

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

January 1990

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

As we start a new Masonic year and the Decade of the 90's, let me thank you for electing me Worshipful Master of this most historic and prestigious Lodge. I will do my absolute best to continue the programs and traditions that have been beneficial over the years. I will also start new programs in areas where we need improvement. In this regard, I have two immediate questions for your consideration and hopefully a quick response:

1. What can "we" do to cause the Brethren who have not attended Lodge in sometime to return to Lodge and become active members?
2. Can I count on you to help out with Lodge Ritual work and candidate training; i.e., will you become a "Mentor?"

The installation ceremony on December 27th, was superb. Words alone cannot begin to express my sincere feeling of gratitude for the hard work and dedicated effort on the part of the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren who helped with the ceremony in both preparing for it and executing it flawlessly. Thank you all very very much for a job exceedingly well done.

My special thanks also to the members of Martha Washington Chapter #42, Order of the Eastern Star, for the excellent reception which they provided following the ceremony. And last, but, certainly not least, on behalf of the Lodge Officers and members, I extend our sincere appreciation to all who attended.

My theme for this year is "Let's Light a Candle for Masonry by Our Actions." This caption may have different meanings for each of us, but, for me it simply means that if each of us will "conduct our actions" in a manner whereby we keep the principles of Freemasonry in mind in all things we do, we will be better people for having accomplished it the Masonic Way. It can also be taken one step further, and hopefully, each of us will be willing to "initiate a new action" for the express purpose of helping a Brother Mason or a fellow man in general. I will be expressing this theme throughout the year and I hope you will also.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Wardell H. Thomas

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Worshipful Master

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT - 200 Years Ago

January 18, 1790 - The Lodge Secretary was directed to send the Initiation Fee or one candidate to the Grand Secretary. (At that time there was no per-capita tax. The Grand Lodge had set the Initiation fee of one candidate as the annual donation) This was our first annual payment of dues to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. (One Pound Sterling)

WILLIAM A. BROWN
Lodge Historian

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JANUARY 1990 - TRESTLEBOARD

Day	Time	Activity
Mon 01/08/1990	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting, Lodge Meeting Room
Thu 01/11/1990	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION - Open Lodge of Sorrow; Rededication Program by Wor Bro John Price Riddell, PM
Mon 01/15/1990	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION - Work in the MM Degree
Wed 01/17/1990	7:00 pm	Archive Committee Meeting, Lodge Meeting Room
Thu 01/18/1990	7:30 pm	Official visit of Alex-Wash Lodge #22 to Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, GWMNM North Lodge Room
Mon 01/22/1990	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION - Work in the EA and FC Degrees
Thu 01/25/1990	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION - Discussion of Grand Lodge Resolutions; Presentation by Bro. Lester Parks, Lodge &ucation Officer
Wed 01/31/1990	7:30 pm	MASTERS AND WARDENS ASSOCIATION - Business meeting at Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22

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.
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Other Meetings at GWMNM

First and Third Wednesday at 7:00pm Bethel No. 22. I.O.J.D.

