

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



JULY 2023

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Brethren –

For our June Stated we just missed the Strawberry full moon by one day. But, we had plenty of strawberries and great fellowship for dinner that evening.

Herndon did not show to bestow the Traveling Gavel upon us, but General Robert E Lee did present us with a program that traced his involvement in the Civil War beyond the battle at Gettysburg.



WB Cookie & RWB Chef on the grill

More information to come as the event draws nearer.

The second activity is also in conjunction with the Lions. I ask that you sweep your home, office and inquire of others to bring unused eyewear to our July Stated. We'll donate what we collect to the Lions for those in need.

Our July trip will have us traveling to Philadelphia. We'll start the day at Independence Hall – a Brother as secured us 30 tickets for a 10:30 step off. We'll then make our way to the Grand Lodge of PA Temple where Brother Mike Mckee, Executive Director of the GL Museum and Library, will give us a behind the scenes tour of the building and museum. This is an exquisite building with each of the Lodge rooms decorated in a different theme. We'll even get into the tower room which is closed to the public. There is block of rooms reserved at the Marriott beside the GL building- call Brooke Ransome ((215) 625-6044) to secure your room by July 7. The url to get yours space on the tour is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/freedom-lodge-trip-to-philadelphia-tickets-656136079677?aff=oddtcreator> or call me.

Lodge practice.... All Brothers are encouraged to attend. Come learn a part!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Philip Brooks



June 17 saw our Lodge cook-out in Berryville proved to be a big success. Lots of great food and fellowship. A special thanks to WB Matt Duley for organizing this event and for manning the grill with an assist to RWB George Shoemaker for his outstanding chicken. I hope this event returns next year!

A belated acknowledgment of a special occasion in June. Most Worshipful Brother Loyd Evan Davis celebrated his 50th year in Masonry. Congratulations Brother!

Upcoming activities in support of the community include a request for us to once again assist the Lions Club at Oktoberfest. I hope that many Brothers will step forward to volunteer their time to support this request.

July Masonic Birthdays

Harris McGarrah, 1988
Philip Brooks, 2004
Bruce McKimmey, 2005
Jesse Shannon, 2005
David King, 2011
Chuck Wyant, 2012
Tommy Chapman, 2014

Mark Your Calendar

Jul 7 – Lodge Stated
Jul 30 – Trip to Philly
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



Most Worshipful
Donald E. Strehle
Grand Master
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 FREEDOM STATED Dinner @7 Lodge @8	1/8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 FREEDOM PRACTICE	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Visit to GL of PA Temple	31					

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