

# **2016 Directory**

## **Masonic District No. 2**



### **The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia**

Lodges, Officers, Communications  
Special and District Classes

**Hamilton-Thompson – No. 37**

**Olive Branch – No. 114**

**Freedom – No. 118**

**Ashburn-Sterling – No. 288**

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# Grand Lodge of Virginia

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## 2016



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# HISTORY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA

The Grand Lodge of Virginia was established on October 30, 1778. There were nine (9) chartered Lodges known to have been invited to participate in the organization of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

How long these Lodges have been functioning has not been definitely established. They had been chartered by the Grand Lodges of Scotland, England and Ireland. That Masonry almost certainly was operating in Virginia prior to the establishment of any chartered Lodge seems very probable, though documentary proof is wanting. In this English colony, it is very probable that there were some Lodges operating under the law of "immemorial custom," in which case a charter was not deemed necessary, or if desired, required long periods of time to clear through the Grand Lodge channels of the Mother country.

The nine Lodges and their locations were **Norfolk**, at Norfolk; **Port Royal** in Caroline County; **Blandford** at Petersburg; **Fredericksburg** at Fredericksburg; **Saint Tammany** at Hampton; **Williamsburg** at Williamsburg; **Botetourt** at Gloucester Courthouse; **Cabin Point** in Prince George County, and **Yorktown** at Yorktown.

Three other Lodges were located in Colonial Virginia but apparently took no part in the organization of the Grand Lodge. These were **Tappahannock Hobb's Hole** at Tappahannock; **Winchester Hiram** at Winchester; and **Falmouth Kilwinning** at Falmouth. Responding to a proposition from Williamsburg Lodge suggesting that the officers of the said Lodges, or their deputies, meet in Williamsburg, for the purpose of choosing a Grand Master for the State of Virginia, delegates from Norfolk, Port Royal, Blandford, and Cabin Point met in Williamsburg on May 6, 1777. Matthew Phripp, of Norfolk, was elected President of the meeting, and James Kemp, of Port Royal, Secretary.

It was the unanimous opinion of the convention that a Grand Master ought to be chosen to preside over the Craft in Virginia. A committee was appointed to prepare a statement giving the reasons for such action. This committee reported on May 13, 1777. The report of the committee cited the fact that the then chartered Lodges had been established under five distinct and separate authorities, viz: The Grand Masters of England, Scotland, Ireland, Pennsylvania and America (the last at second hand); that little benefit could be derived from a Grand Master appointed by foreign authority; that recourse to a "Grand Lodge beyond the sea" was almost impossible, hence a Grand Lodge at home was a matter of necessity; that the Mother Grand Lodges claimed the right to elect their officers distinct and separate from any foreign power whatever, and that therefore they were privileged to claim the same right—a right that Masons in all time had enjoyed.

The contents of the report were sent to each chartered Lodge in the State, with a request that delegates be sent to a convention to be held in Williamsburg, June 23, 1777, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of electing a Grand Master.

Pursuant to adjournment, delegates from five Lodges, viz: Blandford, Port Royal, Fredericksburg, Williamsburg, and Cabin Point, met at Williamsburg on June 23, 1777. It was unanimously agreed that the election of Grand Master was essential "to the prosperity and dignity of Masonry."

It was suggested that the several chartered Lodges contact their respective Grand Masters in the Mother country and solicit the appointment of some worthy Mason resident within the State of Virginia as Grand Master thereof, and that the authority of the several Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, be thus united in one and the same person. It was further recommended that His Excellency, General George Washington, was a proper person to fill the office of Grand Master. However, if the individual Lodges should prefer some other person, they were to notify Williamsburg Lodge. If no selections had been made by June 1, 1778, a convention, to be called by the Master of Williamsburg Lodge, should proceed to elect a Grand Master.

