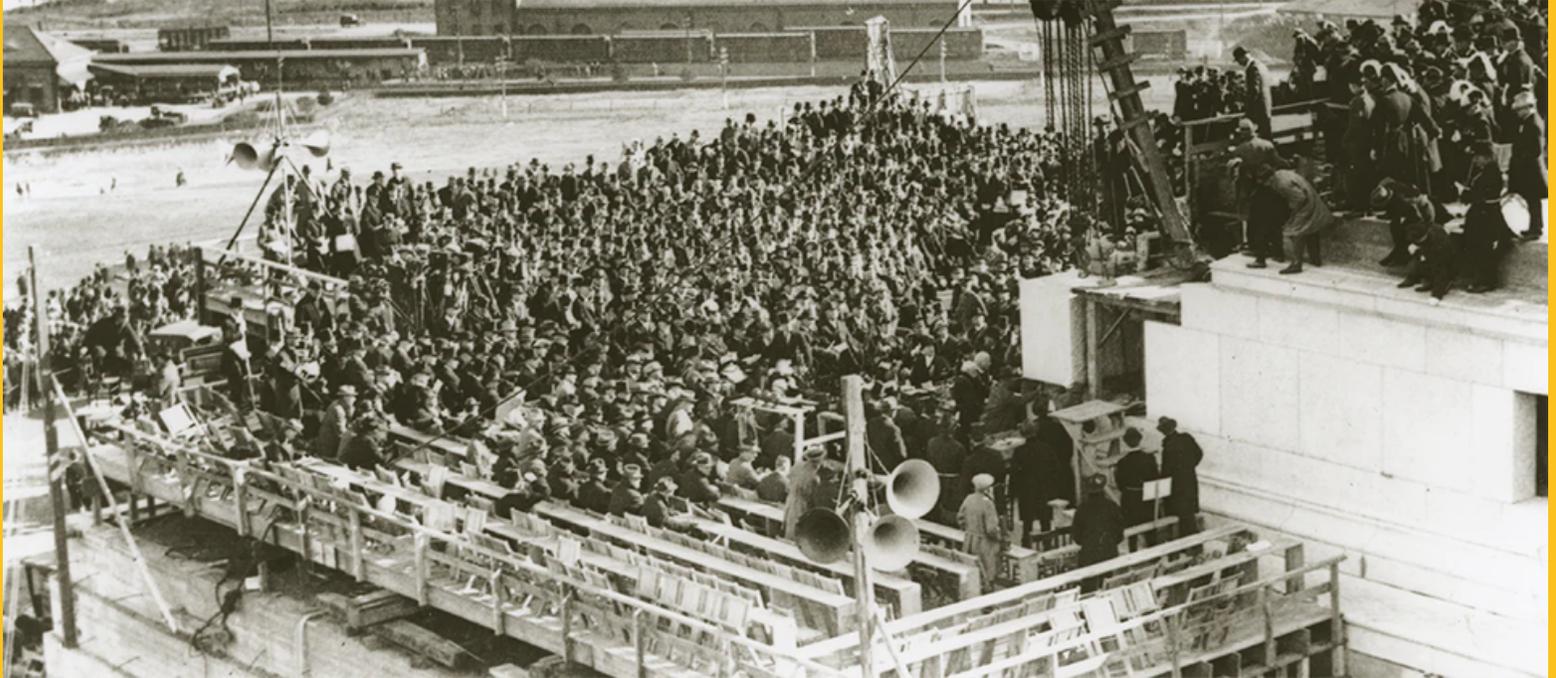
7 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

Dec 25 – 31

Tue
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Saint John the Evangelist day

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 row of several birthday cakes with lit candles. The candles are in various colors (blue, red, yellow) and are lit, casting a warm glow. The cakes are decorated with blue frosting and white sprinkles.

Masonic Birthdays

- Axel Alanis
- Joseph Evans
- Fred George, III

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



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Improve yourself in Masonry!

Informational brochures are available in the Lodge 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>

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