

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

February 1976

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

The month of February will be a busy one for our Lodge. While we only have two degree nights scheduled, we also have Grand Lodge and our annual celebration of the birthday of our Illustrious Past Master and General George Washington. Your Officers will depart for Grand Lodge on Sunday, February 8th and return on Wednesday, February 11th. In the event of an emergency, we can be reached at the Hotel John Marshall in Richmond. Worshipful Brother Hugh Smith has graciously volunteered to be "on call" in case of immediate need.

Our Washington's Birthday Celebration will begin on Saturday, February 14th. At 4:00 PM our stated meeting will commence, at which time, the Grand Master will make his visit. Dinner will be served, in the dining room at 6:00 PM. At 7:00 PM we will be addressed by our Guest Speaker, in the auditorium. Tickets for the dinner may be obtained from any of the officers. The celebration will continue at 9:00 AM, Monday morning, February 16th, at which time we will lay a wreath at George Washington's Tomb at Mt. Vernon. The ceremony will be immediately followed with a coffee, served at the Mt. Vernon Inn. All Brethren, their families and guests are cordially invited to attend.

The Archives Committee Chairman, Worshipful Brother Lloyd Onion, requests that any brother, who might have copies of the minutes of any past Archives Committee Meetings, submit the same to him. This committee is attempting to restore parts of our valuable history by obtaining a full set of minutes. Your assistance to this laudable endeavor is encouraged; and would be gratefully appreciated.

I would be pleased to receive comments or criticism regarding the spaghetti dinner served by the Stewards on January 22nd. Although maintaining it as a regular function places an additional burden on the Stewards; Lodge participation and enthusiasm could outweigh this factor. I thank you in advance, for your continuing support and cooperation.

Sincerely and fraternally,

James B. Stone

Worshipful Master

"You can never do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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February 1976 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Mon 02/02/1976	7:00 pm	Lodge School. All brethren urged to attend.
Thu 02/14/1976	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Stated, Annual Celebration of the Birthday of our Charter Master, Wor. Bro. General George Washington Official Visit of The Grand Master, Most Worshipful L. Douglas Delano Dinner served in the Dining Room Tickets available from the Officers Guest Speaker in the Auditorium
Mon 02/16/1976	9:00 am	Wreath Laying Ceremony at Mt. Vernon
Thu 02/19/1976	7:00 pm	Called, MM Degree. All Brethren invited to take part in the degree
Mon 02/23/1976	7:00 pm	Called, EA Degree. All Brethren invited to take part in the degree
Thu 02/26/1976	7:30 pm	Stated, Educational Program and Birthdays

STATED COMMUNICATIONS: Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month except Thanksgiving, Observance of George Washington's Birthday and December 27th

We meet at 7:30 unless otherwise stated.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Other Events in Our District This Month

Day	Time	Activity
Sat 02/21/1976	3:00 pm	Visiting Lodge, Watsontown Lodge No. 401, Watsontown, Pennsylvania
Thu 02/26/1976	7:30 pm	District 1A-1B School. We have a stated meeting and are excused
Sat 03/13/1976	6:30 pm	Symbolic Lodge Recognition Night of the National Sojourners. Scottish Rite Temple, Braddock Rd., Alex, Va

Alexandria-Washington Chapter, Order of DeMolay

Wm. Joseph Belksoki, Kt. Rd., Master Councilor
 Brother Angus S. Lamond, Jr., Chapter Dad
 Meets in the North Room, 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 7:30 PM
 All Master Masons are Invited to Attend

REMEMBER YOUR "MASONIC HOME OF VIRGINIA"

LODGE HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO

February 11, 1926 - "Brother I.S. Carpenter of Henry Knox Field Lodge, invited the officers and members to join with his Lodge on Saturday, February 13th when the cornerstone of the new Town Hall of Potomac would be laid at 2:00 PM."
 "The Master spoke about the possibility of establishing a Lodge Library by the loan or gift of Masonic books which could be loaned to the members."

February 22, 1926 - "The following telegram was read; Beverly Mass. , Liberty joins with Alexandria in celebrating the birth of Washington, we are honored to have as our guest, Wor. Heishley as representative of your Lodge. Edwards, Master."

"The Master requested all Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters to retire and they returned to present, Rt. Wor. James Bowman, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, who was received and saluted with the honors due his station and spoke to the brethren for Most Wor. Bro. B. W. Beach who could not be present."

"After the Lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to the Elks Hall where the annual banquet was served and the celebration was held. Rt. Wor. Percy E. Clift in a very pleasing address presented to Wor. Bro. R.J.Schooley, our Jr. Past Master, a handsome Past Masters Jewel, which was received by Wor. Schooley graciously.

100 YEARS AGO

February 24, 1876 - "The banner of Evangelical Lodge, formerly existing in this city, was transferred to this Lodge by Wor. William H. Lambert."

150 YEARS AGO

February 8, 1826 - "A bill of Bro. Pheris Throops for \$20.00 for furnishing the necessary articles for Mrs. Youngs funeral was ordered to be paid."

FROM THE "LODGE OF WASHINGTON"

Rev. Thomas Davis was born in England. He succeeded Rev. Bryan Fairfax as Rector of Christ Church, Alexandria, in 1792, and continued its minister until 1806, when he moved to Hungers Parish, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where he died (supposed about 1810). He officiated at the burial of Washington, December 18, 1799. For a number of years he was one of the Chaplains of this Lodge.

D.M.R.