Right Worshipful James Mercer, President of the Convention, called the convention as hereinafter provided, for the 13th day of October, 1778. The meeting was held agreeably to the call. Blandford, Williamsburg, Botetourt and Cabin Point sent delegates. Robert Andrews of Williamsburg Lodge, was named Master of the Convention. After its organization, the convention proceeded to the election of a Grand Master. Right Worshipful Warner Lewis, Past Master of Botetourt Lodge, was named, but declined to accept. Right Worshipful John Blair, Jr., Past Master of Williamsburg Lodge, was then unanimously elected the first Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia, was pleaded to accept the office. Thus was created, "according to prescription and usage, as adopted in London, in 1717, by and through the Representative System, as practiced on that occasion and adopted by constitutional provisions as binding for all time—the first Grand Lodge was thus constituted in America" (Quote is from John Dove).

The installation of Grand Lodge Officers occurred on October 30, 1778, at which time there was a good attendance of Brethren from the several Subordinate Lodges. After his installation, Most Worshipful Brother Blair was pleased to appoint the following Grand Officers: Right Worshipful Rev. Robert Andrews, Deputy Grand Master; Dr. James Taylor, Senior Grand Warden; James M. Fontaine, Junior Grand Warden; Dr. John Minson Galt, Grand Treasurer; Duncan Rose, Grand Secretary; the Rev. James Madison, Grand Chaplain; Matthew Anderson, Grand Sword Bearer, and William Urie, Grand Tiler. So began the glorious history of Masonry in Virginia.

# Most Worshipful James Edward Litten

171st Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

2015 - 2016



It is my great privilege and honor to serve as the 171st Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in the 238th year of our Grand Lodge. In that role, I welcome you to our website.

Good men are attracted to Freemasonry in their search for enlightenment and to become better men. Masons believe in a God, religious tolerance, freedom and equality. We teach and practice temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. We express our brotherly love and respect for each other and practice charity. Masonic charity extends not just to members of our Fraternity and their families, but to all mankind. We take seriously our duties to our God, our country, our neighbors, and our Fraternity. The charity of Masons and appendant groups composed of Masons is well-known worldwide.

Freemasons are great supporters of young people, recognizing the rare and precious opportunity given to responsible adults to attempt to lead, guide, and mentor them in paths of good citizenship. This Grand Lodge and Masonic Lodges in Virginia and elsewhere give vast numbers of scholarships to deserving students. There are also character-building and leadership organizations for young people that are sponsored and supported by Masons. We hope to assist and support these young people in ways that will benefit everyone's future.

Although much of our ritual has a scriptural basis, we are a Fraternity, not a religion. Our symbols and teachings are largely based on the operative art of ancient stone masons, who worked in quarries and used hand tools and knowledge they had earned to build cathedrals and other magnificent works of architecture. Even the term "Worshipful" used as part of the title of the Master does not reference a religious characteristic. It is a remnant of our long history, documented in writing from the early 1700s in England when "your worship" was an honorary title of respect.

We pride ourselves on doing what is right, treating others as we ourselves would like to be treated, and striving for excellence in all we say and do. An added benefit is that we can travel in this country and around the world, and in almost every place we can be with a Brother in Freemasonry. That is the "Free" part of Freemasonry: free to travel among

Masons and to practice our –now symbolic- craft as did Masons of the past after they had completed their apprenticeships and other training.

You also are “free” to roam the pages of our website. Find the Lodge in Virginia nearest to your home and learn who to contact there. Learn about our Grand Lodge Officers and programs, the things we do as a Fraternity, our publications and some of the benefits of being a Mason in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We are delighted to offer you more information about our gentle Craft.

You can contact the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful James Edward Litten was born in New Market, Virginia, on April 17, 1940. He graduated from Mount Jackson High School in 1958 and later attended the American Disc Jockey School in Norfolk, Virginia. From 1962 to 1969, Brother Litten was employed in radio communication, working in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Texas. He owned and operated Community Broadcasting, Inc. in Stuart, Virginia, from 1969 until 1986. Since 1986, he has been in the real estate business; and from 1989 until the present, owns and operates Jim Litten Real Estate, LLC, as broker.

