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May 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

At the April Stated Communication, I was pleased to award Bro. David Kirk the 2nd Annual Bringer of Light award for his numerous contributions to both the Lodge and the community. Congratulations Brother!

Also in April, Bro. Daniel Little and crew completed exterior lodge cleaning. Together, Bros. Dan Little, David Kirk, Fred George, Dejan Kocic and Dejan Susic cleaned the windows, shampooed the carpet, stripped and painted the front door, door jam and sign, installed a weed barrier and mulch, seeded and aerated the lawn, and cut the grass. On April 20, WB Jeff Dell organized a yard cleanup project for one of our Widows. Thank you to WB Dell, Bro. Dejan Susic and his children, plus a couple others that helped out. Closing out April, our LEO, RWB Phil Brooks lead an education session about communication.

Coming up in MAY, we have several opportunities for you to get involved. Next, on Saturday, May 11th, we will have a fundraiser called "Books and Blooms". We need donations of used books to sell, as well as brethren to help out at the event! See below for details. The following weekend, on Saturday May 18th, we plan to engage with the community at the Lovettsville Mayfest, both through volunteering and staffing an information booth. We need brethren to volunteer just a couple hours of your day. See below for details.

At our JUNE meeting, we will recognize Bro. James "Jim" Crunk with his 50 year veteran pin. We will continue to support our youth groups through attendance at a DeMolay Degree on June 1st (see below). Next, WB Wes Hirschhorn is organizing a family Putt Putt event on June 8th. See below for details. We also feature a tour of Washington National Cathedral on June 15th to get inspired by some Operative Masonry. Also on Saturday June 22nd, we will be visiting Williamsburg No. 6 Brethren to join them in celebrating St. John the Baptist Day! See below for lodging options.

To help those in need in our community, your Senior Deacon, Bro. Brad Westerman has planned a food drive for Saturday, June 29th from 9am to noon, delivery to the pantry following collection. Please let Bro. Brad know if you can help out!

Come and be a part of the great things happening at Freedom Lodge, we would love to see you!

Matt Duley, PM  
Master 2024



On April 11, RW Phil Brooks (top, fifth from left), Bro. David Kirk (top, 5th from right) and Wor. Matt Duley (top, 8th from left) were delighted to represent Freedom Lodge No. 118 at a meeting of the Lovettsville Town Council wherein a proclamation was adopted recognizing service-related organizations for the valuable contributions of time and money to the local community. Notice that Brother David is representing the Lodge, Scouts, and Lions Club! Please see below for a copy of the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: 2024-04-0002

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LOVETTSVILLE VOLUNTEER SERVICE WEEK

WHEREAS, the Town of Lovettsville recognizes the invaluable contributions of volunteer service organizations to our community's welfare, growth, and vitality; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Service Week provides an opportunity to honor and celebrate the dedication, compassion, and selflessness exhibited by volunteers in the town that begins with LOVE and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, volunteer service organizations play a crucial role in addressing Lovettsville's diverse community needs, including but not limited to: providing thousands of pounds of food and meals annually to our community, volunteering at Town events, engaging in community improvement projects, offering veteran services and support for Lovettsville's military families, providing diabetes education, providing free vision screening, coordinating blood drives, preserving our rural treasures, educating about outdoor activities, promoting environmental stewardship, and saving lives and fighting fires as first responders; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative community service hours of well over 7,935 hours contributed by these organizations reflect a profound commitment to improving the lives of our residents and fostering a spirit of unity and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the financial contributions of well over \$101,658 made by volunteer service organizations further demonstrate their unwavering support for initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being and prosperity of our community as well as providing tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships, empowering our youth to pursue higher education and achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, volunteer service organizations are integral to the fabric of a vibrant, thriving community, enriching our collective experience, strengthening social bonds, and empowering individuals to make a positive difference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Christopher M. Hornbaker, Mayor of the Town of Lovettsville, and the Town Council of Lovettsville, Virginia hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2024 as Lovettsville Volunteer Service Week to celebrate and commend the countless volunteers and their respective organizations for their exemplary service and dedication. Furthermore, during this week, we ask all citizens of the Town of Lovettsville to join us in recognizing our volunteers for their tireless efforts and invaluable contributions which embody the spirit of compassion, generosity, and civic responsibility to help build a stronger, safer and supportive community.

