



FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

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From the East

Brethren,

The long-awaited electrical upgrade is in progress with Trump Purcellville's preliminary work done and pending inspection. We now await Dominion Energy's installation of the feed lines.

The Town of Lovettsville is beginning the next phase of their curb and gutter project which will include our street front. A portion of the brick sidewalk will be removed to facilitate this. Remember that memorial bricks can be ordered through our website.

At our last stated we were able to present Garland Cooper with his 50yr service award. RW Eric LeHew, our DDGM, was on-hand to do the presentation and thank Bro. Cooper for his years of service. We look forward to seeing him in lodge more regularly.

I would like for us to pay a fraternal visit to our brethren at Hamilton-Thompson for their stated on Thursday night the 19th. We need on stationed officer and 4 other members for it to be official. It is time that we start getting out to see our brother lodges at work in their houses.

The Grand Master's official visit was last Friday evening, the 6th. Hopefully Freedom Lodge was well represented.

Williamsburg Lodge #6 will be doing their St. John's Day event this year on June 14. This involves a procession to Bruton Parish where an 18th century sermon will be delivered and then a procession back to the lodge for refreshments. The Grand Master will be in attendance. Many of the participants will be in period dress. Those attending are encouraged to wear their aprons and jewels as appropriate. See [Wmbg6 Trestleboard 4 25.pdf](#) for details.

Wes Hirschhorn

Worshipful Master

The View from The West

| 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, 2025 |
| Mark Canter | 2020-2021 |
| Matthew T. Duley | 2022-2024 |

2025 Freedom Lodge No. 118 Officers

Worshipful Master: Wes Hirschhorn
Senior Warden: Bro. Bill Hohl
Junior Warden: Bro. Brad Westerman
Treasurer: Bro. David Kirk
Secretary: Matt Duley, PM
Senior Deacon: Bro. Cameron Gore
Junior Deacon: Bro. Al Ericson
Chaplain: Bro. Dan Sucic
Tiler: Greg Valker, PDDGM

Lodge Instructor of Work (LIW): Harris McGarrah, PDDGM
Lodge Education Officer (LEO): Phil Brooks, PDDGM
Lodge MAHOVA Ambassador: Bro. Dejan Kocic
Blood Coordinators: Greg Valker, PDDGM (regional)
Bro. David Kirk (local)
District Education Officer RW Rhey Solomon

Masonic Birthdays;

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| Dan Fleming | June 15 |
| Loyd Davis | June 21 |
| Robert Sagers | June 26 |

District 2 News

Below is the schedule of the D2 Ritual Schools. This year the schools will be held in conjunctions with and immediately following the D2 Masters & Wardens meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of the month (which are scheduled to start at 7:00pm following a 6:30pm potluck).

All Master Masons are welcome to attend the Ritual School, and all Line Officers are specifically encouraged to attend *as many as they can*.

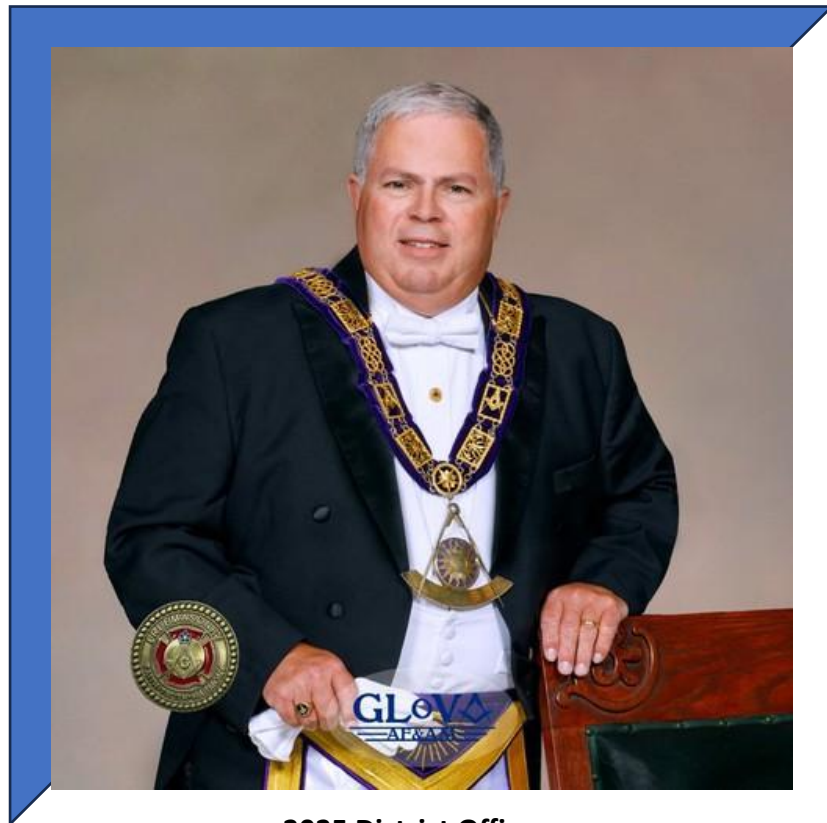
Attendance is highly encouraged for those seeking a Warden's Certificate.

Upcoming Events:

| DATE | LOCATION | TIME |
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| June 4 | Masters & Wardens Meeting – Olive Branch 114 | 6pm |
| June 6 | Grand Master's Visit to District 2; Ashburn VFD Firehouse | |
| June 14 | Williamsburg #6 St John's Day Procession | 9:30a |
| June 18 | Freedom Lodge Meet-up | 6pm |
| July 25 | Rusty Trowel Event | |

2025 Grand Master

Most Worshipful Gary Dwight Huffman



2025 District Officers

DDGM: RW Eric James LeHew

DIW: RW Christopher Conway Thompson

DEO: to be named



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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 Mason of the Royal Secret. The Scottish Rite Representative for Freedom Lodge is currently Wor. Matt Duley. Brochures with more information are available in the dining hall for more details, or visit <https://www.alexandriascottishrite.org/>