



# 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 –

Fall is upon us. The temperatures are dropping and soon also will the leaves. Crops to be harvested (September's Harvest Moon was the last Super Moon of the year), fresh pressed apple cider, corn mazes, the air is crisp, baseball playoffs, football is underway. The smells and colors of Fall are the best. Fall has always been my favorite time of the year.

WB Chuck Wyant is recovering well from surgery. Due to his health concerns, **all** the items previously planned for the October Stated will now be shifted to our November Stated.

September was another busy month for Freedom Lodge. RWB Harris McGarrah arranged for the donation of Lovettsville Fire Hohl received the Past now qualified to be Lodge. At our Stated, program on Brother Crockett and how he Several Brothers Lions Club at the Oktoberfest. Their back to Freedom that maintenance and



(l-r WB Matt, Bro Cameron, RWB Greg, RWB Harris, Bro Nebo)

Freedom Bears to the Department. Bro Bill Masters Degree and is elected as a Warden in WB Eric LeHew provided a and Senator Davy ended up at the Alamo. stepped up to assist the annual Lovettsville donated hours will come we might further the upkeep our Temple.

It is time once again for us to pick up our degree practices. We have one Brother who will soon need to be passed and we have a candidate to be balloted upon at our next meeting, so he will need to be initiated into the Craft. Our next scheduled Lodge school of instruction will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>. No need to wait until then to learn a part. There are many Brothers willing to teach if you are willing to learn. Reach out and we'd be happy to get you started learning a part so you can help with the degrees.

An early look at two important items in November. The first is our Grand Annual Communication (GAC). There will be two resolutions and two edicts to be balloted upon – we will discuss these in Lodge. Also the officers to lead our Craft for the ensuing Masonic year will be elected.

The other is Election Day for YOUR government – not a political message but rather a civic one. Take the time to educate yourself on the matters before your government, learn about the candidates running for office and take the time on November 7th to cast a well-informed ballot. You've heard the saying that "If you aren't part of the solution, you are part of the problem". Please be a part of the solution.

*Sincerely and Fraternally*  
*Philip Brooks*

*“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”*

--- Theodore Roosevelt

*“Death smiles at us all; all we can do is smile back.”* --- Marcus Aurelius

<p><b><u>October Masonic Birthdays</u></b></p> <p>Bill Hohl, 2020 Adam Smith, 2020</p>	<p><b><u>Mark Your Calendar</u></b></p> <p>Oct 6 – Lodge Stated Nov 3 – Lodge Stated Nov 7 – Election Day Nov 9-11 Grand Annual Communication Dec 1 – Lodge Stated – Elections and Installation of Officers</p>	 <p><b>Most Worshipful</b> Donald E. Strehle Grand Master Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. &amp; A.M. <a href="https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org">https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org</a></p>
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**OCTOBER 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 <b>FREEDOM STATED</b> Dinner @7 Lodge @8	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <b>FREEDOM PRACTICE</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 TR's Birthday	28 Hunter's Moon
29	30	31 Halloween				

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