PASSED this 11th day of April, 2024  
CHRISTOPHER M. HORNBAKER, MAYOR



# Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>

☰ May ▾ 🔍 27 M

Wed 1 **Masters & Wardens / D2 school**  
6:30 – 9:00 PM  
108 Cornwall St NE, Leesburg, VA 20176, USA

Fri 3 **Stated Communication**  
8 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

May 5 – 11

Sat 11 **Books and Blooms fundraiser**  
10 AM – 4 PM  
28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 20180, USA

May 12 – 18

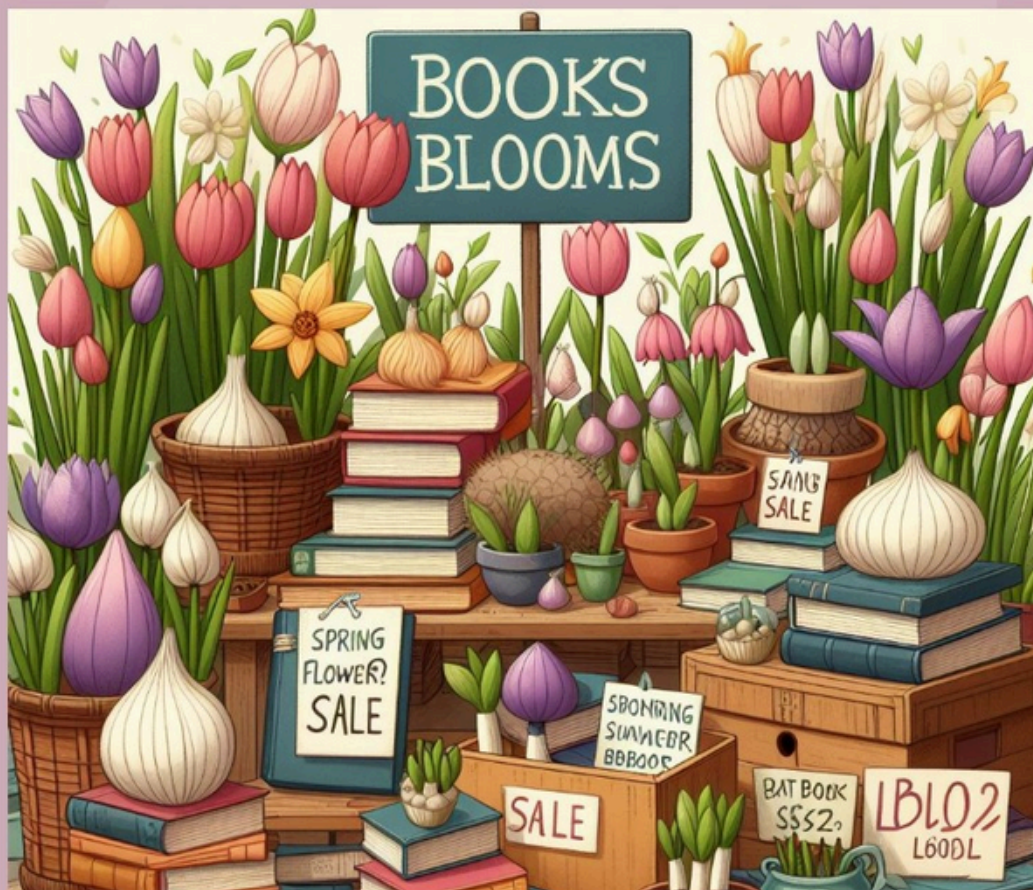
Wed 15 **Lodge practice, meetup at Rodeo beforehand**  
7 – 9 PM at 28 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA 201...

Sat 18 **Lovettsville Mayfest**  
10 AM – 6 PM  
Lovettsville, VA 20180, USA



Brethren, please start rounding up your used books to support the event listed below. Please have donated books to the lodge by the May Stated. Please placed them in the downstairs storage closet so that I can start organizing them. I will also be receiving some from our local library. In the future we will support one of their events. I still need several volunteers to help out with this event! The times below do not include setup and takedown. Please see Wor. Matt Duley to signup!

Freedom Lodge No. 118 & the Order of the Amaranth are hosting a sale of used books and Spring flower bulbs. Proceeds go to the support lodge repairs and to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. Join us!



SATURDAY, MAY 11 10am-4pm  
28 EAST BROAD WAY  
LOVETTSVILLE, VA



*Lovettsville*

# MAYFEST

COME BLOOM WITH US!

May 18th, 10am to 6pm

The town is offering us a free booth in exchange for some volunteer help. They are seeking 3 volunteers who can help them for 2 hours each for everything from set up to clean up. They need folks to watch bounce houses, run the info booth, and help run various outdoor games. In addition, for the lodge booth we need folks to hand out brochures and talk to folks about Masonry and our Lodge.

**We need YOU to signup, and show up!**

<https://lovettsvillemayfest.com/>





Supporting our Youth Groups

Virginia DeMolay has its Grand Master's Degree Classes at Luray Caverns on Saturday, June 1.

The highlight is the DeMolay Degree being held in the caverns around 6:00pm.

Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs.



# GOLF-O-RAMA

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JOIN FREEDOM LODGE FOR A MINI GOLF FAMILY EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 AT 11AM

AT DULLES GOLF CENTER & SPORTS PARK

21593 JESSE COURT, STERLING, VA 20166

\$20 PER GOLFER INCLUDES GOLF AND CHIK-FIL-A MEAL

SIGNUP WITH WB WES HIRSCHHORN

WES.HIRSCHHORN@GMAIL.COM

OR TEXT 703-298-2827







## Join Freedom Lodge No. 118 for a Washington National Cathedral Tour Saturday, June 15th

See the page below for important tour details.

