

Master's Message

Brethren—

Hello Brethren! April is here and so is Spring and I for one am really looking forward to some warm weather and outdoor activities in the weeks to come. April is shaping up to be a busy month at the lodge with a lot of ritual work being done. To start the month, we will be passing two of our Entered Apprentices to the degree of Fellowcraft. If it is within your cable tow, please join us at 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 7 to support our candidates.

Following that, we have our April stated meeting on April 14. As you know, April is youth month and we are looking forward to hosting all of the youth groups that night. They will all have representatives who will give a brief presentation on the youth group to which they belong. With how many young Brethren have joined our lodge over the past few years, I think it's a great time to introduce them and their families to our beloved youth organizations. I hope to see many of you at our Stated meeting so we can show our love and support to kids and the masonic youth organizations.

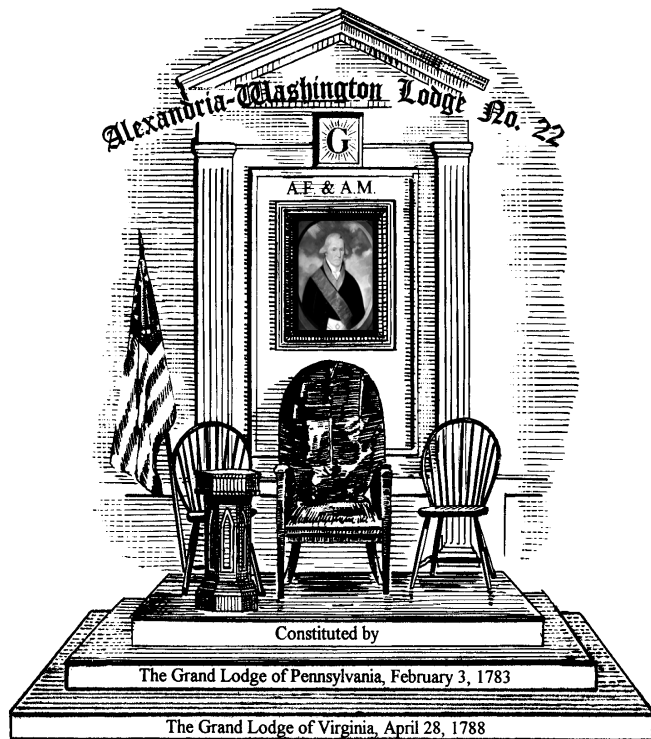
Lastly, I am excited to share that our catechism schools as well as our lodge ritual schools are up and running again. We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM and Saturdays at 10 AM for catechism instruction and there are both candidates learning their catechisms as well as coaches learning to teach our upcoming candidates. If you would like to get involved, please join us. We have many candidates going through the degrees, and we would welcome the helping hand. Also, on Thursdays at 7:30 PM we have our lodge ritual schools. Please join us for that as well if you would like to participate in any of the degrees we will be putting up in the coming weeks and months.

Be safe Brethren and I look forward to seeing throughout April.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



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Lodge Bulletin

APRIL 2022



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April 2

10:00 a.m. Catechism School

April 7

6:30 p.m. Fellowcraft Degree

April 9

10:00 a.m. Catechism School

April 14

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

7:30 p.m. Stated Communication

Youth Night

Presentations by DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls

April 16

10:00 a.m. Catechism School

April 21

6:30 p.m. Catechism School

7:30 p.m. Ritual School

April 25

7:00 p.m. Esoteric Corner

The Prayer at Raising

April 26

6:30 p.m. District 1A Masters and Wardens Association Meeting

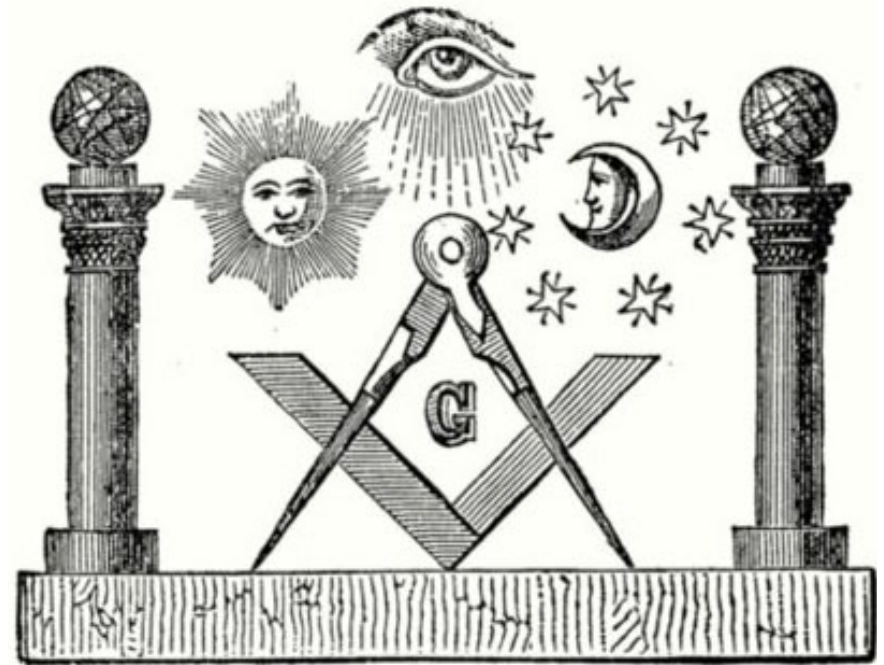
Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge, No. 42