Brother Litten was made a Master Mason in Mountain Home Lodge No. 263 on September 25, 1987. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1992 and 2007 and as Secretary from 2011 to 2014. He was District Deputy Grand Master in Masonic District No. 39 in 2004. He was the Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master in 1997 and Grand Pursuivant in 2001. He served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Unfinished Business and is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, near Virginia. He was elected Grand Senior Deacon in November 2011 and was elected to the Office of Grand Master on November 7, 2015.

Brother Litten is a Life Member in Perpetuity and Honorary member of Pound Lodge No. 59 and holds honorary membership in Piedmont Lodge No. 152 and Rocky Mount Lodge No. 201. He is a member of the Valley of Danville, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2003 and coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 2007. He is a member of Lynchburg Royal Arch Chapter No. 10, Kazim Shrine Center and Martinsville Chapter No. 66, Order of the Eastern Star. He was a recipient of the Outstanding Worshipful Master Award in 1992 - 93. Brother Litten is a recipient of the John Blair, Jr. Service Medal from the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2001 and the Legion of Honor from the International Order of DeMolay. Brother Litten has been recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution with their Award of Excellence.

Brother Litten has also been very active in the community. Within Patrick County, he is a Past President of the Unit of the American Heart Association, Patrick County Jaycees, and Charter President of the Patrick County High School Band Boosters Club. He is a Life Member in the Virginia Jaycees and Past President of the Life Membership Council, a Jaycee International Senator, and United States Jaycee Ambassador. He has been recognized by the Stuart Rotary Club and Virginia Jaycees as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and by Epsilon Sigma Phi, the National Honorary Extension Fraternity, Virginia Tech, as a recipient of the Outstanding Public Service Award. He was recognized by the Board of Supervisors in 1977 and 1984 when the Board proclaimed “Jim Litten Day” in Patrick County. He is an honorary member of the Patrick County

Agricultural Fair Association, Stuart Lions Club, the Stuart Rotary Club, and several fire departments and rescue squads. He is a former board member of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, the R. J. Reynolds-Patrick County Memorial Hospital, and served on the Town of Stuart's Centennial Committee, and fundraising committees for the American Heart Association, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and Patrick County Public Library. He is an active member of Stuart Baptist Church, where he has served as Deacon and on the Pastor Search, Pulpit, Long Range Planning, and Apple Butter Committees.

Brother Litten is married to the former Ann Crocker of Smithfield, Virginia, and they have two daughters, Cynthia Holt and her husband, Roland; and Denise Stirewalt and her husband, Gene; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.





## District Deputy Grand Master

Right Worshipful Philip Brooks

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District Educational Officer  
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District VACHIP Director  
District Membership Coordinator  
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Ashburn-Sterling No. 288	Raymon Bacchus	Worshipful.Master@ashburnsterling288.org

## District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visits

Olive Branch No. 114	Monday February 1, 2015
Freedom No. 118	Friday February 5, 2015
Ashburn-Sterling No. 288	Tuesday February 9, 2015
Hamilton-Thompson No. 37	Thursday February 18, 2015

## Grand Master's Official Visit

**March 19, 2016**

**Time: 6 PM**

Creek's Edge Winery  
41255 Annas Lane  
Lovettsville, VA 20180

creeksedgewinery.com

This is an open event with limited seating. See DDGM or Worshipful Master for tickets - \$25 each. Catered by Market Table Bistro. Entertainment by The Naked Mountain Boys.



# Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No. 37



320 West Main Street  
Purcellville, Virginia

Stated Communication  
3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM Jan-Nov  
Dec - 1st Thursday.  
Dinner at 6:30 PM

