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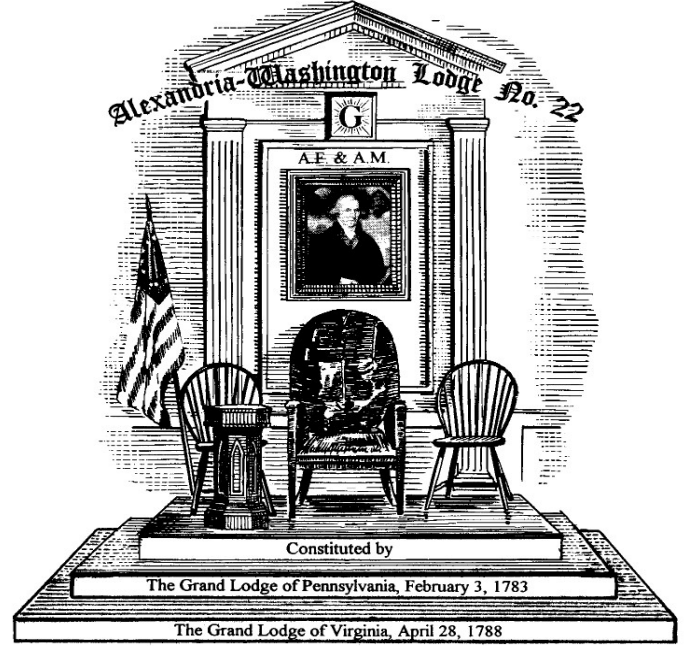
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DAVID S. SHAVER, CHAIRMAN .....	2017
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**ALEXANDRIA-WASHINGTON LODGE No. 22**  
 LIVING PAST MASTERS

DONALD M. ROBEY, PGM .....	1975	JAMES M. STEVENSON .....	2003
JAMES B. STONE .....	1976	FRANK S. SKWIRUT .....	2004
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\*DEMITTED



**OCTOBER 2017**

## *The Master's Message*

*Brethren,*

This month we celebrate Founder's Day and Past Master's Night.

Founder's Day is when we celebrate and honor the founders of Virginia Masonry. Our Grand Lodge was officially constituted on October 30, 1778. George Washington was asked to serve as the first Grand Master, but he declined because he had not yet served as Master and did not consider it legal or appropriate to serve as Grand Master. George Washington, as we know, went on to serve as our first Master under the Virginia Charter.

We also celebrate the history of the Masonic Home. First chartered in 1890, the Home began its humble beginnings as an orphanage, rearing 835 children until 1975. Seniors were welcomed in 1955, and the Home thrives today as the Crown Jewel of Virginia Masonry. Right Worshipful Don Strehle will present our Founder's Day program at the October 14 Stated Communication.

We will be honoring our Past Masters at the October Stated. Our Past Masters will occupy the officer's chairs and conduct the business of our Lodge. This was a long-standing tradition in our Lodge that we have not observed for too long now. Come out and support our Past Masters as we honor their dedication and many contributions to our Lodge and to Masonry.

Our November Stated Communication will be held on the **first Thursday** of the month due to the scheduling conflict of the Annual Grand Communication occurring on the second Thursday. I have asked for and received a Dispensation from our District Deputy Grand Master. We will have our meal at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting. Make sure you let the Stewards know if you plan to eat with us.

[reservations@aw22.org](mailto:reservations@aw22.org)

One other great and long-standing tradition we used to celebrate was traveling to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 to present the Grand Master his portrait taken with the Washington Chair. We have re-established this great tradition and will travel to Fredericksburg Lodge, Saturday, November 4. Following a meal served at 6 p.m., we will attend their November Stated Communication. This evening will mark the last Official Visit of our Grand Master. Reservations are required, so let me know if you plan to attend.

*Mike*

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

## ALEXANDRIA-WASHINGTON LODGE No. 22

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### **MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD**

**OCTOBER 2017**

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- 01 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL - CANCELED**
- 08 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL**
- 12 THU 7:30 PM STATED COMMUNICATION: PAST MASTER'S NIGHT  
FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM-  
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DONALD ELLIS STREHLE, GRAND JUNIOR DEACON**
- 15 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL**
- 16 MON 7:30 PM FRATERNAL VISIT: John Blair Lodge**
- 22 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL**
- 23 MON 7:00 PM DISTRICT RITUAL SCHOOL: Henry Knox Field Lodge**
- 29 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> for Saint John the Baptist Day, and December 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:reservations@aw22.org)

**“Jacks Vignette’s”**  
**"Life Style (1804)"**

Those of us who live in or in the vicinity of Historical Old Town Alexandria, surely have reflected occasionally on the quality of life during the early years of this small port city. Our reflections were probably more like fantasies in reverse. Just imagine, no modern plumbing or heating systems, no refrigeration, vacuum cleaners, microwave ovens and frozen dinners, no television, telephones, air conditioning, super markets, or shopping malls, no Buicks or Hondas. This doesn't appear to have been a very hospitable environment and the citizens couldn't have been particularly overwhelmed at what we today, would consider to be a primitive and unexciting life style. But wait! A more thorough observation of the community during its early days tends to contradict this perception of a dull and uninspiring life style.

The thoughtful planners of this little town were pretty clever fellows who seemed to have planned and provided for all of the "essentials." Around 1804 there were 236 Merchants and shopkeepers, 34 Taverns, 97 pleasure carriages, a Tobacco warehouse, a Brewery, and 5 biscuit bakers. These kinds of things must have made life not only bearable, but down right pleasant. Using a contemporary translation and a pinch of poetic license, the taverns become bars and lounges, the pleasure carriages were the Buicks and Hondas, the brewery a predictable source of six-packs, the tobacco warehouse was for the cigars and cigarettes and the biscuit bakers were the donut and candy shops. All familiar stuff, but packaged a little bit differently in 1804.

**“Brownie’s Briefs”**  
**225 YEARS AGO**

October 13, 1792 - The cornerstone of the Executive Mansion was laid with Masonic and Civil ceremonies upon the site selected by George Washington. It is said, Washington on his first view of the finished mansion, exclaimed, "The White House," because it reminded him of Martha's house on the Pamunkey River. It was all white at that first look. It is said, the painters were planning on a blue trim, but Washington said "No blue trim."

**November Stated Communication**  
**Changed to First Thursday!!!**

Brethren,

Our November Stated Communication will be held on **Thursday, November 2, 2017**. The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is scheduled on the second week of November. This change was necessary to allow our officers to fully participate in the activities of the Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

Make sure to mark your calendars to reflect this important change.



**Upcoming Events**

***Family Day***

Family Day at the Masonic Home of Virginia will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017, with the parade starting at 10 a.m. There will be opportunities to visit with the residents of the Masonic Home and tour the Masonic Village and the Grand Lodge Library/Museum. In addition, special events have been arranged for the youth. Amelia Lodge No. 101 will provide a barbecue lunch, as in previous years.