

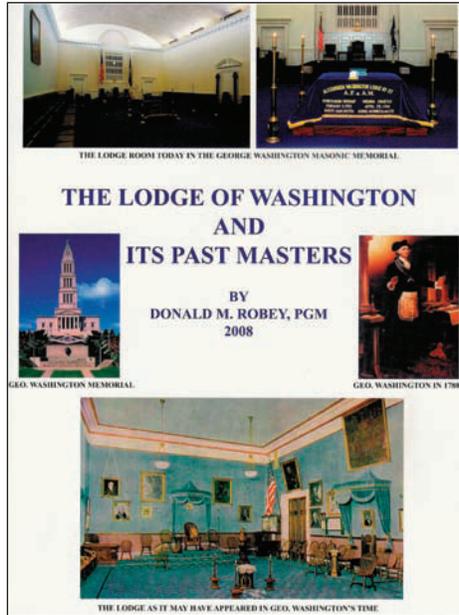
The Lodge of Washington and its Past Masters

A New Book by Mt. Wor. Donald M. Robey (1987)

The following is part of the Dedication to the book written by Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Don Robey has recently released his new book on the history of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and, I must say it really sets the pace for what a book on the history of a Lodge should be all about. The first half of the book describes the history of the Lodge when it was under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and how it gave up its Pennsylvania Charter and requested a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia naming George Washington as its first Worshipful Master. This section is really divided into three parts: one by Mrs. Mary G. Powell who wrote a history on the City of Alexandria in 1929 with some assistance from Most Worshipful Charles Hilliard Callahan on the history of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, another section on the history of the Lodge by Right Worshipful William Adrian Brown, who was Don's Grand Historian in 1987, and the major section on the early days of the Lodge is from a "Manuscript" developed by Most Worshipful William Mosley Brown in the 1960's when he did an in depth study of the early minute books of the Lodge for the Archives Committee of the Lodge. For some reason, the "Manuscript" was never published by the Lodge. Don says Most Worshipful Brown's Manuscript explains in detail the twenty months when George Washington served as Worshipful Master, of which eight of the months he also was President of the United States. It now appears, from the details in this section, that George Washington never really "Ran the Lodge" as we think about the duties of a Worshipful Master today.

The last half of the book details biographical sketches, with pictures of most of the men who were fortunate enough to pre-



side over this historic Lodge as Worshipful Master. This is surely an example that all Lodges should emulate when they have a history of their Lodge written. The sketches in Most Worshipful Robey's book give precise details on the family history, educational history, occupational history, and Masonic history of each of the Past Masters. Several were Mayors of the "Town" of Alexandria, Virginia. Several were involved in the Revolutionary War in one way or another. Several were involved in the Civil War. Many served in active military capacity in World War One and World War Two. Many were active business men in the Alexandria area. Anyone researching their family history in the Alexandria area will definitely want a copy of this book...

...We are all so proud that George Washington was a Virginia Mason, raised in 1752 in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia and then served as Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 when it received its Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1788. I believe that every Mason should have a copy of this book to learn the real facts about this Lodge, which many believe to be

the most historic Lodge in the world, due to Washington's involvement during the early days of the Lodge...

The book can be purchased by contacting Most Worshipful Donald M. Robey (1987) at his home address: 290 Forest Green Road, Reedville, VA 22539-3539, or phone @ 804.453.3804, or via e-mail at pgm87@crosslink.net. The book can also be purchased at Anchor Communications via their website: www.goanchor.com.

ORDER FORM

The book contains three sections on the history of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and biographical sketches of all of the Past Masters of this historic Lodge, with George Washington as the first Worshipful Master of this Lodge when it received its Virginia charter in 1788. A complete index in the back of the book allows you to search for the names of family members or friends without having to search through the entire text of the 196 pages in the book.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Please enclose a check for \$34.89. When returning this order form \$30.00 for book + 4.89 for shipping by US Mail – Book Rate (\$1.69 for mailer + \$3.20 postage). **Checks will not be cashed until the day the books is mailed.**