



Freedom Lodge No. 118

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia

<http://FreedomLodge118.org>

The Southern Feast Lodge in Virginia

Stated Communication – First Friday

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

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Brethren –

Happy Spring! At our March Stated we received a wonderful program from and about Brother Ivy Nye. He introduced us to his family and described his journey that led him to winning an Emmy for his work for PBS Kids. If you have young children (or grandchildren) I encourage you to download the [PBS Kids](#) app and share our Brother's work with them.

The Fraternal Visit to Hamilton-Thompson Lodge came off smoothly with 9 Brothers in attendance. Thanks to Brothers Hohl, Chapman, WB Phillips, Canter, and Duley, and RWB King, Shoemaker and Thompson for helping to pass the Traveling Gavel over to Worshipful Bill Craig. In April, we'll visit Hiram 21 in Winchester.

April will see some special events for Freedom. At our Stated, we should be balloting on 4 new members to our Lodge. RWB McGarrah and WB Phillips are collaborating on a joint program to share with us. And for dinner... please invite your wives to join us. Bethel 52 will be providing the dinner as a **fund raiser** for the Bethel (please be generous with your donation) and two of the Bethel's very own will be presenting during the meal about the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the Amaranth. This will be an auspicious occasion and one you should not miss.

On the 21st we will hear from some traveling Brothers from Croatia. This Lodge will be open on the Entered Apprentice level to permit a wider audience to participate that evening. Dinner and fellowship at 7 with Lodge opening at 8.

Your assistance is earnestly requested to support events on the 8th, 22nd and 29th of April. Volunteers are needed to man the registration desk for a blood drive at the Blue Ridge Fire Hall on the 8th. This is something that RWB Valker usually runs, but he is currently out of commission. **Blood donors** are always needed. The drive will run from 8a to noon at the Fire Hall. Contact me to let me know when you can help. Volunteers and donations are needed for our **Food Drive** on the 22nd. You can drop donations at the Lodge before either of the 2 meetings or bring your donation that day. Contact Brother Hohl to lend your assistance. The 29th is the **One Day Conferral** to be held at Herndon Lodge. Mentors are needed to assist Freedom's candidates that day. Contact RW McGarrah to help bring a new Brother into Freedom Lodge.

Looking forward into May and June, there are several items of interest. May's Stated will be a Moon Lodge – no electrical items in the Lodge room that night and the dress will be your best overalls. The Grand Master will visit the District for a cookout May 20th. Details to be released once they are known. For the June Stated, General Robert Lee will pay Freedom a visit. He certainly should have some interesting stories to share. Freedom will have its own family pot-luck cookout on the 17th of June in Berryville. See the separate flyer for details. Contact WB Duley with any questions or your offer to assist!

As a general request, Freedom is seeking a new Lodge MAHOVA Ambassador. Brother Ray Mauk has stepped away from that role after years serving both the Lodge and the District in that capacity. If you have some time to help out MAHOVA, please step forward so we can get you setup.

On the administration side of Lodge, I'd like to pass along a THANK YOU to WB Mark Canter. He has tackled Grand View head on and seems to have our online Lodge records squared

away. Please sign into Grand View (Mark can help if you need it) to check your own record for correctness. One last item, if your dues card doesn't indicate it is for 2023, then you are not current in regards to your dues. Please save us (and you) the extra time and money and come forward with your dues today. A check mailed to the PO Box, cash or CC prior to any meeting will get you squared away. 2023 dues are \$155.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Philip Brooks

<p><u>March Masonic Birthdays</u> Garland Cooper – 1969 Mark Canter – 2014 Leroy Facer – 2015 Lee McPeak - 2018</p> <p><u>April Masonic Birthdays</u> Dick Phillips – 1973 David Lang – 2002 George Shoemaker – 2003 Tom Brierton – 2006 Dave Kirk - 2013</p>	<p><u>Mark Your Calendar</u></p> Apr 7 – Lodge Stated Apr 21 – Lodge Called (EA Lodge) Apr 29 – Statewide One Day Conferral May 5 – Lodge Stated, Moon Lodge May 20 – GMOV to D2 Jun 2 – Lodge Stated, Strawberry night Jun 17 – Freedom Cookout - Berryville Jul 7 – Lodge Stated Aug 4 – Lodge Stated Sep 1 – Lodge Stated Sep 9 – Ken Shelton Area School Oct 6 – Lodge Stated Nov 3 – Lodge Stated Nov 10-11 Grand Annual Communication Dec 1 – Lodge Stated	 <p>Most Worshipful Donald E. Strehle Grand Master Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. & A.M. https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org</p>
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30						1 April Fool's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7 FREEDOM STATED Dinner @7 Lodge @8	8 Blood Drive @ Blue Ridge Firehouse
9 Easter	10	11 FV Hiram 21 Winchester	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 FREEDOM PRACTICE	20	21 FREEDOM CALLED EA LODGE Dinner @7 Lodge @8	22 FOOD DONATION DRIVE
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 ODC @ Herndon

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