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# 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

In July, Bro. Cameron Gore 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 sold snow cones. WB Jeffrey Dell decorated and drove his truck in the parade. RW Harris M., Bro. Bill Hohl and his “future Mason” son marched and tossed candy to the eager children. We were joined at the lodge by RW Phil Brooks, and many family members and friends. Thank you to all who came out for the day! At our July meeting, Bro. Susic donated a wonderful homemade meal of Greek pitas and baklava. Also in July, RW Philip Brooks, RW Chris Thompson and I represented Freedom Lodge at the Grand Master’s Official Visit to Ashburn-Sterling Lodge. I had hoped to get enough participation for a Fraternal Visit, but sadly we did not achieve that.

Please join me in congratulating our two brothers that were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in July: Bro. Alfred Walter Erickson, Jr. and Bro. Dejan Susic. Please assist me in their development and ensure they are included in all activities.

**For this month’s Stated, we will be serving hotdogs, chips and drinks and I encourage folks to bring some side dishes to share. We will also reprise our Hawaiian shirt night!** 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 the Dark Horse Tavern in Flint Hill 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. Later this month, our members and families are invited to join the lodges in District 2 on Saturday, August 17th from noon to 4pm at Franklin Park in Purcellville for the Grand Master’s visit to the District. **Freedom Lodge is responsible to provide ice for the event. I need folks to bring lots of coolers full of ice! Please let me know if you can help out.** The event will be barbecue and sides catered by “So Mote It Beef”.

In September, your Senior Deacon has planned our next Food Drive on Saturday, the 7th from 9am to 1pm to support the Western Loudoun Food Pantry. There are still many folks in our community who need relief. Please mark your calendars and come to the lodge to help us collect the food and get it to the pantry! **See Bro. Brad Westerman to let him know that you can help out at the Food Drive.** Sadly, we recently received news that the Lovettsville Oktoberfest has been canceled this year. In years past this has been a valuable fundraising activity for the lodge. We look forward to its return in 2025.

In October, on Sunday the 6th, I have organized a trip to see the infamous Gettysburg battlefield on horseback. is \$105pp. **Reserve your spot through Wor. Matt Duley.** **Reservations are first come first served based upon payment received.** See details on pages below. Depending on participation, we may also look to have lunch and see the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial after the ride.

On Columbus Day, join us in representing Freedom Lodge for a once-in-a-lifetime historic Masonic event as we dedicate the cornerstone of Illustrious Brother George Washington's Mount Vernon on Monday, October 14, 2024. See details on the pages below.

In November, we will be returning to Mount Vernon for a wreath laying at Brother George Washinton's tomb. **If you plan to attend, you must sign up with the Secretary and pay your \$20 by October 1st,** so that I can confirm and pay our reservation.

Wor. Matt Duley



Please join me in congratulating Bro. Alfred Walter Erickson, Jr. (2nd from left) and Bro. Dejan Susic (4th from left) as Freedom Lodge's newest Master Masons!







# Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>



August ▾



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Fri  
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## Stated Communication

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

Aug 4 – 10

Wed  
7

## SLOT Session at Olive Branch

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Fri  
9

## Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Rit...

Sat  
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## Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Rit...

Aug 11 – 17

Mon  
12

## Visit to Washington Lodge No. 78

6 – 9 PM

180 Gay St, Washington, VA 22747, USA

Sat  
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## Grand Master Official Visit D2

12 – 4 PM

17501 Franklin Park Dr, Purcellville, VA 20132, USA

Aug 18 – 24

Wed  
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## Lodge practice

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





Today I am announcing a new effort to supporting our local community through charity. As many of us have family members or know someone with memory issues including but not limited to Alzheimer's & Dementia. There is a local organization called Poet's Walk in Leesburg that is a specialized memory care facility.

Here is a link to their website: [pwleesburg.com](http://pwleesburg.com)

I have reached out to them to find out what they are in need of.

Per my point of contact, Savannah Boone, here are some other examples of things that are always needed in their community:

- Colored pencils
- Wordsearch books
- Painting items
- Canvas to paint on
- unique pairs of new socks (they match these up)

From a brother I am also told that new jigsaw puzzles are a hit.

My plan is to collect any donations through our OCTOBER meeting and deliver them to Poet's Walk. Please consider donating something to this effort if within the length of your cabletow and help spread the word!





# EXPERIENCE THE GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD ON HORSEBACK WITH FREEDOM LODGE

SEE WOR. MATT DULEY TO SIGN UP TO JOIN US THIS FALL ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 10:30AM IN GETTYSBURG, PA AS WE RIDE FROM THE CONFEDERATE LINE TO THE UNION LINE. A LICENSED BATTLEFIELD GUIDE WILL DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE 3 DAYS OF BATTLE. YOU WILL SEE THE VIRGINIA MONUMENT, CANNONS, THE SPANGLER FARM, PICKETT'S CHARGE, THE PENNSYLVANIA MONUMENT, LITTLE ROUND TOP, AND BIG ROUND TOP, THEN PER PARK SERVICE RULES THE TOUR BACKTRACKS TO MCMILLAN WOODS CAMPGROUNDS.

RESERVATIONS FOR THIS TRIP ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED AND ONLY AVAILABLE FOR 10 MEMBERS BASED ON THE HORSES AVAILABLE. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASED ON PAYMENT RECEIVED.

COST IS \$105 PER PERSON FOR 1.5 HOURS, GUIDE GRATUITY NOT INCLUDED

MAXIMUM RIDER WEIGHT IS 250 LBS

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PRINT AND SIGN A RELASE FORM TO PARTICIPATE

SEE [HTTPS://WWW.HICKORYHOLLOWFARM.COM/](https://www.hickoryhollowfarm.com/) FOR DETAILS





# Mount Vernon Cornerstone Ceremony

October 14, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

FREEMASONS ARE SUMMONED FROM ACROSS THE  
UNITED STATES TO CELEBRATE THE SYMBOLIC  
CORNERSTONE CEREMONY FOR GEORGE  
WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON

TICKETS: \$50 PER PERSON

YOUR TICKET GRANTS YOU FULL ACCESS TO THE MOUNT  
VERNON ESTATE, INCLUDING THE CEREMONY AND A CATERED  
LUNCH ON THE EAST LAWN WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE  
POTOMAC RIVER.

[Order tickets here](#)

## Event Schedule:

- > **8:00 AM:** Arrive at Mount Vernon
- > **9:00 AM:** Marshaling of Masonic Lodges
- > **9:30 AM:** Grand Lodge of DC Wreath Laying Ceremony
- > **10:30 AM:** Procession of Lodges
- > **11:00 AM:** Procession of the Grand Lodge of Virginia
- > **11:15 AM:** Commencement of Cornerstone Ceremony
- > **12:15 PM:** Conclusion of Ceremony
- > **12:30 PM:** Lunch on the East Lawn
- > **1:30 PM:** Toast to Washington
- > **2:00 PM:** Event Concludes

*\*Times are subject to change*



Join Freedom Lodge No. 118  
Veteran's Day  
Monday, 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

Jeffrey Dell  
Clifford Free  
Lionel 'Wes' Hirschhorn, Jr.  
Robert Isleib  
Roy 'Harris' McGarragh, Jr.  
Robert Miller  
Robert Still



Living Past Masters	
Brother	Year(s) Served
Larry D. Frye	1983, 2005 - 2007
Roy Harris McGarragh, 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! Our initial delivery is completely SOLD OUT! **See Worshipful Matt Duley to get on the order list for the next delivery this Fall.** 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...

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# 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
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/>