

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

October 2002

Master's Message

Brothers

On September 11th, my son and I completed the 250 bicycle "Ride to Remember" from New York City to the Pentagon. The pace was quick for those of us who are unaccustomed to such serious cycling, but we made it! Over 200 riders remembered those lost last year, honored those who serve, and raised significant funds to support the mission of INOVA's trauma unit which serves our area. Thanks to all who kept us in thought and prayer.

On October 9th we will journey to the post Civil War period. Let me know if you are interested, so that transportation arrangements can be made.

At our first stated communication this month, we will honor our members who have achieved the distinction of 50 years in Masonry. RW **Jack Riddell**, PDDGM, will officiate. It has taken half a century for these gentlemen to reach this milestone in their Masonic careers, so honor them with your presence and renew old friendships. Also at this meeting, we will vote on a proposal to raise the initiation fees for our Lodge, and to credit the increase toward Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP). This proposal was introduced on September 12th and disseminated electronically with discussion points. It consists of a Bylaws amendment and a Resolution, Article III of the Bylaws would read "The fees for the degrees in this Lodge shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00), payable as follows: two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the Degree of Entered Apprentice, of which one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall accompany the petition; one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the Degree of Fellowcraft; and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the Degree of Master Mason. The fee for affiliation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) for a non Virginia Mason, which amount shall accompany the application for affiliation." The proposed Resolution, titled "Life Membership in Perpetuity," would read "Any Master Mason raised by this Lodge subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, except those raised as courtesies to other Lodges, will receive a \$325 credit toward his application for Life Membership in Perpetuity, provided such application is made within 24 months of his Master Mason Degree." These changes are modest when compared to inflation, and they offer new brothers an incentive to become LMIP. Come to Lodge on October 10th ready for discussion.

On Saturday, October 12th, we will visit the Masonic Home in Richmond on Family Day. This is the best time to visit the Home, especially since our Masonic youth are preparing many activities. It is truly a family event, not just a tour and a lecture.

Our annual Ladies' Night will be Saturday, October 19th, at the Memorial. Come to the hospitality suite at the Alexandria Hilton from 1 to 5 PM to greet our guests from William Elkins Lodge, followed by dinner at 6 PM and an organ recital with Dr. Gordon Turk in the Auditorium at 8 PM. If you cannot make the dinner, attend the recital anyway, to hear the great hall sing with world class music!

Our second stated communication is Past Masters' Night, when the officer's chairs will be filled by a team serving generations. Officers and Past Masters arrive for a special dinner at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be served afterward as well.

On Saturday, November 2nd, we will travel to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 for a joint communication to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Washington's initiation into Masonry. A dinner on Friday the 1st begins the celebration, followed by the joint communication, a Grand Lodge communication, and historical lectures on Saturday. Grand Annual Communication comes the following week, from 6 to 9 November. Contact me as soon as possible if you would like a room reservation.

Sincerely and fraternally,

David M. Clark

Worshipful Master

SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE FUTURE:

- November 2 (Sat) - **JOINT COMMUNICATION:** Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
- November 6-9 (Wed-Sat) - **GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION:** Richmond

