



Freedom Lodge No. 118

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

<http://FreedomLodge118.org>

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Stated Communication – First Friday

Dinner at 7:00p, Lodge at 8:00p

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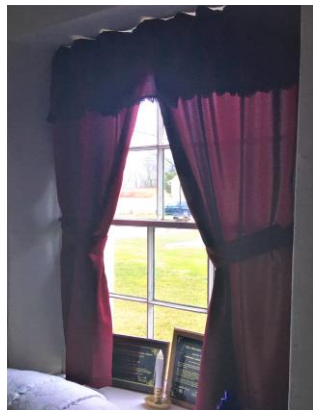
From the East

Greetings Brethren:

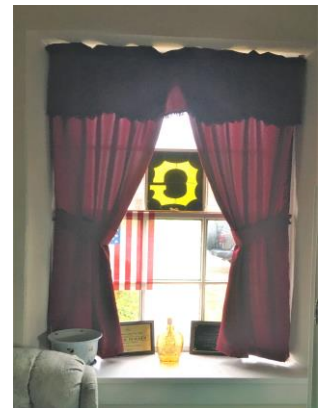
February is shaping up to be a busy month for Freedom Lodge and Virginia Masonry. All of our Lodge events are highlighted on the calendar (see below) to include two Lodge meetings, a fraternal visit to Fervency Lodge in Point of Rocks MD, and our Sweetheart Brunch. The Virginia Grand Lodge will be hosting the various Division Leadership Conferences (DLC) as well as the annual Conference of Grand Masters which will be highlighted by a public parade and re-enactment of the of the Cornerstone Ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of that ceremony at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The parade and Cornerstone Ceremony are open to all. For a schedule and to register please visit <https://gwmemorial.org/pages/cornerstone>.

Back to Freedom's month. WB Wes (wes.hirschhorn@gmail.com) needs your paid reservation for the Sweetheart Brunch by Friday 2/10. The Brunch will be at Tuscarora Mill in Leesburg. If past events at Tusksies are any indication, this will be a fun time with good food and better fellowship for all. At our Stated, we'll hear from WB Matt Duley on the Masonic connections to the creation of the Republic of Texas. On the 15th we'll hold a full cast practice for the MM degree later that week. February 18 is an important date as we will be raising a new Master Mason into our Lodge. On the 7th we look to have a fraternal visit to Fervency 200 in Pont of Rocks MD. The Fervency Brothers have visited Freedom often the past year. It's time we returned the favor. Lodge opens at 7:30 with dinner proceeding.

Fraternal Visits to other Lodges are important for several reasons. The first comes from the SW while opening a MM Lodge – "...travel to foreign countries, work and receive Master's wages..." This is symbolic of course. The Lodge you're visiting standing in for the foreign country and the wages being the fellowship and personal connections made not only while visiting but also during the ride there with others. Other benefits are to see how other Lodges – particularly in other jurisdictions – are run, their ritual, and the programs / education they offer. Join us at Fervency and suggest other Lodges that you'd like to visit.



A special thanks to WB Dick Phillips for repairing the front door knob / lock and for the hanging new curtains in our Fellowship Hall. Thank you Brother!





February Masonic Birthdays

Gary Ing – 1999
Dan Gillenwater – 2000

Mark Your Calendar

Feb 3 – Lodge Stated
Feb 7 – FV Fervency 200 (Point of Rocks MD)
Feb 18 - Called MM Degree
Feb 19 – Sweetheart Brunch
Mar 3 – Lodge Stated
Apr 7 – Lodge Stated
Apr 29 – Statewide One Day Conferral
May 5 – Lodge Stated, moon Lodge
Jun 2 – Lodge Stated, Strawberry night
Jun 17 – Freedom Cookout
Jul 7 – Lodge Stated
Aug 4 – Lodge Stated
Sep 1 – Lodge Stated
Oct 6 – Lodge Stated
Nov 3 – Lodge Stated
Nov 10-11 Grand Annual Communication



Most Worshipful
Donald E. Strehle
Grand Master
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February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3 FREEDOM STATED	4
5	6	7 FV Fervency 200 Point of Rocks	8	9	10 DLC Manassas	11 DLC Alexandria
12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13	14	15 FREEDOM PRACTICE 7p	16	17	18 FREEDOM CALLED MM DEGREE, 2p
19 Sweetheart Brunch	20 George Washington Day	21	22 George Washington's Birthday	23	24	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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