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January 2024

# FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Freedom Lodge No.118  
28 E Broad Way,  
Lovettsville, VA 20180

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# From the East

Brethren,

Welcome to a new Masonic Year! First let me again thank Right Worshipful Phil Brooks for his leadership and service to Freedom Lodge during the last year. At the Grand Lodge of Virginia, on behalf of our membership, I was delighted to accept the George H. Chapin award for all the community service activities *you* made happen this year. Please see below for the award, which I will have framed for display in the Lodge.

It was fantastic to see so many visitors from across District 2 in attendance at our December meeting! I look forward to working with each of the lodges in our district this year.

In December, I was proud to represent our Lodge at several elections and or installation of officers in the district and conveyed our congratulations and offered my support to their new Worshipful Masters. At Freedom Lodge this year, we have alot to look forward to, and I will be reliant on your support.

A special Thank You to our Wor. Mark Canter for transitioning our website to be more secure. I am hoping that we can work towards being able to pay our dues online.

Your Junior Warden, Bro. Bill Hohl is planning this year's Sweetheart's Brunch, so keep an eye on your email for details. I hope to see another good turnout by our membership and our Widows.

An email has been sent out with the scheduled Division Leadership Conference (DLC) dates and locations, the ones closest to us are in February. All Lodge Officers and the LEO should attend a session. Please let the Secretary know which one you went to. Also, please see below for the schedule details on the District Ritual Schools.

This month, we will have a visit from the District Deputy Grand Master! He has been to visit Freedom several times now and I look forward to his support.

Matt Duley,  
Master 2024

# Freedom Lodge No. 118 Officers

Worshipful Master: Matt Duley, PM  
Senior Warden: Wes Hirschhorn, PM  
Junior Warden: Bro. Bill Hohl  
Treasurer: Bro. David Kirk  
Secretary: Mark Canter, PM  
Senior Deacon: Bro. Brad Westerman  
Junior Deacon: Bro. Dan Little  
Chaplain: Bro. Nebojsa Todorovic  
Tiler: Greg Valker, PDDGM  
Marshall: Bro. Cameron Gore

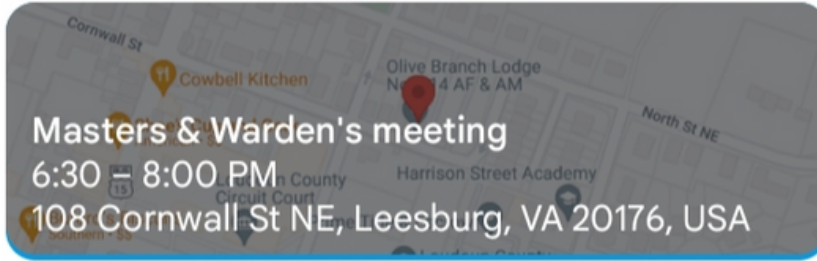


Lodge Instructor of Work (LIW): Harris McGarragh, PDDGM  
Lodge Education Officer (LEO): Phil Brooks, PDDGM  
Lodge MAHOVA Ambassador: Bro. Dedan Kocic  
Blood Coordinators: Greg Valker, PDDGM (regional)  
Bro. David Kirk (local)

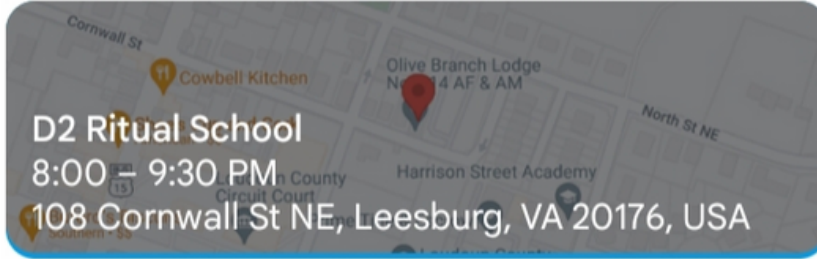
# Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>

Wed  
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**Masters & Warden's meeting**  
6:30 – 8:00 PM  
108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176, USA