Click the tour name to order.

**Note that these tours are open to the public and sell out fast!**

You are responsible for your transportation, though I am sure brethren are willing to carpool for those who need a ride.



[Behind the Scenes Saturday June 15 2024 at 2:00 PM](#)

Discover the Cathedral's hidden stories on the behind-the-scenes tour as you marvel at the building's artistry and engineering. Journey through stone stairwells and passageways to see stained glass windows up close and magnificent views.

- . All participants must be able to climb stairs (the equivalent of a few flights of stairs over the course of the tour).
- The tour consists of a variety of spaces, including close quarters, dim lighting, and heights.
- . All participants must be at least 11 years old.
- . By purchasing tickets for a Behind the Scenes tour, you acknowledge that you and anyone else in your party is physically able to handle the tour.

This tour is approximately 90 minutes long.

**Cost: \$35/Participant**

Price includes Cathedral admission when available.





We will be travelling to Colonial Williamsburg to join  
Williamsburg Lodge No. 6  
to celebrate St. John the Baptist Day  
**Saturday, June 22nd 9am to 1pm**

The celebration is open to Brethren and their families, the Lodge will not be tiled. Brethren to wear full regalia for the procession and church service.

- 09:00am Lodge Open, Coffee and Fellowship
- 09:30am Open Lodge Presentation by the Grand Organist, Worshipful Don Moro.
- 10:30am Lodge to form procession
- 10:40am Procession Steps Off to Bruton Parish Church - led by fife and drum
- 11:00am Short service at Bruton Parish Church, presentation of 18th century sermon by Worshipful David Coffee PM
- 11:20am Recession back to Lodge
- 11:30am Lunch in the Social Hall

If you plan to join us, please make sure to let the Worshipful Master know as well so we can give the host lodge an idea on how many Brethren to expect.





Support our Food Drive for the  
Western Loudoun Food Pantry  
Saturday, June 29th  
9am to 1pm

[Click for Pantry Current Needs](#)

See Bro. Brad Westerman to signup!

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 via the Secretary!**



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.



# Masonic Birthdays

- Ermin Cerimagic
- James Crunk
- Geoffrey Hoyt
- Dejan Kocic (April)
- Bernd Kupferer (April)
- David Thomas Lang (April)
- Danny McLaughlin
- Reginald Sandbower, Jr.
- Nebojsa Todorovic (April)



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



Hurry, hurry, hurry, step right up and get your Freedom Lodge one pint mug while supplies last! Our initial delivery is nearly SOLD OUT! See Worshipful Matt Duley to get on the order list for the next delivery. These fantastic collectables are being sold for \$30 each with profit being donated to the lodge. Better yet, buy both our mug and our unique stone token for an even \$40!





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

Shop Masonic Gifts, Freemasonry Collectibles, and Apparel by MakersHandsWorkshop located in Lexington, South Carolina. Smooth shipping! Has a...

 Etsy

# 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)





# 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





Freedom Lodge members Matt Duley and Cameron Gore were recognized as part of the Stage Crew for Reunion production operations support!



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.

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/>





## **Civil War - Dinner with a soldier - Good Samaritan Lodge Charities**

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**CIVIL WAR - DINNER WITH A SOLDIER  
\$50.00**

**FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024 AT 6:00 PM EDT**

**9 LINCOLN SQUARE  
GETTYSBURG, PA 17325**

**GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE NBR 336 WILL BE HOSTING A CIVIL WAR DINNER ON FRIDAY, MAY 24TH AT OUR LODGE. PRESENTATIONS FROM OUR CIVIL WAR GUESTS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 AND DINNER WILL BE AT 6:30. DESSERT AND ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS WILL FOLLOW. DINNER WILL BE PREPARED FROM A CIVIL WAR ERA COOKBOOK. COME OUT TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT MEAL AND EXCELLENT IN-CHARACTER PRESENTATIONS ON MASONS IN THE CIVIL WAR. THIS IS AN EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS.**

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLMZ7B9QJ6RAN/checkout/S7OHU2JUFVKRPXG75A4GNSSJ>



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ASHBURN  
RAINBOW  
BREAKFAST**

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BREAKFAST FOR ONLY A SUGGESTED  
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**18 May | 8:30 - 10:30**

Benefits the ability of girls to travel to  
other places and gain rainbow bonds across  
the country

**At Ashburn Sterling  
Lodge #288**





# THE **CHRIS MICHAEL EXPERIENCE**

**JUNE, 22  
6PM**

**HERNDON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
901 LOCUST ST, HERNDON, VA 20170**

Get ready for a wild ride of laughter and jaw-dropping magic with Chris Michael at Herndon Middle School this June 22nd at 6pm! It's not just a magic show; it's a comedy bonanza where you're not just watching - you're part of the mayhem! Suitable for all ages, it's the perfect way to turn your evening into a hilariously magical adventure. Don't miss out - grab your tickets now!



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