ALEXANDRIA-WASHINGTON LODGE No. 22
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
The George Washington Masonic National Memorial
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October 2002 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Tue 10/1/2002	11:00 am	FRATERNAL VISIT TO SKIDMORE DAYLIGHT LODGE
Wed 10/9/2002	7:30 pm	FRATERNAL VISIT TO ALPHA LODGE: East Orange, NJ
Thu 10/10/2002	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Refreshments to follow Recognition of 50 Year Members
Sat 10/12/2002		MASONIC FAMILY DAY: Visit the Masonic Home in Richmond
Sun 10/13/2002	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	OFFICERS' LUNCHEON: Army Navy Country Club, Arlington LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL: Entered Apprentice Degree
Mon 10/14/2002	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: Entered Apprentice Degree
Sat 10/19/2002	6:00 pm 8:00 pm	LADIES' NIGHT: William Elkins Lodge visits from Pennsylvania Organ Concert in the Auditorium
Mon 10/21/2002	7:30 pm	FRATERNAL VISIT TO JOHN A. LEJEUNE LODGE
Tue 10/22/2002	7:00 pm	DISTRICT RITUAL SCHOOL: John Blair Lodge
Thu 10/24/2002	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Refreshments to follow Past Masters' Night; Masonic birthday recognition
Sat 10/26/2002	11:00 am	VISITING LODGE: Monitor Lodge No. 197, Hampton, Virginia
Tue 10/29/2002	7:30 pm	ARCHIVES COMMITTEE MEETING: Officers' Conference Room
Wed 10/30/2002	7:00 pm	MASTERS' & WARDENS ASSOCIATION: Andrew Jackson 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 and fourth Thursdays of each month, except on the fourth Thursday of November and December, on December 27th (the anniversary of Saint John the Evangelist) for installation of officers, at 7:30 pm, and at 4:00 pm on the day observed by governmental regulations or the GWMNM in celebration of George Washington's birthday. When such dates fall on a Sunday, the stated communication shall be held on the Saturday before or the Monday following.

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS - Usually on Mondays as announced herein.

YOUTH MEETINGS AT GWMNM - Alexandria-Washington Chapter, International Order of DeMolay, meets the first and third Sundays at 2 pm in the North Lodge Room. Bethel No. 22, International Order Jobs Daughters, meets the first and third Sundays at 6 pm in the North Lodge Room.

HISTORICAL ANECDOTES

George Washington visits Alexandria Lodge No. 22

Brothers Raymond and Ian Smout of Cosham Lodge No. 6912, Great Britain, have given our Lodge an original copy of the Saturday, April 29th, 1797 edition of the *Columbian Centinel*. This newspaper describes itself as "printed and published on Wednesdays and Saturdays, by Benjamin Russell, printer to the United States, for the Northern States - State Street, Boston, Massachusetts." The paper recounts the following exchange of courtesies between Alexandria Lodge No. 22 and brother George Washington.

APRIL 22.

At a meeting of Lodge, No. 22, Ancient York Masons at Alexandria, at which Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON visited, the following address was presented from the Chair: -

MOST RESPECTED BROTHER

THE Ancient York Masons, of Lodge No. 22, unanimously offer you their warmest congratulations on your retirement from your useful labours. Under the supreme architect of the universe, you have been the master workman in erecting the temple of liberty, in the West, on the broad basis of equal rights. In your wise administration of the government of the United States, for the space of eight years, you have kept within the compass of our happy constitution and acted upon the square with foreign nations, and thereby preserved your country in peace, and promoted the prosperity and happiness of your fellow-citizens. And now that you have retired from the labours of public life, to the refreshment of domestic tranquility, they ardently pray that you may long enjoy all the happiness which the Terrestrial Lodge can afford, and finally be removed to a Celestial Lodge, where love, peace and harmony, forever reign, and where Cherubims and Seraphims, shall hail you brother.

By the unanimous desire of Lodge No. 22.

JAMES GILLES, Master.

Gen. G. WASHINGTON

Brothers of the Ancient York Masons of Lodge No. 22.

WHILE my heart acknowledges, with brotherly love, your affectionate congratulations, on my retirement from the arduous toils of past years, my gratitude is no less excited by your kind wishes for my future happiness.

It has pleased the supreme architect of the universe to make me an humble instrument to promote the welfare and happiness of my fellow men, my exertions have been abundantly recompensed by the kind partiality with which they have been received - And the assurance you give me of your belief that I have acted upon the square in my public capacity, will be among my principal enjoyments in this terrestrial lodge. GO. WASHINGTON.

