



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

SEPTEMBER 2023

VOLUME 2023, NUMBER 9

2023 Officers

Worshipful Master

Philip Brooks
405 Greear Place
Herndon, VA 20170
BrooksPJBE@aol.com

Senior Warden

Matthew Duley

Junior Warden

Wes Hirschhorn

Treasurer

Dave Kirk

Secretary

Mark Canter

Senior Deacon

Bill Hohl

Junior Deacon

Brad Westerman

Chaplain

Harris McGarrah

Tiler

Greg Valker

Freedom Lodge
P.O. Box 293
Lovettsville, VA
20180

Brethren –

At the end of July, 30 travelled from Freedom north to Philadelphia for a visit to the Independence Hall and the Grand Lodge Temple of Pennsylvania. Two magnificent structures to be certain.



PA GL Temple



Independence Hall

The ensemble included family members of all ages – coming together for fellowship and to delve into our nation's history. The Independence Hall tour included both the Judicial and Legislative rooms while the tour of the GL Temple took us through the various Lodge rooms and the really behind the scenes tour of the attic space. A special thanks to Brother Mike McKee for arranging a Sunday tour for us!



At Freedom's Stated, we received an outstanding presentation by the WM of Freedom No 112, WB Mike Taldo. WB Mike covered the Masonic connections of Mexico's split with Spain and up through the creation of the Republic of Texas. At our September Stated, WB Eric LeHew will present on Brother Davy Crocket who fought at the Alamo.



Freedom made a donation of Freedom Bears to the INOVA Pediatric Ward at Lansdowne to provide children in need a bit of comfort in their time of distress. Rebecca Makowski and Emily Phipps were on hand to gladly receive the bears on behalf of the children. A similar donation to the Lovettsville Fire Department is in the works.

Brother Dave Kirk has replaced all the fluorescent lights in the Lodge room with LED lights. The difference is amazing! Thank you for bringing light to Freedom Brother Dave!

Additional photos of the trip to Philly will be posted on our website – FreedomLodge118.org – as soon as possible.

Sincerely and Fraternally
Philip Brooks

<p><u>August Masonic Birthdays</u></p> <p>Chris Thompson, 1996 Brad Westerman, 2013</p>	<p><u>Mark Your Calendar</u></p> <p>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>	 <p>Most Worshipful Donald E. Strehle Grand Master Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. & A.M. https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org</p>
---	---	--

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 FREEDOM STATED Dinner @7 Lodge @8	2
3	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6	7	8	9 Ken Shelton Area School @ A/S
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 FREEDOM PRACTICE	21	22	23 1 st Day of Fall
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

More Info at <http://freedonlodge118.org/>

