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Lodge Bulletin

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LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 5, 6:30 P.M.

In-person meeting; face masks and social distancing required.
MM only, please.

GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, NOVEMBER 7, 7:30 A.M.

Abbreviated Annual Communication, with one seat afforded to each Lodge. Richmond, Virginia (Wor. Froggett attending)

STATED COMMUNICATION, NOVEMBER 12, 6:30 DINNER, 7:30 MEETING

In-person meeting; face masks and social distancing required.

WARDEN'S NIGHT

Wor. Michael T. Huff, Senior Warden, will present his plans for 2021.

ONE-DAY DEGREE CONFERRAL, SESSION 2, NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 A.M.

GWMNM North Lodge Room,

Registered Candidates and Mentors Only.

Email the WM if you can assist with instruction for the Brethren that participated in the One-Day Conferral.

LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 19, 6:30 P.M.

In-person meeting; face masks and social distancing required.
MM only, please.

STATED COMMUNICATIONS: The stated communications shall be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (GWMNM), Alexandria, Virginia on the second Thursday of each month with the additional stated communications for the observance of George Washington's birthday on February 22, Saint John the Baptist Day on June 24, and the Installation of Officers on December 27.

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS: As announced herein with the trestleboard.

LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL: Conducted every Thursday at 7:30 PM, excluding our stated communication. All members are encouraged to attend.

CATECHISM & EDUCATION SCHOOL: Every Thursday at 7:30 PM and every Saturday at 10 AM unless otherwise noted in the trestleboard.

Master's Message

Brethren—

November will be a short month due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, but it will also be packed with activity. The first Saturday will be the Grand Annual Communication. Unfortunately, we are unable to send our normal delegation to Richmond owing to COVID restrictions. I will attend on behalf of the Lodge and report back at the stated. At the stated, we are allowed to have dinner again. It will be an individually packaged meal and should be eaten as socially distanced as possible, but we get to fellowship again! The stated will be Warden's Night. Wor. Huff will outline his plans for 2021 should he be elected. It is an important night for the continuity of the Lodge, I hope you will attend. On the second Saturday, we will participate in the postponed One Day Conferral. We are excited to welcome 10 new brothers at the event.

While this year has not been everything we anticipated that it might be, we have been able to accomplish a number of Lodge objectives and to keep agendas moving forward. These accomplishments are because of the efforts of our 40-ish members who serve in leadership positions. They have volunteered their time in various projects and ensured activities continued. The accomplishments are also rooted in the support of the membership. Thank you to every member who has participated, volunteered, and contributed thus far this year. Please remain engaged in the activities of the Lodge and speak with the officers if you are interested in joining the line.

On November 4, 1752, our Illustrious Brother George Washington was initiated to receive the degrees in Freemasonry. In the 268 years that have passed, the world has changed significantly; however, the Masonic ritual with which Washington was obligated has largely remained the same. The ability of our ritual to endure, to adapt to changing times, and to remain relevant speaks to the importance of our Craft. While COVID has altered how we meet and how we commemorate important dates in our history, it has not altered how Freemasonry leads men down a path to greater light.

As we enter the holiday season, ever remember your brother's welfare as your own. Reach out to your brothers; ensure they have all they need as we head into winter. Consider supporting a local food bank, seek out programs in your community to help those in need, and make this socially distanced holiday season more about others than yourself.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



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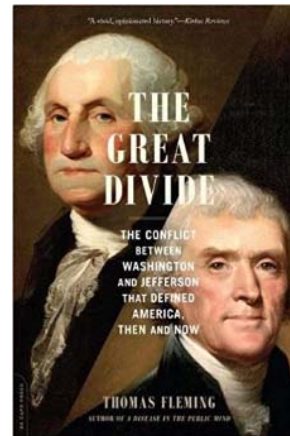
Pay Your Dues

Dues notices have been mailed. Please pay your dues for 2021 by December 31, 2020.

Reading List

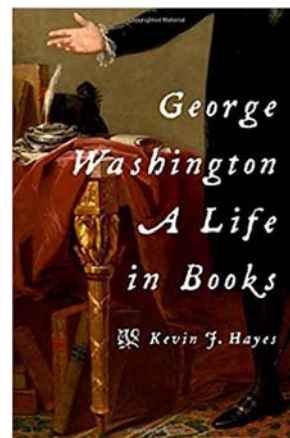
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History tends to cast the early years of America in a glow of camaraderie when there were, in fact, many conflicts between the Founding Fathers. Acclaimed historian Thomas Fleming examines how the differing characters and leadership styles of Washington and Jefferson shaped two opposing views of the presidency - and the nation. This clash profoundly influenced the next two centuries of America's history and persists in the present day.