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## 2016 Officers

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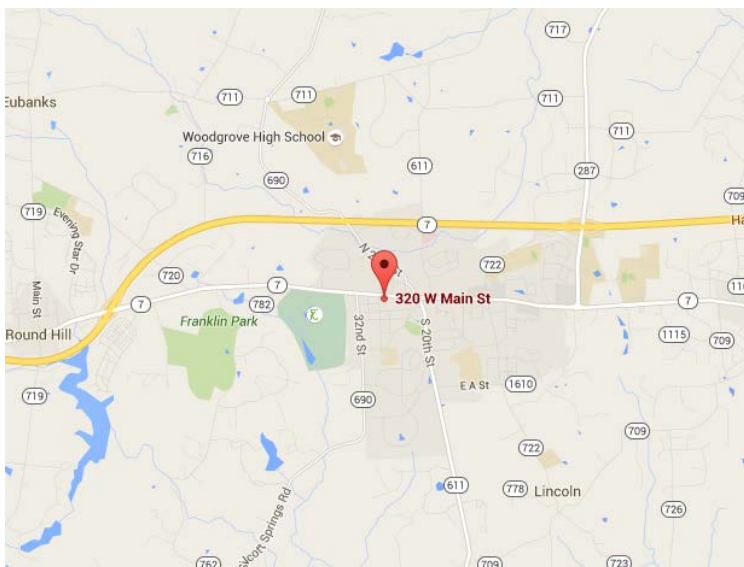
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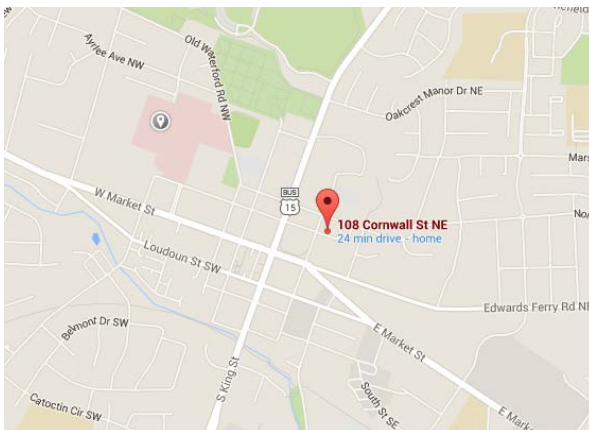
108 Cornwall Street NE  
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Stated Communication  
1st Monday at 8:00 PM of each month.  
Dinner at 7:00 PM

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## 2016 Officers

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# Freedom Lodge No. 118



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1st Friday at 8:00 PM of each month.

## 2016 Officers

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Mariano D'Aguiar

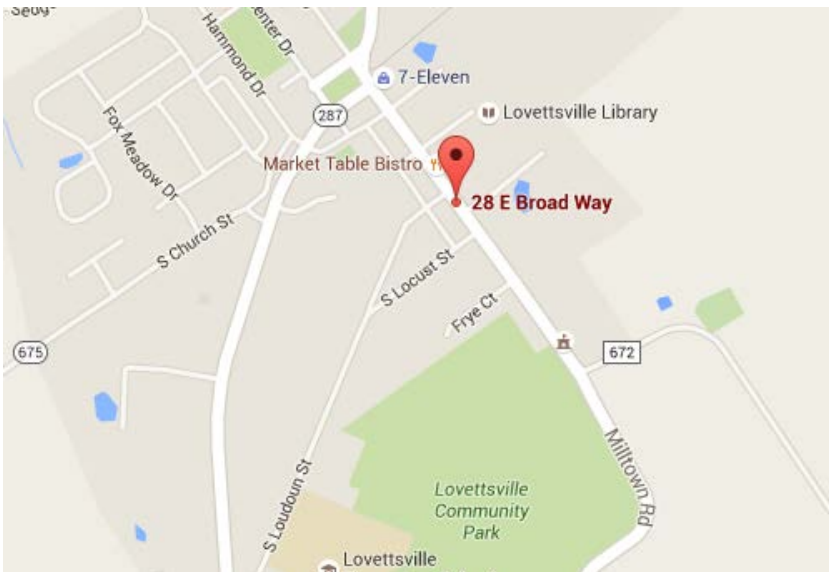
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Lester Conley Bond



# Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288



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Stated Communication  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:30 PM  
Dinner @ 6:30 PM

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## ***Pledge of Allegiance***

