



FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

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From the East

Brethren,

With Purcellville Electric's work completed we are now pending Dominion Electric's work which is dependent on the Town of Lovettsville completing the streetscape upgrades in front of our lodge building. The town says that the water/sewer work has been completed so now we wait for the curbs and gutters. Once all of this is done, Dominion Energy will run the new feed from the pole outside the building into our new electrical panel. Slowly but surely!

Lovettsville's Oktoberfest is fast approaching, September 26-29! The town has completely rearranged the event for this year and their plans for staffing. Neither the Lions Club or our lodge have been asked to participate as in the past couple of years. The town is only extending recognition to groups of 20 or more attendees so we don't know that we will be more than regular attendees wearing lodge gear. With the new firehouse not having a social hall (yet), there won't be the traditional "Friday before" dinner that the Lions put on and that we've helped with the past couple of years.

Freedom Lodge will be having another food drive on Saturday, September 27. Please broadcast this within your own social circles and be sure to bring your own contributions. We will need some help manning the counter so if you're able to do so, it would be very appreciated!

RW Erice LeHew has arranged an event for District 2 Masons to assist in cleaning the Viet Nam Wall on Sept. 6 at 6:30am with a fellowship brunch to follow. This notice was sent out previously on June 26. This opportunity is limited to 30 people. Please go here to register; <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CADAD2DA3FB6-57365909-vietnam#/>.

Olive Branch 114 will be having their "Gavel in the Gravel" stated at the Luck Stone quarry in Ashburn/Broadlands on Monday, Sept. 8, starting at 6:30pm. Please advise Bro. Alex Fogelsong if you plan to attend. He can be reached at alexfogelsong@yahoo.com, 571-439-0809. They are asking for a \$20 donation to cover food and expenses. This is a great opportunity for us to record a fraternal visit so please attend if you are able.

While we are still a couple of months out, this is a reminder that our November stated will be the Friday after Grand Lodge, November 14th. Our Wardens should make every effort to be there for the exposure. Be sure to bring your jewels and aprons. Other lodge members are welcome to attend.

As a reminder, the September stated will be Hawai'ian shirt night. Find your most colorful shirt and dress to impress!

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
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, PM
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
District Instructor of Work	RW Chris Thompson

Masonic Birthdays;

Brad Westerman	9/14
Chris Thompson	9/26

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.

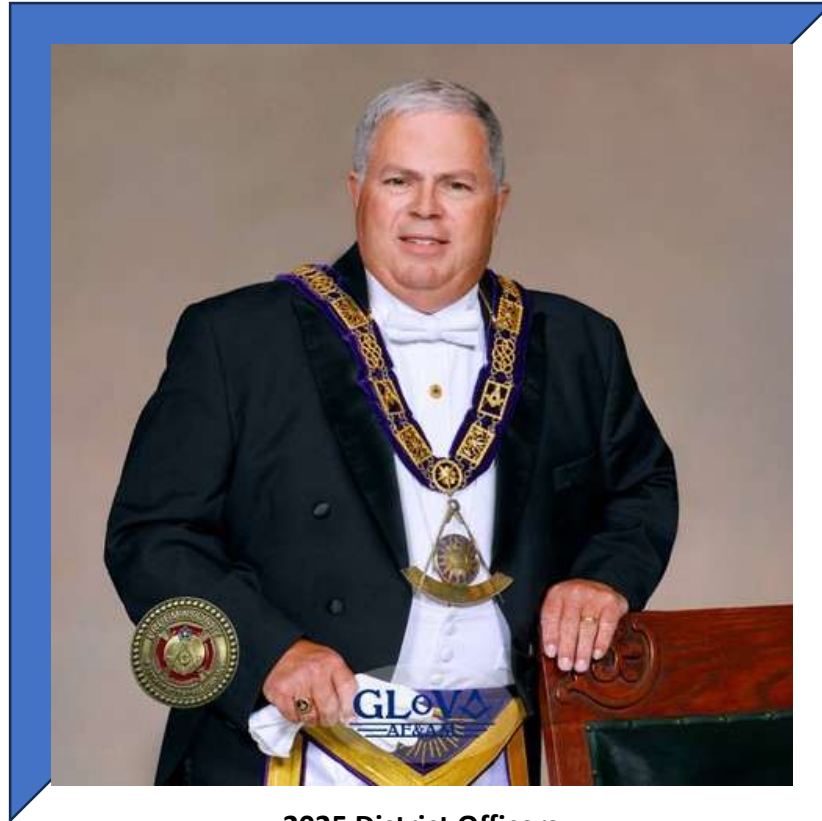
As a reminder, Freedom Lodge has its own ritual schools on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We meet at a local dinery for a meal and fellowship, then repair to the lodge for ritual work. I heartily encourage each of you to attend either ours or the District's schools for work. A reminder for the line officers that each of you must be able to open, close and execute the degree ritual for all three degrees in order to obtain your Warden's Certificate which is required in order to assume the Master's station in the East.

Upcoming Events:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Sept 17	Freedom Lodge Meet-up (see our lodge Signal chat for location)	6pm
Sept 6	District 2 Viet Nam Wall Cleaning	6:30a
Sept 8	OB114's "Gavel in the Gravel" Stated	6:30p
9-26 to 29	Lovettsville Oktoberfest	

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/>