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November 2024

FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

Freedom Lodge No.118
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At our October Stated, the Worshipful Master presented all living Past Masters of Freedom Lodge that were present for the meeting recognition. Present Past Masters included on the top row: Wor. Matthew T. Duley, RW Roy H. McGarrah Jr, RW George M. Shoemaker Jr., WB Richard A. Phillips, WB Mark J. Canter and on the bottom row WB Lionel W. Hirschhorn Jr. Also in October, we delivered our collection for the Poet's Walk memory care unit. Thank you to everyone who donated! Next, Freedom Lodge and our guests enjoyed the Gettysburg battlefield on horseback, enjoyed a meal at the historic 1776 Dobbin House Tavern followed by a visit to the Masonic monument. Later, Bro. Alfred W. Erikson Jr and I were proud to represent the lodge at the cornerstone ceremony of Illustrious Brother George Washington's Mount Vernon wherein I deposited one of our stone tokens into a time capsule. Bro. Brad Westerman is our newest Past Master degree recipient, who is now eligible to be nominated to serve as your Junior Warden. Please join me in congratulating him. Also please join me in congratulating Bros. Dejan Susic and Romano Bolkovic for attaining Scottish Rite 32nd degree, Master of the Royal Secret. The next opportunity to join Scottish Rite is in April for those who are interested in submitting a petition. To close out the month of October, on 10/31 Bro. Bill Hohl plans to decorate and hand out candy at the lodge, please let him me know if you can help, donate candy, or if you have extra Halloween decorations that you're not using this year he can borrow to add to the decorations! **This month we begin 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.

Matt Duley



On Saturday, October 5th, RW Harris McGarrah and his wife Carol assisted Wor. Matt Duley in delivering donations of yarn, canvases and paints, large print puzzle books, colored pencils, large piece jigsaw puzzles and various sundry items to the Poets Walk Memory Care Unit in Leesburg, VA. Residents will use the donated items to participate in activities designed to help stimulate their memory. We were then given a complete tour of the facility and observed a model room, dining areas, a courtyard, a bird aviary, a spa, and a wall dedicated to each resident that is a veteran with a portrait of each and information about their time in service. Each resident has a shadow box outside their living quarters that is customized with photos or trinkets reflecting something about that person - a Lions Club member; a Navy Captain; a grandmother etc. Though our discussions we gathered ideas on ways which Freedom Lodge can contribute in the future, and it is my hope that the lodge continues to support them.

Freedom Lodge members, friends and family gathered for a perfect day of riding with Hickory Hollow Farm guides through the historic Gettysburg battlefields, from McMillan Woods, along the back of Seminary Ridge, though Spangler Farm and along the Emmittsburg Road with views of Little Roundtop and Big Roundtop





ORDER OF MARCH		
National Sojourners		
	1	Heroes of '77
Pennsylvania		
	2	Trojan Masonic Lodge #306
	3	Lansdowne Lodge 711
Connecticut		
	4	Grand Lodge AF&AM of the State of Connecticut
New Hampshire		
	5	Several lodges 13 Masons
Virginia		
	6	Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
	7	Henry Lodge No. 57 A.F. & A.M.
	8	Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60
	9	Freedom Lodge No. 118
	10	Hay Market Lodge No. 313, A.F. & A.M.
	11	Lee Lodge No. 209
	12	Varina Lodge No 272
	13	Henry Knox Field - John Blair 349
	14	Samis Grotto Grottoes International M.O.V.P.E.R
North Carolina		
	15	Steele Creek #737
Ohio		
	16	New England Lodge #4
	18	Parkside Lodge #736 F.&A.M.
Indiana		
	19	Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of Indiana
Nebraska		
	20	Grand Lodge of Nebraska
Idaho		
	21	Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Idaho



Please join me in congratulating Bro. Brad Westerman (wearing the top hat) and the rest of the candidates from other lodges on receiving their Past Master degree on October 18th.