The toast of Br. WASHINGTON was - *The Lodge of Alexandria, and all Masons throughout the world.*

Worshipful Claude H. Harris, Jr., former Lodge Archivist, reports that this visit by George Washington is considered his last accepted visit to the lodge. The Master's letter inviting Washington, who had just completed eight years as President, and Washington's letter of acceptance survive today. A full printed account of this visit can be read on pages 172-176 of Washington and his Masonic Compagnons by Sidney Hayden Ed. 1866. He also references the Writings of George Washington by Dr. J. C. Fitzpatrick Volume 35 pp. 426-427. The Lodge may have gathered at that time to celebrate the issuance of its Virginia charter nine years earlier. That tradition continues today with Charter Night in the Replica Room every April. Eight years later, Washington's name would be added to the Lodge's to create Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, the 200th anniversary of which will come in 2005.

Worshipful **Mark Underwood**, Lodge Archivist, will prepare this important relic for display in the glass-top table in our anteroom for a limited time.

PAST MASTERS OF OUR LODGE

Alexandria No. 39 - February 3, 1783 Under Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	
1. Robert Adam	Feb 1783 - Dec 1786
2. Robert McCrea	Dec 1786 - Dec 1787
3. Elisha Cullen Dick	Dec 1787 - Apr 1788

Alexandria No. 22 - April 28, 1788 Under Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia	
1. George Washington	Apr 1788 - Dec 1789
2. Elisha Cullen Dick	Dec 1789 - Dec 1795 Dec 1797 - Dec 1799
3. James Gillis	Dec 1795 - Dec 1797
4. George Deneale	Dec 1799 - Dec 1805