DECEMBER

When it comes to the Founding Fathers, Jefferson, Franklin, and Hamilton are generally considered the great minds of early America. George Washington, instead, is toasted with accolades regarding his solid common sense and strength in battle. Adams once snobbishly dismissed him as "too illiterate, unlearned, unread for his station and reputation." Yet Adams and most of the men who knew Washington, were unaware of his singular devotion to self-improvement. Kevin J. Hayes corrects this misconception and reconstructs the active intellectual life that has gone largely unnoticed in conventional narratives of Washington.



Washington, Lincoln, and the Politics of Thanksgiving

Editorial musings from the Worshipful Master

Six months after being inaugurated the first President of the United States, Illustrious Brother George Washington issued a proclamation that declared November 26, 1789, a day of national Thanksgiving. In his proclamation, Washington noted how the citizenry had much to be thankful for: survival of war, the “peaceable and rational manner” in which the Constitution and Government were established, religious liberty, “the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge,” and the general favors granted from Providence. The proclamation called for unity and that Early America might find absolution and strength through its humble “prayers and supplications.” Washington ended with the hope that Providence might grant the ability “to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science.”

So many of Washington’s acts were prescient. He was creating the role of President as he lived it, realizing he would be setting precedent for every person who followed him. The early Congress was similarly building structure within the ambiguous bounds established by the Constitution. Collectively, the burgeoning United States government was doing its level best to figure out how to keep the boat afloat. The Thanksgiving Proclamation was issued at a time when the country was in turmoil. The citizens throughout the new states were learning how to function as a single unit, often times defaulting to colonial units or outright rebellion against the “government.” Farmers fought militias over taxes, pundits lambasted Washington at every turn, and, in general, there was a persistent fear that everything might fall apart at any time.

In many respects, we have deified our Founding Fathers and created a romantic story about the founding of our country. Washington’s Thanksgiving Proclamation assists in dispelling those illusions. He took a page from the conqueror’s playbook: find some tradition that existed before you were in charge and leverage it to your advantage. When both Houses of Congress passed a resolution introduced by Representative Elias Boudinot of New Jersey that Washington should proclaim a national day of thanksgiving, similar to those that celebrated throughout New England since the Pilgrims landed, Washington saw an opportunity.

Asking Americans to be glad that they were no longer under the oppressive rule of Britain would have been ignored, but Washington knew that asking them to be thankful to the Providence that afforded them freedom would strike a heartstring. War had ravaged nearly every American in some way. Issuing a proclamation that rendered thanks for mak-

ing it through that hell reminded his constituents why that War had to happen, highlighted the noble sacrifices made, and unified everyone in a similar mindset. The new America did not immediately become docile and complacent, but subsequent presidents reissued the proclamation, rekindling its good will.

One of the best students of Washington’s Presidency was Abraham Lincoln. He frequently counselled Washington’s precedents in his own decision making. When prompted by Sarah Josepha Hale in September, 1863, to consolidate all of the various states’ celebrations of a day of thanksgiving, Lincoln used a Washington play. In the midst of the Civil War, he called for the last Thursday in November to be a day of national Thanksgiving. The proclamation, largely attributed to William Seward’s authorship, notes that while the country is besieged by war, it continues. The farms and factories still produce. Trade continues. Foreign powers resist the urge to jump into the fray. Exactly 74 years after Washington did so, Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation in a time of turmoil to unify every American in a mindset of Thanksgiving.

Lincoln’s proclamation is credited with establishing Thanksgiving as a Federal Holiday. Both Washington and Lincoln used language suggesting the need to show gratitude to a merciful creator. Today, religion is often only remotely associated with the holiday. Dr. Diana Raab, PhD, wrote, “Thanksgiving is important because it’s a positive and secular holiday where we celebrate gratitude... Thanksgiving reflects a sense of interconnectedness among people and cultures.” It is difficult to show gratitude without including the Supreme Architect, but the sentiments of giving thanks and the universality of needing to do so by ALL peoples are well received.

