



FREEDOM LODGE No. 118

TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

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From the East

Brethren,

We have begun the process of engaging Trump Purcellville Electric to install the power upgrade for our building. They have been in contract with Dominion Electric to contract the cable placement and meter. Bro. Harris McGarrah has been running point on this project but has asked for somebody else to take that responsibility. Please consider your cable tows and volunteer if you are able.

The Town of Lovettsville's Mayfest is fast approaching and they are looking for lodge members to participate. We are to have a tent there where we can provide information about Freemasonry and Freedom Lodge in particular. We are also looking for members to help with logistical items for the town. If we provide help in that area our tent space will be provided at no charge. Please assist if you are able.

The District 2 picnic is also slated for May 17 and we are pledged to provide ice, water and sodas. I am hoping that we can have some of you can go to the picnic early and then help out at Mayfest and vice versa.

Friday's stated is a big occasion as we will be presenting 25 and 50 year awards to Brothers Michael and Garland Cooper. Right Worshipful Eric LeHew will be on hand to do the presentations. It would be great to have a full house in order to honor our brethren appropriately.

I would like for us to pay a fraternal visit to our brethren at Olive Branch 114 for their April stated on the 7th. 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.

Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT) will be a cooperative effort between Districts 2 and 4 this year. Please keep an eye out for the dates and time and please make every effort to attend as many as you can.

Also, if you are interested in attending the Grand Master's official visit to District 2 on June 6, please sign up at

<https://2025GMOVDistrict2.eventbrite.com>.

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

(Master's note; This bears repeating as it should be a constant in our daily lives)

At the Division Leadership Conference in February, one of the breakout sessions was titled "A Civil Fraternity in an Uncivil Time." The speaker made some great points about our place in the world as Masons and what sets us apart as Good Men. He made the point that it is our behavior, not our intentions that are seen by the world and that the tradition of Masonic civility is more than a guideline—it is a call to action in a world that seems to never know Peace. By upholding the high standards of respect and integrity, we honor our obligation and become beacons of harmony in our community. Each courteous word and thoughtful deed is an opportunity to dispel discord and bridge divides. As Masons, we have the unique privilege and responsibility to ease disharmony and foster reformation through our everyday interactions. Each month we are charged to "Do Good Unto All." Let's embrace this in March and remember that our collective commitment to civility and understanding can transform tension into peace, enriching our fraternity and the world beyond our lodge walls.

I encourage you all to join us on the third Wednesday of the month for our Mid-month Meet Up at 5:45 PM, then for Ritual practice at the Lodge at 7. This month we'll be having dinner at Velocity Wings and then heading over to begin working on ritual. If you're new to ritual or you're a gold card ritualist you're welcome and encouraged to come.

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

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 Erickson
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)

Masonic Birthdays:	
Reginald Sanbower	May 11
Ermin Cerimagic	May 15
Ryan Packard	May 22
Jim Crunk	May 23

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
May 7	Master's and Wardens Meeting at Olive Branch 114	6pm
May 12	District 2 SLOT Training at Herndon 264	7pm
May 17	Lovettsville Mayfest	10a-6p
May 17	District 2 picnic	10a-2p
May 21	Freedom Lodge Meet-up	6pm
June 6	Grand Master's Visit to District 2	

2025 Grand Master

Most Worshipful Gary Dwight Huffman



2025 District Officers

DDGM: RW Eric James LeHew

DIW: RW Christopher Conway Thompson

DEO: RW Rhey Solomon



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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/>