

# 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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Brethren –

WOW! What a busy and productive month April was for Freedom.

At dinner before our April Stated we were treated to an enlightening program from Honored Lady Ann Bailey, Grand Royal Matron, Grand Court of Virginia, Order of the Amaranth and Sister Laura Babbit, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star as they educated us about their respective organizations. Dinner was provided by the young ladies of Bethel 52, Jobses Daughters International where both Laura and Ann have their Masonic roots.

Upstairs we presented Worshipful Brother Richard "Dick" Phillips with his 50-year Masonic Veteran pin. He was pinned by his grandson Lee McPeak. WB Adi Karisik and Brother Cam Gore affiliated with Freedom and we elected two additional men that planned to participate in the state wide One Day Conferral. We closed out the meeting with a terrific presentation of "Casey at the Bat" by RWB Chris Thompson to mark the start of baseball season.

At our Called, we welcomed in our EAs as well as our Brothers from Croatia to our Lodge. Worshipful Davor Ljubic, Master of Lodge Mudrost ("Wisdom") in Zagreb, Croatia, provided a program on Masonry in Croatia with the first Lodges forming in 1733. Brother Josip Sapunar (member of Freedom and past Grand Treasurer of the GL of Croatia) offered a short auto-biography. To cap off the night we had an outstanding musical offering from Herndon Brother Bojan Sober. Everyone joined in on the chorus, but Brother Sober had the rafters vibrating with his magnificent voice alone. A wonderful night of brotherhood and fellowship.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Freedom ran parallel food drives. One at our front door- thank you Brother Hohl and Brother Kirk for managing the local event - and at the Blue Ridge Fire Dept. there was a food drive and blood drive. 24 units of blood were collected along with the donations to the local pantry. Terrific work everyone!

To close the month, Freedom welcomed it's newest three members. Brother Bernd "BK" Kupferer, Brother Dejan "Dan" Kocic, and Brother "Nebojsa "Nebo" Todorovic were brought into Masonry via the state wide One Day Conferral. Please welcome our newest Master Masons warmly when you see them. In all, Freedom membership grew by five new men in April.

Break out your best overalls and join us for our May Stated. We'll see how Lodge was conducted in days gone by as we honor our moon Lodge and agricultural roots. There will be no electricity or electronics in Lodge – leave your cell phones at the door.

Other activities for May include a FV to George Washington Lodge No 143 in Chambersburg PA, a Lodge fundraiser at Velocity Wings (more to follow regarding this subject soon), and the Official visit of the Grand Master Donald E. Strehle to District 2 to be held at Franklin Park outside of Purcellville.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at Lodge and at our varied events!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Philip Brooks*

**May Masonic Birthdays**

Jim Crunk, 1974  
Reginald Sanbower, 1984  
Geoff Hoyt, 2017  
Danny McLaughlin, 2021  
Ryan Packard, 2022

**Mark Your Calendar**

May 5 – Lodge Stated, Moon Lodge  
May 12 – FV GW No 143 Cburg, PA  
May 16 – Velocity Wings  
May 20 – GMOV to D2 – Franklin Park  
Jun 2 – Lodge Stated, Strawberry night  
Jun 17 – Freedom Cookout - Berryville  
Jul 7 – Lodge Stated  
Aug 4 – Lodge Stated  
Aug 11-12 RJ Simmons Academy - Roanoke  
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



**Most Worshipful**  
Donald E. Strehle  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge  
of Virginia, A.F. & A.M.  
<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org>

**MAY 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 FREEDOM STATED Dinner @7 Lodge @8	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 FV GW Lodge 143 Chambersburg PA	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 Fundraiser@ Velocity Wings	17 FREEDOM PRACTICE	18	19	20 GMOV @ Franklin Park
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

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