**D2 Ritual School**  
8:00 – 9:30 PM  
108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176, USA

Fri  
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**Stated Communication**  
8 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

Jan 7 – 13, 2024

Tue  
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**Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling**  
6:30 – 9:30 PM

Jan 14 – 20, 2024

Wed  
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**Lodge practice**  
7 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

## **Toys for Tots**

Thank You to everyone who supported our Toys for Tots campaign this year! I am pleased to report that due to your tremendous support, for the second consecutive year, Freedom Lodge donated an entire carload of new, unwrapped toys which was delivered to Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company 12 (<http://www.lovettsvillevfr.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/LovettsvilleVFR/>) on December 2nd. Those less fortunate will be able to enjoy the holiday due to your generous support! Due to our continued success, I plan to renew this service activity at the conclusion of 2024.

# **TOYS FOR TOTS**



## **Breakfast With Santa**

Also on December 2nd, Freedom Lodge supported the first responders of the Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company 8 (<https://www.blueridgefire.org/>) in Bluemont, VA. We had at least four members in attendance to enjoy breakfast and socialization. I was also pleased to be introduced to the Rainbow Girls from Ashburn-Sterling who were in attendance as well.

Thank You to RW Phil Brooks for your generous donation of a dozen blankets to the Martinsburg, WV branch of Home Helper Home Care on behalf of Freedom Lodge!



<https://www.homehelpershomecare.com>

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Thank You to RW Phil Brooks for seeing the Walk of Masonry bricks installed! This work was done by Ekrem "Ed" Divleli, the owner of Stone Patios VA (<https://stonepatiosva.com>). Thank you also to RW Phil Brooks for donating the cost of the installation. Here are some of the new bricks.



The Most Worshipful  
Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons  
of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The George H. Chapin Award  
For  
"Building Bridges"



Presented to

Freedom Lodge No. 118

In recognition of its completion of ten acts of philanthropic service in their community during A.L. 6023, A.D. 2023, Freedom Lodge helped *Build Bridges* to unite mankind by relieving the distressed and working to create a more civil and caring society for all.



Given under our hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 10th day of November AL 6023, AD 2023 and in the Two Hundred Forty-fifth year of our Grand Lodge.

  
Grand Master

Teste: *Douglas V. Jones* Grand Secretary



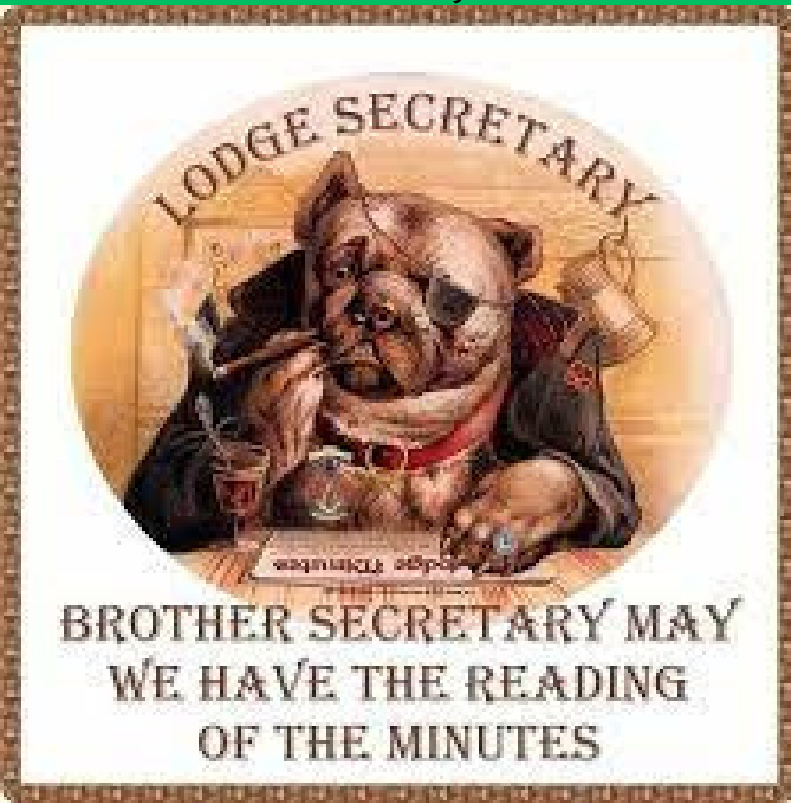
Join Freedom Lodge No. 118  
Veteran's Day  
Saturday, Nov. 11th at 11:00am  
To honor Brother George Washington  
in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at his tomb.

