



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 –

For our May Stated we travelled under the guidance of the Flower Full Moon and met together in our finest overalls by aide of lanterns and candles. It was a peaceful meeting without the distraction of electronics. RWB Harris McGarrah presented a history of Freedom Lodge starting with Lodge No. 199 in 1865, through the loss of the Lodge charter and it's re-instatement as Lodge No. 118 in 1892 and beyond. The 118 charter was for a moon Lodge that held Stated meetings as often as 3 times a month.



In June, our pre-Stated dinner will be strawberry themed. We'll have some guests at the Stated – some from PA, others from Herndon that will be looking to favor us once again with the District's Traveling Gavel.

June 17 is our Lodge cook-out in Berryville. As a courtesy, here is the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/freedom-lodge-no-118-friends-family-cookout-tickets-614191151267>

The Lodge will be providing grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, smoked bbq baked beans and non-alcoholic beverages. Guests are encouraged to bring a side dish to share.



Thanks to some good intentioned Brothers – lead by RW Greg Valker and Brother Ray Mauk – Freedom Lodge will be donating some comfort bears to the INOVA Children's Ward at Lansdowne. These bears will hopefully bring some solace to children as they recover. Once a donation date is selected, I'm hoping that a large contingent of Freedom Brothers can be on hand to help make the presentation to the hospital.

Also in the spirit of charity, the RW Larry Frye Awards are to be presented at Lovettsville Elementary students for their diligence and hard work. Thank you to Brothers Dick Phillips, Fred George and RWB Harris

McGarrah for making these presentations possible.

Brother Bill Hohl and RWB Harris McGarrah both conducted fund raisers to benefit the Lodge coffers. We'll hear how well they fared at the meeting. We're on the lookout for other ideas to aide the Lodge – still several Temple repairs and improvements to be funded and made. Bring your ideas forward for consideration.

On the travel schedule, we'll be off the Hamilton-Thompson Lodge to once again bestow the District Gavel upon them. If you have a Lodge you'd like to visit, bring it forward so we can get it on the calendar.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Philip Brooks

Administrative note: Dues past due notices have been mailed. Those not current by the June Stated will be referred to Grand Lodge for suspension for non-payment of dues process. Please contact the Lodge Secretary so that we can reduce the count on this list to ZERO.

<p><u>June Masonic Birthdays</u> Robert Sagers, 1970 Loyd Davis, 1973 Daniel Fleming, 1979 Robert Legard Jr, 1996 Marino D'Aguiar, 2010 Chris Lessard, 2011</p>	<p><u>Mark Your Calendar</u> Jun 2 – Lodge Stated, Strawberry night Jun 7 – Fauquier RAC Stated Jun 10 – Metropolitan’s Masons Ball Jun 15 – FV to HT 37 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 Sep 26 – Lodge of Low Vale, Waynesboro PA Oct 6 – Lodge Stated Nov 3 – Lodge Stated Nov 10-11 Grand Annual Communication Dec 1 – Lodge Stated</p>	<div data-bbox="1198 302 1373 543" data-label="Image"> </div> <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
				1	2 FREEDOM STATED Dinner @7 Lodge @8	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mason’s Ball
11	12	13	14	15 FV to HT 37	16	17 Family Cookout Berryville
18 Father’s Day	19	20	21 FREEDOM PRACTICE	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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