



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 -

Freedom's year started off on a note of charitable support within our community which nicely aligned with one of Grand Master Strehle's desires for the Craft this past year. Freedom (YOU!) supported Toys for Tots, the Freedom Bear donations to INOVA and the Lovettsville Fire Department, the RW Larry Frye Awards to students at Lovettsville Elementary, multiple blood drives, canned food drives, the Lovettsville Oktoberfest, and others. We'll wrap up the year back at the beginning. WB Duley has stepped up to again coordinate Freedom's support of Toys for Tots this season. If you can, please participate in our efforts to aide children in need by bringing **new, unwrapped** toys to Freedom's November or December dinner. Requested are age (2-12) appropriate toys (STEM toys, dolls, board games, Legos, baseballs, etc.) to become presents for children that otherwise might have nothing. Help make a child smile and your heart grow from benevolence this Christmas season because of your donation.

WB Wyant plans to join us for the November Stated. Some of the line officers have prepared a program to honor him – be sure to dress appropriately. Also, Chuck will be helping us out by installing the new bricks that have been waiting to be placed in Freedom's Walk of Masonry. Once he settles on a date, I'm sure that he would welcome some assistance with this endeavor. Expect an email asking for YOUR assistance once particulars are determined.

LATE UPDATE: Due to an unexpected health issue with Chuck's wife Lynnette, WB Chuck will not be able to join us in November.

The second week of November will see two important elections. The first is the election of Representatives and Senators as well as other local elected officials in our Commonwealth. The second is the determination of two resolutions and two edicts along with your elected Grand Line for the ensuing Masonic year. We'll discuss the second item in Lodge at our Stated, but I hope that you will participate in both of these important endeavors.

Upcoming work in Lodge includes the need for an EA degree and hopefully soon a FC degree. It would be great if Freedom could get back to conferring this work entirely with in-house talent. But, for that to happen we need **YOU** to participate – step up and learn a part in the degree work. Other men were there to support you as you traveled through the degrees. They paid it forward. It's your turn to return the favor and help bring other members into Freedom Lodge and our Craft.

There is one last item on Freedom's social calendar for this year. A **FREE** bottling workshop at the Catoctin Creek Distillery in Purcellville on Sunday November 12 from 10a until noon. This social includes a continental breakfast, tour of the facility, hands on experience with the grain to bottle process, and a tasting afterwards. This event is open to family members but is limited on head count on a strict first come, first served basis. Once we're full, that's it. Please RSVP your positive attendance and number in your party to me via email at BrooksPJBE@aol.com by November 9. I'll take reservations until we are full. The Catoctin Creek Distillery is also a great place to pick up a Christmas present or two. ☺

Sincerely and Fraternaly
Philip Brooks

November Masonic Birthdays

Michael Cooper, 1971
 Larry Frye, 1977
 Ghorley Gregg, 1983
 Ralph Cavalieri, 1989
 Blake Gillenwater, 2014
 Romano Bolkovic, 2016
 Matthew Duley, 2018
 Shannon Stong, 2016

Mark Your Calendar

Nov 3 – Lodge Stated
 Nov 7 – Election Day
 Nov 9-11 Grand Annual Communication
 Nov 12 – Catoctin Creek Workshop
 Dec 1 – Lodge Stated – Elections and
 Installation of Officers



Most Worshipful
 Donald E. Strehle
 Grand Master
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 FREEDOM STATED Dinner @7 Lodge @8	4
5 Fall your clocks back 1 hour	6	7 Election Day	8	9 GAC	10 GAC	11 GAC Veteran's Day
12 Bottling Workshop 10-12	13	14	15 FREEDOM PRACTICE	16	17	18 EA degree <i>Tentative</i>
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27 Beaver Full Moon	28	29	30	1 Freedom Stated	2

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