The roots of Thanksgiving may be gratitude for a new land and the bountiful harvest it provided, but the truth of American Thanksgiving as we now know it is political tool. We often refer to Washington in Lodge, but I am not sure we truly appreciate the strength of the man and the wisdom in his decisions. Lincoln deserves similar accolades, making decisions that would ultimately decide the fate of not only our nation but also the world. Leveraging a festival of thanksgiving to unify a country in turmoil, asking the citizens to reflect on what they have and what they share in a time of division and distrust, is strikingly simple in concept and brilliant in execution. This missive will be distributed just before Election Day...in a time where many feel our country is in turmoil. It is my ardent wish that every Freemason takes stock in the manifold blessings he has and that he shares with his fellow man. May we all be united in our Thanksgiving for a truly great country that allows discourse and affords us the ability to meet in Lodges without fear of persecution.

Happy Birthday

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brethren!

- Brother Jack Linn Wilson - November 21, 1953 - 67 years
- Brother Richard Scott Blair - November 26, 1956 - 64 years
- Worshipful David Jonathan Morgan - November 30, 1962 - 58 years
- Brother J Douglas Glascock - November 4, 1965 - 55 years
- Right Worshipful Granville Clayton Canard, Jr. - November 5, 1968 - 52 years
- Brother James Timothy Pratt, III - November 6, 1972 - 48 years
- Brother Graham Stroud - November 1, 1973 - 47 years
- Brother Jackie Duane Wilson - November 17, 1975 - 45 years
- Brother Daniel Paulson - November 22, 1976 - 44 years
- Right Worshipful Howard Michael Sobel - November 10, 1980 - 40 years
- Brother Ronald Glenn Paterson - November 10, 1980 - 40 years
- Brother Robin Richardson - November 3, 1983 - 37 years
- Brother Gordon Leonard Brady, Jr. - November 16, 1983 - 37 years
- Brother Richard Leroy Sandow - November 13, 1984 - 36 years
- Worshipful Earl Clark Million - November 2, 1985 - 35 years
- Brother Gregory Warren Kelly - November 2, 1985 - 35 years
- Brother Garland Lee Isdell, II - November 17, 1992 - 28 years
- Brother Frank Rosser Dunaway, III - November 6, 1993 - 27 years
- Brother Sutila, Michael Joseph - November 17, 1994 - 26 years
- Brother Harris Spencer Wood - November 21, 1994 - 26 years
- Brother Hans Scott Pawlisch - November 9, 1996 - 24 years
- Brother Michael Joseph Mikolaitis - November 26, 1997 - 23 years
- Worshipful Jesse Thomas McMahan, V - November 6, 2000 - 20 years
- Brother Christopher Michael McBride - November 17, 2003 - 17 years
- Brother Kerry Douglas Kirk - November 23, 2004 - 16 years
- Brother James Canby Landerkin - November 9, 2005 - 15 years
- Brother Nathaniel Palenaka Ambler - November 17, 2007 - 13 years
- Worshipful Daniel Elias Froggett - November 17, 2007 - 13 years
- Worshipful Stuart Charles Pool - November 19, 2013 - 7 years
- Brother Phillip Adam Smartt - November 2, 2019 - 1 years
- Brother Jonathan Joseph Siudmak - November 2, 2019 - 1 years
- Brother Daniel Christopher Hamilton - November 2, 2019 - 1 years
- Brother Troy Mario Seletos - November 2, 2019 - 1 years



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- Bro. Jeffrey W. C. Conn 2024



LIVING PAST MASTERS ON THE ROLLS

1975	Donald M. Robey, PGM	2003	James M. Stevenson
1976	James B. Stone	2004	Frank S. Skwirut
1988	William A. Jones	2005	Jesse T. McMahan
1991	Earl C. Million	2006	Thomas G. Little
1992	Granville C. Canard, JR, PDDGM	2007	Robert G. Watkins, PDDGM
1995	George D. Seghers, PDDGM	2009	Heber C. Willis, III
1996,18	Mark W. Underwood, PDDGM	2011	John P. Olson
1997	Walter L. Margeson, II	2012	Michael L. Bailey
1998	Philip J. Hays	2013	Joshua D. Adler
1999,17	Michael P. Bible, PDDGM	2014	Robert T. Weston
2000	Terry L. Gigure	2016	Stephen J. Pezzetti
2001	Brent N. Campbell	2019	Nikola N. Nikolov
2002	Daniel M. Clark		