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

## ***Tiler's Oath***

*I \_\_\_\_\_ solemnly swear that I have been regularly initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a just and legally constituted Master Mason's Lodge; that I am not now suspended or expelled and know of no reason why I should be.*

## ***Closing Charge***

*Brethren:*

*We are now about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties which you have heard so frequently inculcated and so forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Remember that around this sacred altar you have solemnly bound yourselves to befriend and relieve every brother who shall need your assistance. You have promised in the most friendly manner to remind him of his error and aid a reformation. These generous principles are to extend further – every human being has a claim upon your kind offices, do good unto all, recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful. Finally brethren, be ye all of one mind, live in peace, and may the God of peace and love delight to dwell with and bless you.*

# *District 2 Resources*

## **Entered Apprentice Lecture**

Brian King	Ashburn-Sterling	(703) 509-2218
Harris McGarrah	Freedom	(703) 431-8531
Tom Krouse	Ashburn-Sterling	(703) 501-9054
Ed Ziemba	Hamilton-Thompson	(703) 577-5495

## **Fellow Craft Floor Lecture**

Brian King	Ashburn-Sterling	(703) 509-2218
Fred Bishop	Olive Branch	(703) 517-2619
Odie Case	Olive Branch	(540) 272-1601
John Meehan	Ashburn-Sterling	(571) 209-7248
Harris McGarrah	Freedom	(703) 431-8531
Chris Thompson	Hamilton-Thompson	(540) 454-4002
Ed Ziemba	Hamilton-Thompson	(703) 577-5495

## **Receiving in the East**

Brian King	Ashburn-Sterling	(703) 509-2218
Loyd Davis	Freedom	(801) 390-6559
Larry Frye	Freedom	(703) 777-2238
John Meehan	Ashburn-Sterling	(571) 209-7248
Ed Ziemba	Hamilton-Thompson	(703) 577-5495

## **Master Mason Lecture**

Brian King	Ashburn-Sterling	(703) 509-2218
Chris Thompson	Hamilton-Thompson	(540) 454-4002
Ed Ziemba	Hamilton-Thompson	(703) 577-5495

## **Funeral Service**

Brian King	Ashburn-Sterling	(703) 509-2218
Harris McGarrah	Freedom	(703) 431-8531
Chris Thompson	Hamilton-Thompson	(540) 454-4002

## **Installation**

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Chris Thompson	Hamilton-Thompson	(540) 454-4002

## Important Dates

### Division Leadership Conference

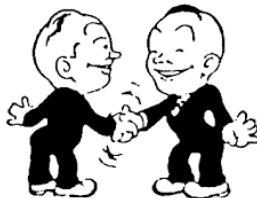
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Highland School  
597 Broadview Ave  
Warrenton, Virginia

### Reid James Simmons School

July 28-31, 2016  
Best Western Inn & Suites  
109 Apple Tree Lane  
Waynesboro, VA 22980

### Grand Annual Communication

November 10-12, 2016  
Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa  
12042 West Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia



## District Schools

January 27th	Ashburn-Sterling No. 288	7:00PM
February 24th	Hamilton-Thompson No. 37	7:00PM
March 5 (Ken Shelton School)	Olive Branch No. 114	8:00AM
March 23rd	Freedom No. 118	7:00PM
April 27th	Ashburn-Sterling No. 288	7:00PM
May 25th	Hamilton-Thompson No. 37	7:00PM
September 28th	Olive Branch No. 114	7:00PM
October 26th	Freedom No. 118	7:00PM

## Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT)

Hamilton-Thompson No. 37	(TBD)	7:30PM
Olive Branch No. 114	(TBD)	7:00PM
Freedom No. 118	January 20, 2016	7:30PM
Ashburn-Sterling No. 288	March 15, 2016	7:00PM

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Olive Branch No. 114	Monday February 1, 2015
Freedom No. 118	Friday February 5, 2015
Ashburn-Sterling No. 288	Tuesday February 9, 2015
Hamilton-Thompson No. 37	Thursday February 18, 2015





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