



FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

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From the East

Brethren,

As per RW McGarrah's photos, the curb and gutter have been poured in front of the lodge.

RW Eric LeHew's Viet Nam Memorial washing event was a success! There were a number of brothers there from the District and some youth participation as well.

Olive Branch 114 had their "Gavel in the Gravel" event on September 8th at the Luck Stone Quarry near Belmont Ridge Rd. It was very well attended with Brethren from Maryland, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania in attendance along with a robust showing from District 2. Freedom Lodge was able to claim a Fraternal Visit and presented Olive Branch's Master with one of our lodge stones as a token of fraternal respect.

Hawaiian Shirt Night was a big success last month. All of the brothers in attendance showed out in their best Aloha shirts to enhance the festive air of the meeting with a good time had by all.

While we are still a month 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.

The Lodge will be taking up a collection to support the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation at our Stated. Please donate as liberally as possible to support this endeavor. The Order of the Amaranth is one of the appendant bodies that Freemasonry supports. For more details visit <http://www.vaamaranth.org/>.

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;

Bill Hohl	10/3
Adam Smith	10/3

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.

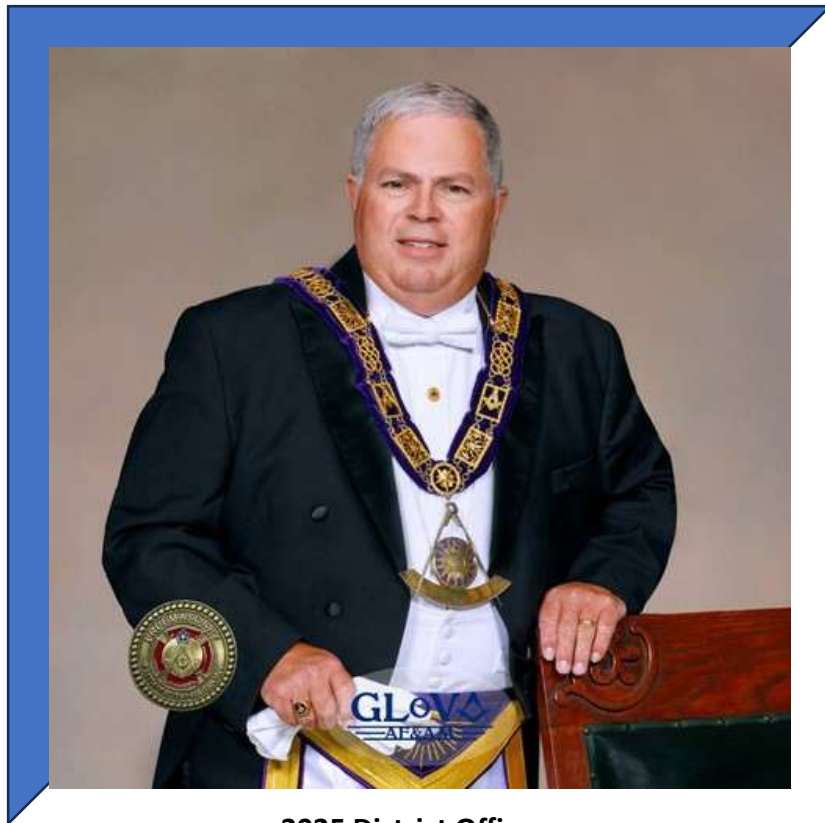
As a reminder, Freedom Lodge has its own ritual schools on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We meet at a local dinery for a meal and fellowship, then repair to the lodge for ritual work. I heartily encourage each of you to attend either ours or the District's schools for work. A reminder for the line 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
Oct 6	Olive Branch 114 Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct 14	Ashburn-Sterling Lodge #288 Stated	7:30 pm
Oct 15	Freedom Lodge Meet-up (see our lodge Signal chat for location)	6:00 pm
Oct 16	Hamilton-Thompson #37 Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct 20	Herndon Lodge #264 Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov 7 & 8	Grand Lodge	8:30 am
Nov 14	Freedom 118 Stated Meeting (dinner at 7pm)	8:00 pm

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/>