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FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Freedom Lodge No.118
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From the East

In June, we celebrated a Fifty-Year Veteran, Brother James Michael Crunk. Congratulations Brother! See the page below for details. Ben Shewbridge was our guest from the local Cub Scouts who came to dinner to discuss his group and seek partnership with the lodge on some events. As both Bros. Bill Hohl and David Kirk are connected to the Scouts, they will be our primary liaisons with Ben. Sadly, our planned family Golf-O-Rama event was cancelled, primarily due to lack of participation. Also in June, I represented Freedom Lodge to recognize students for their achievements at Lovettsville Elementary school. For several years I had heard about this event and dedicated myself to finding out more about it. I was so glad that I took a few hours of my day to participate. It was a pleasure to see the hope of the young children as they celebrated the completion of the year and look forward to the future. Next, we featured a visit to the Washington National Cathedral, the 6th largest in the world, for a behind the scenes tour and glimpses at operative masonry. To further celebrate St. John the Baptist Day, there was a trip to Williamsburg No. 6. close out the month. It was also a commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the lodge. On behalf of Freedom Lodge, I presented our pint mug and stone token to Worshipful Master Booker, and a stone token to Most Worshipful Jack Kayle Lewis. At the end of June, Bro. Brad Westerman organized a food drive to support the Western Loudoun Food Pantry. The next one is on Saturday, September 7th from 9am to 1pm. See the following pages for pictures of each event.

For this month, Bro. Cameron Gore has organized lodge participation in the Lovettsville July 3rd parade and sales of hot dogs, chips and drinks at the lodge. Thank You to Bro. Dan Little for donating the food! Bro. David Kirk will be selling snow cones. WB Jeffrey Dell has volunteered to drive his truck in the parade, especially for those Brethren that are unable to walk and wish to participate. All brethren are requested to either help out at the lodge or participate in the parade event. Please wear lodge shirts /Masonic hats etc. if you have them. To further celebrate our nation's independence, all citizens of the United States are requested to wear the colors red, white and blue at our July Stated Communication!

I would like your support for a Fraternal Visit to Ashburn-Sterling lodge on Tuesday, July 9th for the Grand Master's visit. We have two Master Mason degrees scheduled for the 17th and 31st (both at 7:00pm), and I would like to see a big turnout by the lodge for these so please mark your calendars and plan to be there!

In August, it is my desire that Freedom Lodge visit Washington Lodge No. 78 in Washington, VA, on Monday August 12th. Their current Master has assisted us in a Master Mason degree in the past. Dinner is at a restaurant in a nearby town at 6pm, lodge is at 7:30pm. Wear khakis and Polo shirts etc, (no jackets or ties). I recognize that the lodge is pretty far for most of you, so please let me know if you plan to attend so that I can give their Master the courtesy of an rsvp and so that I may pass on dinner location details to you.

Wor. Matt Duley

In June, I was greatly pleased that we were able to share a meal and time in Lodge with Brother James Michael Crunk, who came all the way up from his home in South Carolina. Together we enjoyed a wonderful potluck meal featuring ham and assorted strawberry dishes. That evening he received his 50 Year Veteran pin, card and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. To mark the occasion, I also presented him with an engraved silver pocket watch and key chain and a lodge stone token.



On Thursday, June 18th, I was delighted to represent Freedom Lodge at the Lovettsville Elementary School graduation ceremony wherein the Lodge presented four Certificates of Achievement to deserving students. In continuing a tradition established by RWB Larry Frye, Freedom Lodge also presented each awardee a gift card. Other presenters included a representative from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Loudoun County Historical Society.





South Transept Pinnacle

West face of eastern pinnacle

- C1** single stone
- C2** single stone
- C3** 2 stones facing N & S
- C4** 2 stones facing E & W
- C5** 2 stones facing N & S
- C6** 4 stones facing cardinal directions*
- C7** 8 small finials in cardinal & intermed. directions (green)
4 w/ vines on either side in cardinal direction (purple)
16 stones 4 w/ no vines (more narrow) in intermed. direction (brown)
- C8** 8 as colored red in cardinal and intermediate directions;
8 as colored green in secondary intermediate directions;
40 stones
8 faces in secondary-intermediate directions;
8 x 3-piece arch in cardinal and intermediate directions.
- C9** 8 stones in secondary-intermediate directions
- C10** (same as above)
- C11** (same as above)
- C12** (?)
- C13** (?)





On Saturday, June 29th, Bro. Brad Westerman organized a food drive. Along with Brad's children, Bro. David Kirk and Wor. Matt Duley collected an entire carload of food! In addition, we were able to remove weeds from the Walk of Masonry and install some fresh sand. Luckily, I had some young helpers to spray the walks for me! Bro. Brad has set Saturday, September 7th as the next food drive date. The event will again be from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please mark your calendars now and plan to come make a donation and help out. Our neighbor across the street even provided some cold refreshments along with a donation.



Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>

Wed
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Lovettsville July 3 parade

Fri
5

Stated Communication

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

Jul 7 – 13

Tue
9

GM D2 visit at Ashburn-Sterling

Jul 14 – 20

Wed
17

MM degree
7 – 9 PM

Jul 21 – 27

Jul 28 – Aug 3

Wed
31

MM degree
7 – 9 PM



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! I plan to pay our deposit by October.



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. Our DDGM has submitted a request for dispensation to wear Masonic regalia, which the Grand Master has assured me will be approved.

Masonic Birthdays

Philip Brooks

David King

Edward McKimmey

Jesse Shannon

Charles “Chuck” Wyant



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 completely 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.



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Freedom Lodge No. 118 Officers

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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
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





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/>