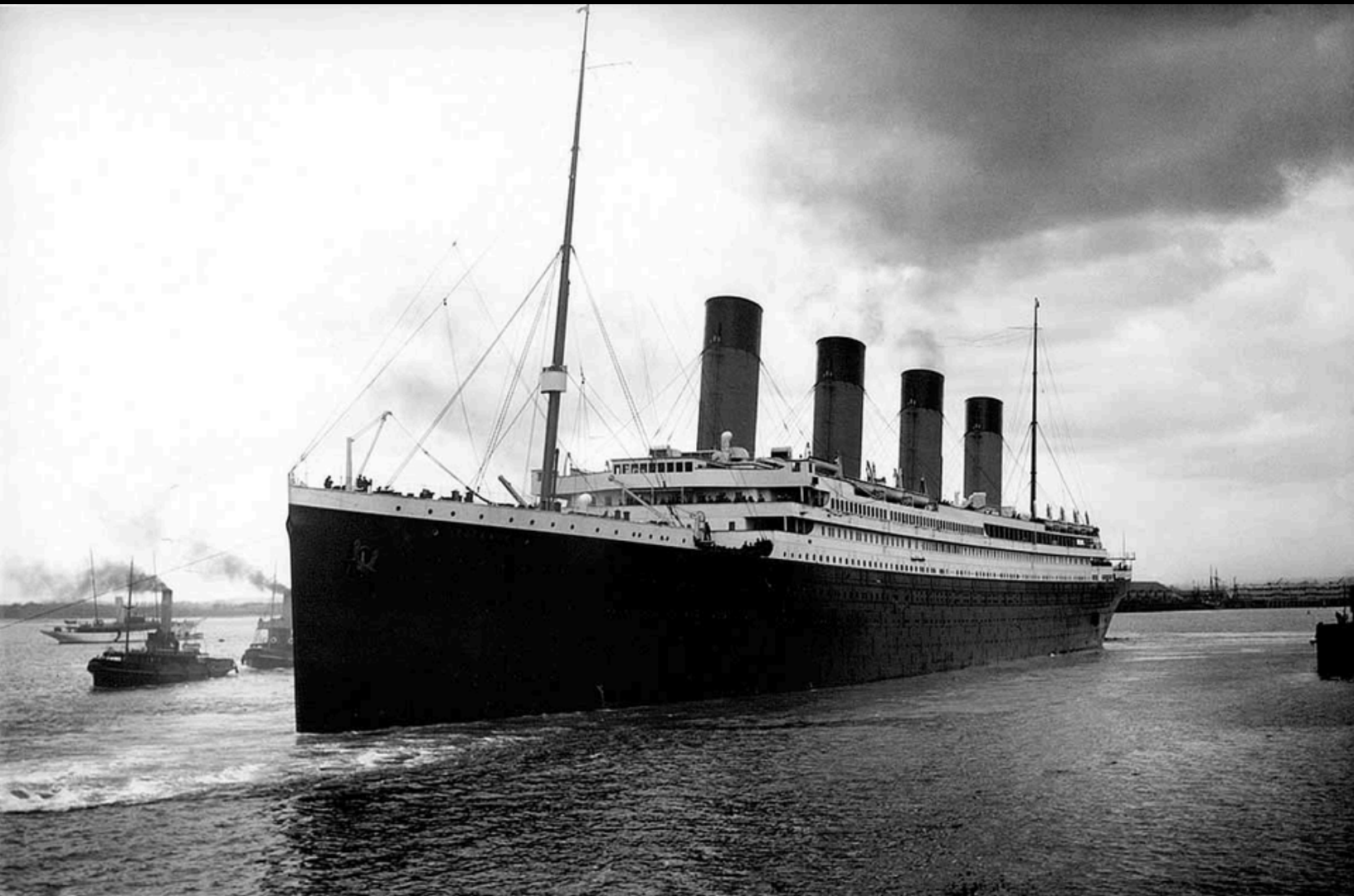


Please also join me in congratulating Bro. Romano Bolkovic and Dejan Susic on becoming 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons at the Valley of Alexandria Fall Reunion.



Please join us at our November Stated Communications meeting for a special program on Masonic connections to the Titanic presented by Wor. Matt Duley

The Master will also be providing the meal, which will include Sauté of chicken Lyonnaise as the entree which was served for the last evening meal aboard.



In Memorial of all Brethren lost aboard Titanic

Lodge Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/yckzjc4j>

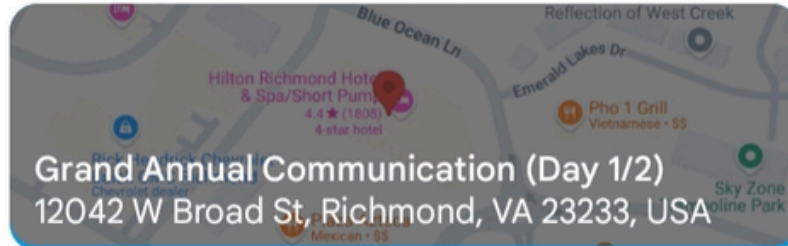
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Stated Communication

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

Nov 3 – 9

Fri
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Sat
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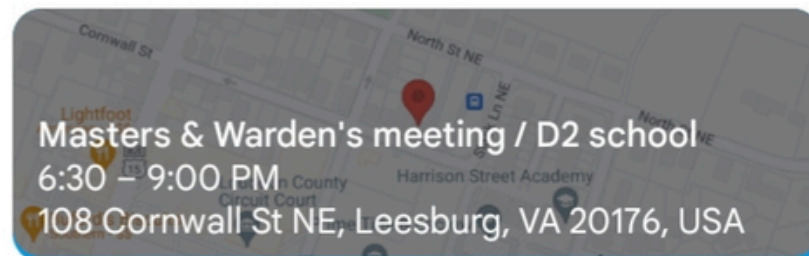
Grand Annual Communication (Day 2/2)

Nov 10 – 16

Mon
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Wed
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Nov 17 – 23

Wed
20

Lodge practice

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

We are excited to announce that again this year, Freedom Lodge will be an official *non-public* drop site for the Toys for Tots campaign!

All Brethren are requested to bring NEW, UNWRAPPED toys to our November and December Stated meetings if within the length of your cabletow.

The ages where we have the most need are "0 to 1 year" and "9 years to Teen". We will then seal the toys in clean plastic bags and drop them off at a Loudoun County Fire Hall following our December Stated meeting, no later than December 8th.

TOYS FOR TOTS



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

Stong, Shannon Kent

Frye, Larry David

Gregg, Ghorley Hanes Jr.

Cooper, Michael Fred

Cavalieri, Ralph Edward

Karisik, Ademir

Gillenwater, Blake Henry

Bolkovic, Romano

Duley, Matthew Thomas



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
11/13/2024	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





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SCOTTISH RITE CREED

**HUMAN PROGRESS IS OUR CAUSE,
LIBERTY OF THOUGHT OUR SUPREME WISH,
FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE OUR MISSION,
AND THE GUARANTEE OF EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL PEOPLE
EVERYWHERE OUR ULTIMATE GOAL.**

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/>



Take the Next Step
**Petition the
Scottish Rite!**