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February 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,

The year got off to a great start with an Official Visit to Freedom Lodge by DDGM Jason Wolfe. At the conclusion of his remarks and presentation of the Grand Master's message, RW Jason presented our Lodge with the Seymour Jonas Levy Award for 2023, so congratulations to you all! See the page below for the award. Also in January, we took the opportunity to visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge. I was escorted to the East where I conveyed greetings from our membership and presented their Master with a stone token. In return, he warmly greeted me and presented me with a coin from his lodge.

In February we will visit our neighbors at Fervency Lodge. Please see the calendar for details.

Your Junior Warden, Bro. Bill Hohl, has been very busy, planning the annual Sweetheart's Brunch. This year we will be trying a new location. Please see below for details and get your RSVP and payments to him ASAP. I hope that you and your loved ones are able to join us for this special occasion!

I also anticipate that we will have several EA catechism returns with Fellowcraft degrees this month. Please keep an eye on your email for a Called Communication notice. I remind the Brethren of your obligation to attend these events, if within the length of your cabletow. Please make an effort to show up and support our newest members.

This Spring we will be holding a fundraiser for the lodge which, among other things, will include the sale of used books. I am requesting that you start now to search your shelves, basements and closets etc. for any used books that you can donate to this fundraiser. All kinds of books are needed, and I am sure your wives may delight in the removal of some clutter! Later, I will communicate details on the event date and when folks should start bringing gathered books to the lodge. I plan on partnering this event with the Amaranth to help make it a success for both of us.

Also please see below for a special event coming this Fall at Mount Vernon. I would like to see a great turnout by the lodge, and space is limited. I am expecting sojourning Masons from out of state to join us, so I encourage you to sign up early. I will leave a signup sheet and envelope for payments with the Secretary.

Matt Duley,
Master 2024



Freedom Lodge #118 Sweetheart Brunch

Deluxe traditional breakfast buffet items
Breakfast wraps, brioche, and sourdough sandwiches
Homemade gravy with biscuits from Buford's Biscuits in Leesburg
Crab cake & classic eggs Benedict
Sliced flank steak and sliced prime rib
Boars Head breakfast meats
Pastries
Beverages (coffee, juices, mimosas, bloody Mary)

A special gift for each lady is included!

Sunday, 18 February 10:00 AM
The Local Cut
101 S Maple Ave Purcellville, VA 20132

**\$50 PER PERSON
CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION
WITH BILL HOHL BY 2/9**

**wdhohl@gmail.com
610-310-6483**

Congratulations once again to the membership of Freedom Lodge! We again received the award below for 2023 as presented by the District Deputy Grand Master at his Official Visit



The
Dr. Seymour Jonas Levy Award

is presented to

Freedom Lodge No. 118

In Recognition

of its meritorious support of the
Masonic Community Blood Program
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.
of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

*May the Gift of Life remind us
that we are our Brother's Keeper.*

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

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. We will be seeking a dispensation to wear Masonic regalia, but this has not yet been approved.

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>

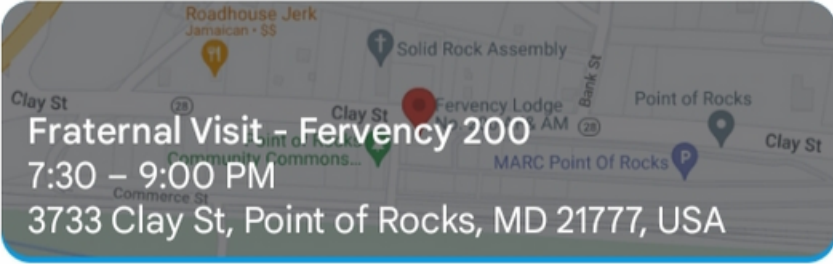
Fri
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Stated Communication

8 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

Feb 4 – 10

Tue
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Fraternal Visit – Fervency 200

7:30 – 9:00 PM

3733 Clay St, Point of Rocks, MD 21777, USA

Wed
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Masters & Warden's / D2 school

6:30 – 9:00 PM

108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176, USA

Fri
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DLC in Manassas


Sat
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DLC in Alexandria

Feb 11 – 17

Feb 18 – 24

Sun
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Sweethearts Brunch

10 AM – 12 PM

The Local Cut, Maple Shops, 101 S Maple Ave U...

Wed
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Lodge practice

7 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

From the Secretary

Dues are now LATE!



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. **Those who are not paid up in full by next month will be issued formal letters for Non-Payment of Dues.**

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



Masonic Birthdays

- Gary Ing, 1999
- Dan Little, 2023

Living Past Masters	
Brother	Year(s) Served
Larry D. Frye	1983, 2005 - 2007
Roy Harris McGarrah, 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.



MakersHandsWorkshop

Choose from 30 items by MakersHandsWorkshop.
387 sales on Etsy since 2020! Shop last updated Jan 26, 2024.

 Etsy



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