Alexandria-Washington No. 22 - December 9, 1805	
1. George Deneale PDDGM	Dec 1805 - Dec 1812 Dec 1816 - Dec 1817
2. Thomas Sanford	Dec 1812 - Dec 1813
3. William Paton, Jr.	Dec 1813 - Dec 1815
4. Thomas Semmes	Dec 1815 - Dec 1816 Dec 1817 - Dec 1820 Dec 1821 - Dec 1822 Dec 1823 - Dec 1825 Dec 1829 - Dec 1830 Dec 1830 - Dec 1833
5. Samuel Snowden	Dec 1820 - Dec 1821
6. William A. Williams	Dec 1822 - Dec 1823
7. Charles Chapin	Dec 1825 - Dec 1827
8. Joseph Eaches	Dec 1827 - Dec 1829
9. James Cloud	Dec 1830 - Dec 1831
10. John Adam	Dec 1833 - Dec 1834
11. George H. Smoot	Dec 1834 - Dec 1835
12. Joseph Nevett	Dec 1835 - Dec 1836
13. Robert T. Ramsey	Dec 1836 - Dec 1837
14. James Irwin	Dec 1837 - Dec 1843
15. W. Reuben Johnson	Dec 1843 - Dec 1844 Dec 1847 - Dec 1848
16. Horatio N. Steel, PDDGM	Dec 1844 - Dec 1847
17. William Page, PDDGM	Dec 1848 - Dec 1849 Jan 1850 - Dec 1850
18. John B. Hancock	Dec 1849 - Jan 1850
19. David Boyd Smith	Dec 1850 - July 1851
20. Lawrence B. Taylor	Jul 1851 - Dec 1851
21. Samuel J. McCormick	Dec 1851 - Dec 1852
22. Franklin L. Brockett, PDDGM	Dec 1852 - Dec 1854
23. Charles R. Suttley	Dec 1854 - Jun 1856
24. J. Conway Broun, PDDGM	Jun 1856 - Jun 1858
25. John A. Milburn	Jun 1858 - Jun 1860
26. William H. Lambert, PGM	Jun 1860 - Jun 1866
27. Edward S. Hough	Jun 1866 - Jun 1867
28. George E. French	Jun 1867 - Jun 1869
29. George R. Shinn	Jun 1869 - Jun 1871
30. William A. Moore, Sr., PDDGM	Jun 1871 - Jun 1873 Jun 1873 - Jun 1876 Jun 1894 - Jun 1896
32. John B. Smoot	Jun 1876 - Jun 1877
33. J. Thomas Buckham	Jun 1877 - Jun 1879
34. Alfred G. Uhler, PDDGM	Jun 1879 - Jun 1881
35. Charles E. Stuart, Jr.	Jun 1881 - Jun 1883
36. Frank E. Corbett	Jun 1883 - Jun 1885
37. Anthony W. Armstrong, PDDGM	Jun 1885 - Jun 1888
38. Kosciusko Kemper, PGM	Jun 1888 - Jun 1890
39. Leonard Marbury	Jun 1890 - Jun 1891
40. John R. Chapman	Jun 1891 - Jun 1893
41. William M. Smith	Jun 1893 - Jun 1894
42. William R. Purvis	Jun 1896 - Jun 1898
43. John T. Callahan	Jun 1898 - Jun 1899
44. Benjamin M. Aitchison	Jun 1899 - Jun 1900
45. August H. Oehlert	Jun 1900 - Jun 1902
46. J. Fred. Birrell	Jun 1902 - Jun 1903
47. William A. Moore, PDDGM	Jun 1903 - Dec 1904
48. William A. Moore, Jr.	Dec 1904 - Dec 1905
49. Leopold Reuben	Dec 1905 - Dec 1906
50. Thomas B. Cochran	Dec 1906 - Dec 1907
51. J. Edward Shinn	Dec 1907 - Dec 1908
52. Robert W. Fuller	Dec 1908 - Dec 1909
53. Charles H. Callahan, PGM	Dec 1909 - Dec 1911
54. Edward H. Kemper	Dec 1911 - Dec 1912
55. Samuel W. Pitts	Dec 1912 - Dec 1913
56. Charles B. Swan	Dec 1913 - Dec 1914
57. Charles E. Tennesson	Dec 1914 - Dec 1915
58. C. Page Waller, Jr., PDDGM	Dec 1915 - Dec 1916
59. William H. Charles	Dec 1916 - Dec 1917
60. Claude W. Fletcher	Dec 1917 - Dec 1918
61. William B. Davis	Dec 1918 - Dec 1919
62. Robert A. Zachary	Dec 1919 - Dec 1920
63. Percy E. Clift PDDGM	Dec 1920 - Dec 1922
64. Alfred C. Moss	Dec 1922 - Dec 1923
65. C Philip Heishley, PDDGM	Dec 1923 - Dec 1924
66. Reuben J. Schooley	Dec 1924 - Dec 1925
67. T. Wilfred Robinson, Jr.	Dec 1925 - Dec 1926
68. John T. Ashton	Dec 1926 - Dec 1927
69. W. Seldon Washington	Dec 1927 - Dec 1928
70. Charles A. Callahan	Dec 1928 - Dec 1929
71. Charles F. Sweetnam	Dec 1929 - Dec 1930
72. Elmathan J. Skidmore, PDDGM	Dec 1930 - Dec 1931
