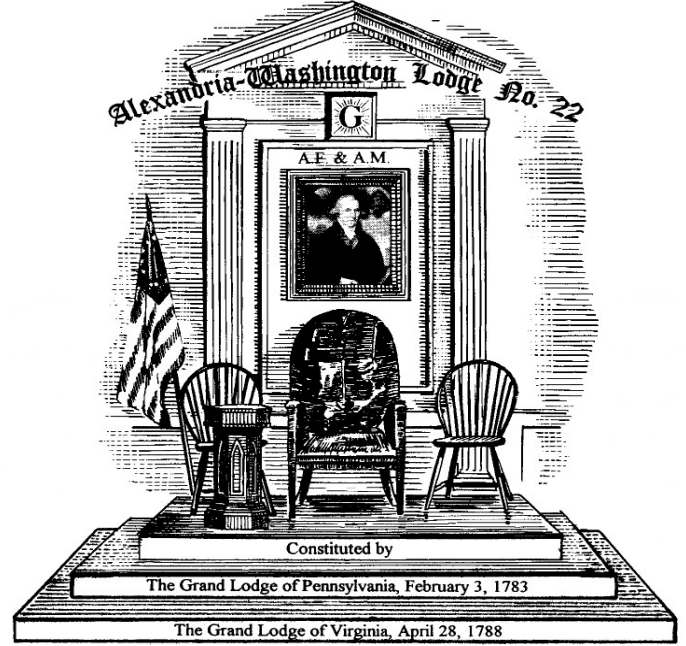


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November 2017

The Master's Message

ALEXANDRIA-WASHINGTON LODGE No. 22

Brethren,

The historic Master's chair at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 is long connected to George Washington and identified as the original chair from his library at Mount Vernon. In Washington's will, he left his library chair to his friend, personal physician, and Lodge member James Craik. So how did it come to belong to the Lodge? Drawing on original research and recent conservation analysis, Archivist Tim Winkle will examine the history of this important artifact and the potential paths that led to its use and preservation within the Lodge, at our Stated Communication in November.

On November 4, we will make a Fraternal Visit to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. We share a long and historic relationship with Fredericksburg Lodge, one that goes back to the late 1700's. That night will mark the last Official Visit of the Grand Master. If you plan to attend this great event, and I encourage you to do so, email their Steward with your reservation at edwitalec@gmail.com.

We have 9 candidates working through the degrees in our catechism school and 11 men attending profane activities. This allows us an opportunity to know them so we can sign their petitions. Those numbers continue to grow making this an exciting period in the life of our Lodge. I truly believe Masonry's declining numbers are all but over. Many Lodges around the state are seeing an increase in petitions. That has certainly been the case in our District. As we prepare ourselves for a busy and active year ahead, ask yourself where you can help.

There are many opportunities to serve. Perhaps it's catechism instruction and mentoring or maybe you would like to learn a lecture to give at one of the degrees. You could serve assisting the Stewards in the kitchen, being an Assistant Tiler or Musician, or serving on one of our many committees. I ask you to think about it and play an active part with the great things that are happening in your Lodge.

The gift of wonderful friends and brothers are one of the nicest blessings of all. Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with blessings and happiness!

Mike

Michael P. Bible
Worshipful Master
Alexandria-Washington Lodge No.22

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NOVEMBER 2017

- 02 THU 7:30 PM STATED COMMUNICATION:** "Washington's Chair"
Brother Tim Winkle, Archivist, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
- 04 SAT 7:30 PM FRATERNAL VISIT:** Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
Dinner served at 6:00pm. Reservations Required
- 05 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL**
- 11 SAT VETERAN'S DAY**
- 12 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL**
- 19 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL-**
- 23 THU HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- ~~**26 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL-CANCELLED**~~
- 27 MON 7:00PM DISTRICT RITUAL SCHOOL:** Henry Knox Field Lodge

STATED COMMUNICATIONS: The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (GWMNM), Alexandria, Virginia on the second Thursday of each month except for the additional Stated Communications for the observance of George Washington's birthday, June 24th for Saint John the Baptist Day, and December 27th for the Installation of Officers.

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS: Usually on the fourth Thursday, or as announced herein.

LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL: Conducted every Sunday at 5pm unless otherwise noted in the trestleboard. This school will cover work in all degrees. The school is for all members of the Masonic Community and ALL are invited and encouraged to attend.

For Dinner Reservations, Email the Senior Steward at:
reservations@aw22.org

“Jacks Vignette’s”

"Sick Benefits?"

For some years prior to 1840, the by-laws of Alexandria-Washington Lodge provided for the payment of sick benefits to Brethren confined to their homes or hospitals by illness. This provision for paying sick benefits however, turned out to be a grievous mistake. There were many disputes between would be beneficiaries and the Lodge Officers regarding the legitimacy of claims; and there was another pesky little problem - money.

As an illustration of the drawbacks and difficulty in administering such a program, consider this letter to the Master dated July 14, 1847. Brother B.S. King wrote: "I hereby petition the Lodge to pay me the amount due according to the by-laws. I was taken sick in Baltimore and remained there 5 weeks. I only received thirty-six dollars. I've been unable to work at my trade since my return. The only money I have received was for inspecting the steamboat, Joseph Johnson' which was done by a person rowing a boat around the steamboat. I am unable to work, and am in want of the money. I regret that my affliction makes me a burden on the Lodge, and was in hopes that I should be able to go to work long before this, in which event, I should not have called on the Lodge for that which I consider mine."

This sticky matter was promptly referred to "a Committee." We surely hope that the Brethren didn't turn a deaf ear to Brother King's appeal. By the way, the sick benefit system was dropped shortly after this incident.

“Brownie’s Briefs”

225 YEARS AGO

November 17, 1792 - The President said to the Commissioners of the Federal City (or territory which it was also referred to at that time,) "I agree with you in opinion that ground in such eligible places as about the Capitol and the President's House, should not be sold in squares, unless there are some great and apparent advantages to be derived from specified buildings, which would have a tendency to promote the advancement of the City." (May I add, I hope Congress considers this when asked to change the Federal City into a State.)

Thanksgiving Proclamation

Written by **George Washington** in 1789, the first Presidential Proclamation was the "Thanksgiving Proclamation".

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness

Upcoming Events

On Saturday, November 4, we will be making our Fraternal Visit to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. We will be presenting Most Worshipful **Vernon Stuart Cook**, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, with his portrait with Washington's Chair. There will be a dinner served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Stated at 7:30 p.m.

Directions to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4

95 South to Route 17 South (Falmouth Exit). Turn right onto Route 1 South. Go to first traffic light (crossing over Falmouth Bridge). Turn left onto Princess Anne Street. Proceed to 803 Princess Anne Street.

The Grand Annual Communication in Richmond, Va. will be held November 9-11.

Directions to Hilton Hotel in Short Pump

95 South to I-295 Exit 84B toward Charlottesville. Merge onto I-295 N via the ramp on the left toward I-64 W/Charlottesville. Merge onto I-64 E via Exit 53B on the left toward US-250/Richmond. Merge onto W Broad St/US-250 W via Exit 178A toward Short Pump. 12042 W Broad St is on the right.