



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, which is dependent on the Town of Lovettsville completing their streetscape work.

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 need to be removed to facilitate this. Remember that memorial bricks can be ordered through our website.

I would like for us to pay a fraternal visit to our brethren at Herndon 264 for their stated on Monday night the 21st. We need on stationed officer and 4 other members for it to be official. This will be our 4th attempt at visiting one of our brother lodges.

Hamilton-Thompson Lodge #37 had their Fourth of July parade event in conjunction with the town of Purcellville yesterday evening. I hope that some of you were able to attend and represent us.

The District 2 York Rite Masons (Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, Knights Templar & Scottish Rite) have scheduled a picnic on July 19th from 5pm to 10pm at Ashburn-Sterling's facility at 43881 Waxpool Rd in Ashburn. The rain date will be the 26th if required. Please RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SH7PXPX>. It should be a fun family event!

Lastly, I find it my solemn, unwanted duty to notify the Brethren that Past Master Loyd Evan Davis laid down his working tools on June 21 at 8am. This was a result of a fall, resulting in a head injury that he never recovered from. I spoke with Lady Judy who advises that a celebration of life event will be held at a future date. Brother Loyd will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery when that can be scheduled. Bro. Loyd was a Past Grand Master of the state of Utah in 2009. He was raised at Occoquan Lodge #310 on June 21, 1973.

Wes Hirschhorn

Worshipful Master

The View from The West

On the first Friday in June Most Worshipful Gary Dwight Huffman, his wife Lady Paula Huffman, and many of the Grand Lodge officers came to District 2 for their official visit. RW McGarrah, our wives, and I had the pleasure of attending at the Ashburn Firehall. The lovely event was hosted by our DDGM, RW Eric LaHew who brought a guitar quartet from a local high school and was catered by the Eastern Star.

The visit gave a great opportunity to fellowship with masons from other lodges and a chance for our wives to “peek behind the veil” to see some of what draws us to Masonry and also to get to know each other better. A good time was had by all!

On July 26th we're holding an event called a Rusty Trowel. This is a special program to encourage members of our Lodge who have not been active or have not attended Lodge meetings for a while to come out and refresh themselves with the signs, tokens, and words, to meet with all of the newer and now active Lodge brethren, and to generally introduce or reintroduce themselves to the Lodge. We also seek to attract sojourning Masons who have been in the area for some time but have not come to Lodge to join us. Please come out for some fellowship and encourage any Masons you know in the area who haven't found a home lodge or who haven't been to Lodge in a while to join us for this fun, low-stakes event!

It is our earnest hope and desire that inactive brethren, whether from our Lodge or sojourning Masons, will feel at ease rather than uncomfortable, and relaxed rather than embarrassed, when they attend our meetings and, as a result, will be more willing to come to more events as well as stated & called communications.

Please RSVP for this event here: <https://forms.gle/RHQQEAp6s1kmWDee7> or by scanning this QR code;



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
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;

Chuck Wyant	July 13
Al Erickson	July 17
Ed McKimmey	July 23
Jesse Shannon	July 23

Phil Brooks	July 26
David King	July 26
Dejan Sucic	July 31

District 2 News

District 2 ritual 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). The July meeting has been cancelled and will resume on August 4.

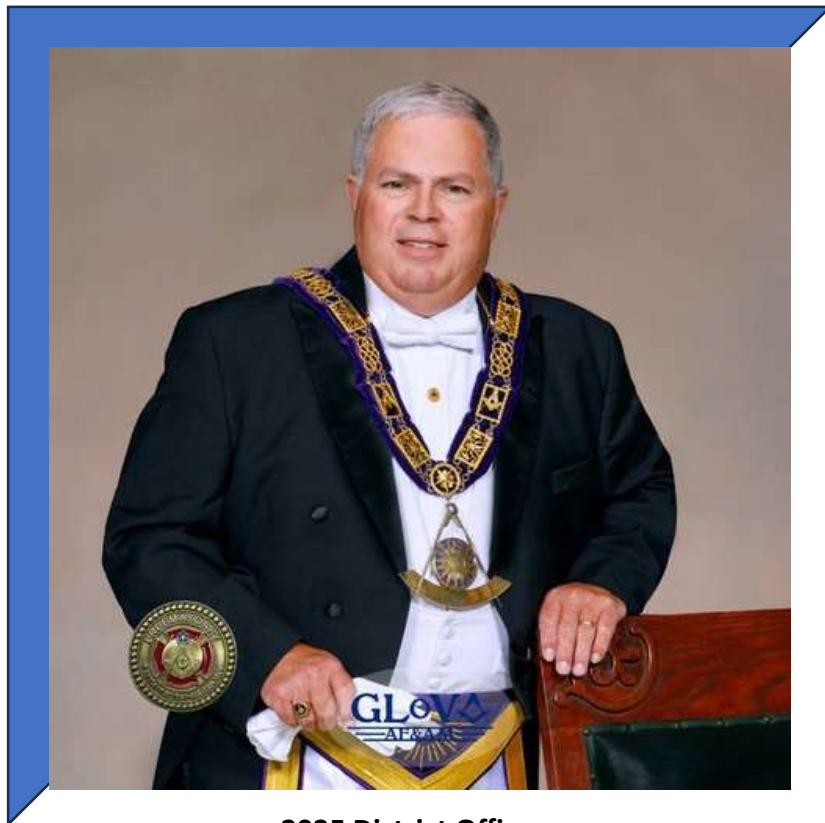
All Master Masons are welcome to attend the Ritual Schools, and all Line Officers are specifically encouraged to attend *as many as they can*. As a reminder, Line Officers are expected to be proficient in all three degrees in order to earn your Warden's Certificate which is required in order to assume the office of Worshipful Master.

Upcoming Events:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
July 16	Freedom Lodge Meet-up (see our lodge Signal chat for location)	6pm
July 19	District 2 York Rite Family Picnic	5p-10p
July 26	Rusty Trowel Event	10a-1p

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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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 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/>