73. S. Nelson Gray	Dec 1931 - Dec 1932
74. Robert S. Barrett PGM	Dec 1932 - Dec 1933
75. Roy M. Reeve	Dec 1933 - Dec 1934
76. Clyde C. Lamond, Jr.	Dec 1934 - Dec 1935
77. Sydney C. Cross	Dec 1935 - Dec 1936
78. A. Slater Lamond	Dec 1936 - Dec 1937
79. Dallas G. Wiley	Dec 1937 - Dec 1938
80. James T. Sherier, PDDGM	Dec 1938 - Dec 1939
81. David E. Bayliss, Jr.	Dec 1939 - Dec 1940
82. John S. Biscoe	Dec 1940 - Dec 1941
83. Erdmann T. Stutz	Dec 1941 - Dec 1942
84. Robert L. Goods, Jr.	Dec 1942 - Dec 1943
85. Charles Cecil Wall	Dec 1943 - Dec 1944
86. Marvin L. Wilson	Dec 1944 - Dec 1945
87. Harry F. Kennedy	Dec 1945 - Dec 1946
88. Ivan F. Vannoy	Dec 1946 - Dec 1947
89. Roger C. Sullivan	Dec 1947 - Dec 1948
90. Charles A. Cornwell, PDDGM	Dec 1948 - Dec 1949
91. Godfrey P. Rumald, PDDGM	Dec 1949 - Dec 1950
92. Edward Buckmaster	Dec 1950 - Dec 1951
93. Charles L. Eisenman	Dec 1951 - Dec 1952
94. Herman C. Beasley	Dec 1952 - Dec 1953
95. Lewis A. Major	Dec 1953 - Dec 1954
96. Raymond L. Strong	Dec 1954 - Dec 1955
97. Harry C. Simpson	Dec 1955 - Dec 1956
98. Oliver Lloyd Onion	Dec 1956 - Dec 1957
99. Glen S. Faxon, Sr., PDDGM	Dec 1957 - Dec 1958
100. Odie R. Howell, Jr., PDDGM	Dec 1958 - Dec 1959
101. Earle W. Griffith	Dec 1959 - Dec 1960
102. John P. Waller	Dec 1960 - Dec 1961
103. Gene E. Smith	Dec 1961 - Dec 1962
104. Gerald R. Turner	Dec 1962 - Dec 1963
105. William H. Booth, Jr.	Dec 1963 - Dec 1964
106. William V. Parks	Dec 1964 - Dec 1965
107. Russell E. McLennan	Dec 1965 - Dec 1966
108. Ryon E. Pugh	Dec 1966 - Dec 1967
109. Harold R. Cumbee	Dec 1967 - Dec 1968
110. Edward J. Gondella	Dec 1968 - Dec 1969
111. Ross H. Finn, Jr.	Dec 1969 - Dec 1970
112. George E. Olfifer	Dec 1970 - Dec 1971
113. Charles B. Swietzer	Dec 1971 - Dec 1972
114. Hugh S. Smith	Dec 1972 - Dec 1973
115. Robert C. Swiger, PDDGM	Dec 1973 - Dec 1974
116. Donald M. Robey, PGM	Dec 1974 - Dec 1975
117. John B. Stone	Dec 1975 - Dec 1976
118. John R. Ranck, Sr.	Dec 1976 - Dec 1977
119. Dennis C. McCraney	Dec 1977 - Dec 1978
120. Jason W. Snyder	Dec 1978 - Dec 1979
121. James R. Freeman	Dec 1979 - Dec 1980
122. Robert J. Booterbaugh, Jr.	Dec 1980 - Dec 1981
123. Leo A. Sentiger, Jr.	Dec 1981 - Dec 1982
124. Lawrence M. Callahan	Dec 1982 - Dec 1983
125. Archibald W. Lyon	Dec 1983 - Dec 1984
126. John M. Nicholson	Dec 1984 - Dec 1985
127. Wayne L. Gilbert	Dec 1985 - Dec 1986
128. Robert N. Pinner	Dec 1986 - Dec 1987
129. William A. Jones	Dec 1987 - Dec 1988
130. Frederic E. Andersen	Dec 1988 - Dec 1989
131. Wardell H. Thomas	Dec 1989 - Dec 1990
132. Earl C. Million	Dec 1990 - Dec 1991
133. Granville C. Canard, Jr., PDDGM	Dec 1991 - Dec 1992
134. Claude H. Harris, Jr.	Dec 1992 - Dec 1993
135. Frank R. Dunaway, Jr.	Dec 1993 - Dec 1994
136. George D. Seghers	Dec 1994 - Dec 1995
137. Mark W. Underwood	Dec 1995 - Dec 1996
138. Walter L. Margeson II	Dec 1996 - Dec 1997
139. Philip J. Hays	Dec 1997 - Dec 1998
140. Michael P. Bible	Dec 1998 - Dec 1999
141. Terry L. Gigure	Dec 1999 - Dec 2000

This compilation of Past Masters was researched by Worshipful **Claude H. Harris, Jr.** (134th Master of this Lodge under the name Alexandria Washington No. 22), and is available, with discussion, through our website at www.aw22.org under the "[Past Masters](#)" section.