Participation is limited to 50. Cost is \$20 per person, paid in advance, to cover the grounds pass only. Signup today!



The Wreath-laying ceremony will consist of the Pledge of Allegiance, General Washington's prayer for his country, and the placement of a wreath by the Worshipful Master and his designated assistant. All Masons in attendance are requested to wear a suit, their aprons, collars if a Lodge Officer at Freedom, and white gloves.

# From the Secretary



**Dues are now due!**

**Your Secretary** wishes to remind you that if your Membership Card does not show **2024** as the expiration year, to please ensure he receives all monies due.

Please reach out if you find yourself in need of assistance!

## January Masonic Birthdays



Axel Alanis, 2018

Ray Mauk, 2011

Living Past Masters	
Brother	Year(s) Served
Larry D. Frye	1983, 2005 - 2007
Roy Harris McGarran, Jr.	1992 - 1995, 2011
Clifford S. Free	1996 - 1999
Richard A. Phillips	2000 - 2003
Gary R. Ing	2004
George M. Shoemaker, Jr.	2008 - 2010
Philip Brooks	2012, 2014, 2023
Thomas W. Brierton	2013
Loyd E. Davis	2015
J. David King	2016
Chuck Wyant	2017
Wes Hirschhorn	2018
Mark Canter	2020 - 2021
Matthew T. Duley	2022, 2024

As a fundraiser for the Lodge, I have purchased 200 of these stone tokens, which were crafted by a brother Mason. Instead of a standard lodge coin, I wanted something that would stand out and reflect the connection to operative Masonry. They are made of honed marble, so each one is unique. I am selling them for \$10 each, and 100% of the profit will go directly to Freedom Lodge.



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# District 2 News

**Below is the schedule of the D2 Ritual Schools.** This year the schools will be held in conjunction with and immediately following the D2 Masters & Wardens meetings (which are scheduled to start at 7:00pm (potluck dinner 6:30)).

All Master Masons are welcome to attend the Ritual School, and all Line Officers are specifically encouraged to attend *as many as they can.*

Attendance is highly encouraged for those seeking a Warden's Certificate.

First Wednesday	Location	Time
1/3/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
2/7/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
3/6/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
4/3/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
5/1/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
6/5/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
7/3/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
8/7/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
9/4/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
10/2/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
11/6/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM
12/4/2024	Olive Branch	8:00PM

### District Officers

DDGM: RW Jason Todd Wolfe  
DIW: RW Christopher Conway Thompson  
DEO: Wor. Eric J. LeHew

### Grand Master

Most Worshipful Jack Kayle Lewis





I am excited to report that this past year Freedom Lodge added 3 new members to the Scottish Rite! Congratulations and welcome to them!

Reunions to bring in new members are held in April and October each year to communicate and confer the Scottish Rite degrees at the conclusion of which you will be a 32nd degree Master of the Royal Secret.

Each year we also traditionally host a Blue Lodge night in which non-Scottish Rite Masons are welcome to attend and enjoy a meal. Stay tuned for the date of that event.

The Scottish Rite Representative for Freedom Lodge is currently Wor. Matt Duley.

Brochures with much more information are available in the dining hall for more details, or visit <https://www.alexandriascottishrite.org/>

Below are members of Freedom Lodge who can sign a petition for those Master Masons interested in joining.

Loyd Davis
Matt Duley
Cameron Gore
Geoffrey Hoyt
Gary Ing
David King
David Kirk
Dedan Kocic
Jim Krunk
Dan Little
Josip Sapunar
Shannon Strong
Nebojsa Todorovic