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October 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

In September, our Senior Deacon, Brother Brad Westerman organized a food drive. He reported at our last Stated Communication that he is looking to coordinate another drive for late October. Please continue to bring canned goods to the lodge if you are able to do so, and please let Bro. Brad know if you can help out on the next one! Also in September, I am pleased to report that Freedom Lodge was able to count a Fraternal Visit to Hamilton-Thompson's Lodge of Low Vale. Thank you to all who were able to attend! Worshipful Joshua Goff did a fantastic job and provided a delicious meal with a program beforehand. In token of friendship and brotherly love, I presented him a replica of Bro. George Washington's pen knife along with fraternal greetings from the lodge. To wrap up September, Freedom Lodge donated to the Amaranth Walk for Diabetes in Washington DC.

This month we return to formal attire for lodge. The meal for Stated will be provided by Bro Bill Hohl. I will be presenting a program called "Hammer, Sickle, Square, Compass: Freemasonry in Cuba".

This month we will complete our collection for the Poet's Walk memory care unit, see below for details and contribute something if you are able. Thank you to everyone who donated! We will be delivering the donations on Saturday, October 5th at noon. Please join us for a tour of the facility.

On October 6th, Freedom Lodge and our guests will travel to see the infamous Gettysburg battlefield on horseback.

On Columbus Day, Freedom Lodge will be represented at the cornerstone ceremony of Illustrious Brother George Washington's Mount Vernon. I hope to see *you* there, see below on how to get your ticket!

On Friday, October 18th at 6:00pm will be a Past Masters degree for Bro. Brad Westerman at Herndon Lodge. Past Masters are encouraged to come support our candidate!

**Beginning at our November Stated, we will again support Toys for Tots. Please plan to bring new, unwrapped toys to our November or December meeting if within your means to do so. Following our December Stated, the donated toys will be delivered to the local fire hall.**

Lastly, all members of Freedom Lodge are encouraged to join us on Veteran's Day, Monday November 11th, at Mount Vernon for a ceremonial wreath laying at Brother George Washinton's tomb. See below for details.

Thank you to Brother Brad Westerman for arranging the September food drive, and to his special helpers for again supporting the efforts of Freedom Lodge! Bro. Brad is seeking to arrange another collection for later this month in support of a Grand Lodge initiative. Please see Bro. Brad to sign up to help out. Please continue to bring donations to the lodge and place them in the green marked bin!

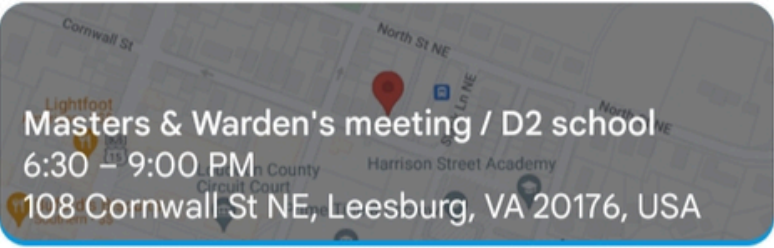




# Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>

Wed  
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Masters & Warden's meeting / D2 school  
6:30 – 9:00 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...

Sat  
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Poets Walk Donation Delivery  
Poet's Walk Leesburg, A Memory Care Commun...

Oct 6 – 12


Sun  
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Gettysburg Battlefield horseback tour  
10:00 – 11:30 AM  
Gettysburg, PA 17325, USA

Oct 13 – 19

Mon  
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Mount Vernon Cornerstone Ceremony  
8 AM – 2 PM  
Mount Vernon, Mt Vernon, VA, USA

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

Fri  
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PM degree @Herndon  
6 – 9 PM





# 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.

**ATTENDEES ONLY NEED TO PURCHASE A GROUNDS PASS (\$28)  
ON THEIR OWN BEFORE PROCEEDING TO JOIN US AT THE EVENT.**



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. Appropriate dress is a dark suit. Aprons, white gloves. Officers of the lodge should wear their jewels.

**Per the DDGM, our request for dispensation to wear Masonic regalia has been approved!**

**Plan to arrive at the tomb by 10:15, ceremony begins at 11:00am.**



# Masonic Birthdays

- William Hohl
- Adam Smith



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



# 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.

Date	Location	Time
10/2/2024	Olive Branch	7:00PM
11/6/2024	Olive Branch	7:00PM
12/4/2024	Olive Branch	7:00PM

## 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/>