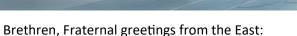
# ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

# FREEDOM LODGE NO. 112

ELDERSBURG, MD · CHARTERED MAY 13, 1862



May 30, 2023

May was a busy month for lodge activities. Bonnie Blink Bingo was a fun event, we really entertained as we went over our event time by 30 minutes. On the 9th, we had presentation on ChatGPT and learned a few things about artificial intelligence. I won't go into the details here on that meeting, but we did discuss the results our attending the Carrol County Veterans Celebration. We expected a small celebration for the veterans but found a large turnout on the Farm Museum, there was more than a couple thousand attending. We had a nice stand right on main avenue not far from the entrance. We had masonic handouts, cookies, and American Flags. Attending we had representation of three Maryland Lodges, two OES chapters and the Windows Sons. It was a great time and there were many visitors that stopped by and more than one was surprised at out attendance. We need to find and attend more events of the same kind. I'd like to thank all who helped, but particularly Brother Stephen Langvardt for arranging. On the 20th we had a great Brotherhood night, there were around 14 attending, the fire was lit and the tent went up when the rain started. We had bothers from other lodges attending and a good time was by all. If you have not made it out lately, it's always the 3rd Saturday at 5pm. On the 23rd we held a low vale out side with the Grand Inspector in attendance. A presentation by John Suit on "Why Precision is Important in Masonry". It was a wonderful night. We will be dark soon and June is always one of my favorite Masonic months.

First, We have a place at the **Sykesville Carnival**, **need volunteers**, information to follow soon. Next, in a small change in tradition **Strawberry Night** will be on **June 10th** starting at 5pm. Bring the family. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be served before the Strawberries and Ice Cream. We will present 60 year pins that evening as well as a Lodge Service Award to Brothers Spencer Wilson, Norman Hughes and Keith Hardesty. It will be a Special Lodge night, please make every effort to attend. I have a personal request, our Eastern Star Chapter is in need men and women, talk to your wife and please step up. Please do not let this organization close. It's open to all Master Masons and their wives. On **June 13th stated**, we will have our **Freedom Holding Company** membership voting, please come out for this special vote. **June 27th**, the line will gather for a **dinner** also open to wives and family members, please **RSVP WB Secretary**. Last, we are looking at holding our Bull and Shrimp roast in July. Please keep an eye open for this event.

Mike Taldo, WM

Fraternally,

### Elected Line Officers—2023

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Junior Steward— Dan Wynne

Chaplain—Dave Lewis

Tyler—Steve Simms

Marshal — Daniel Boone

Ritualist—William Perry, PM

Grand Inspector—Mark Bandelin, PM

#### **Upcoming Communications**

First Degree on June 13th, @ 7:30 pm. Dinner at 6:30pm.

No meeting will be held June 27th

Please note that events at communications beyond one month are subject to change. Please check the Trestle Board each month for the most accurate meetings for that month.

Regular Communications occur on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month beginning promptly at 7:30 pm.

## From the Secretary's Desk

The Secretary really needs dues. I'd really like the Brothers to take a minute to send in dues. Please do this very important task.

## From the Treasurer's Desk

Call 248-672-1896 or robertwilley1@comcast.net

## **Events & Notice:**

- June 10th—Strawberry Night and Service Award Presentations starting at 5pm
- June 10th—June 17th Sykesville Carnival, stand by for more information, Volunteers needed!!
- June 17th—Brotherhood Night starting at 5pm, no reservations required, come on out spend some quality time. What are you waiting for?
- June 27th—Line dinner starting at 7:30pm, wives and family invited, but please RSVP so we have enough food.

## **Living Past Masters**

Mervin L. Wheat, Jr.	1974
Allen R. Spring, Jr.	1976
Richard B. Unger, Past GI	1977
H. Eugene Smith	1983
David L. Keith	1985
Denver G. Resh	1990
Lawrence P. Wandel	1994-1995
William G. Perry, DGL	1996
Jeffrey N. Zumbrun	2007-2008
John Gullucci	2009-2011
Jim Schwartz, Past GI, PMWGJD	2012-2013
Jerry McCullough	2014-2016
Russell D. Long IV	2017-2018
Brett J. Molin	2019-2020
Michael D. Taldo	2021-2023

### Did You Know... Freemasonry Traveling in Maryland

The summer of 1921 in Maryland, saw titanic gathering of a few Masons in Western Maryland at "Camp Harding" along Licking Creek, about 6 miles east of Hancock, in Washington County, where they stayed from July 21 to July 27. From here they traveled to present day Swallow Falls State Park where they camped from July 27 to July 31. Who were those travelers? I wonder what they discussed?

- President Warren G. Harding
- Harvey S. Firestone
- Thomas A. Edison
- Henry Ford



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