Langston Boulevard, Arlington

April 28

6:30 p.m. Catechism School

7:30 p.m. Ritual School



Bill of Fare

APRIL 14, 2022

ALMOND CRUSTED SALMON

Seasoned with basil pesto and sprinkled with parmesan cheese

COFFEE RUBBED STEAK

Grilled steak with chili powder, brown sugar, garlic, and cumin, thin sliced

Accompanied by house made tomato chimichurri sauce

CHEF'S SIGNATURE MASHED POTATOES

Russet potatoes, garlic, butter, milk, and nutmeg

GARLIC GREEN BEANS

Garlic green beans cooked with sweet onions

GLAZED CARROTS

Suggested Donation \$10.00

Please RSVP to Reservations@AW22.org

Happy Birthday

Brother John Charles Rasmus

April 12, 1971 - 51 years

Brother Angus Slater Lamond, Jr.

April 26, 1973 - 49 years

Brother Thomas Edward Maulsby

April 8, 1975 - 47 years

Brother Glenn Edward McDonald

April 18, 1980 - 42 years

Brother Michael Darren Burt

April 20, 1991 - 31 years

Brother Andrew Vincent Murphy

April 20, 1991 - 31 years

Brother Robert Allen Duncan

April 20, 1991 - 31 years

Brother Henley Kirk Jones

April 20, 1991 - 31 years

Worshipful Thomas Gayle Little

April 7, 1994 - 28 years

Brother William Hoover Swan

April 19, 1999 - 23 years

Brother Matthew Richard Grizzard

April 4, 2005 - 17 years

Brother Eric Eugene Plantrich

April 14, 2005 - 17 years

Brother Anthony William Kitzmiller

April 8, 2006 - 16 years

Worshipful Joshua David Adler

April 23, 2007 - 15 years

Brother Joseph Choplin Jacobson

April 30, 2007 - 15 years

Brother Helmut Karl Hentschel

April 12, 2008 - 14 years

Brother Jacob Adam Schroeder

April 22, 2010 - 12 years

Worshipful William Vanhardin Gilbert

April 5, 2011 - 11 years

Worshipful Michael Ervin Williams

April 23, 2011 - 11 years

Brother Nicholas David Kron

April 2, 2012 - 10 years

Worshipful Nikola Nikolov Nikolov

April 11, 2013 - 9 years

Brother Jason Ross Goldstein

April 6, 2017 - 5 years

Brother Vincent Joseph Lopez

April 3, 2018 - 4 years

Worshipful Denislav Valeriev Dantev

April 25, 2019 - 3 years

Washington as Public Land Surveyor

Washington created surveys and maps from his boyhood through the French and Indian Wars

Edward Redmond, Sr. Reference Librarian Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress

BOYHOOD AND BEGINNINGS



When his father died in 1743, eleven-year-old George Washington inherited the small Ferry Farm on the Rappahannock River where he was then living with his mother and siblings, while his older half brother Lawrence Washington inherited the larger farm at the junction of the Little Hunting Creek and Potomac Rivers that he renamed Mount Vernon. As he grew to maturity, young George had little use for the meager prospects at the Ferry Farm plantation. After flirting briefly with the idea of a career in the Royal Navy, he began studying geometry and surveying, using a set of surveyor's instruments from the storehouse at Ferry Farm.

Among the earliest maps attributed to Washington are sample surveys included in Washington's so-called "School Boy Copy Books," housed in the George Washington Papers in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. The schoolbook includes lessons in geometry and several practice land surveys Washington prepared at the age of sixteen. These include a survey of the turnip garden belonging to Lawrence Washington, on whose Mount Vernon estate he had been spending increasing amounts of time. Early in 1748, with as few as three practice surveys under his belt, George Washington accompanied George William Fairfax and James Genn, Surveyor of Prince William County, on a month-long trip west across the Blue Ridge Mountains to survey land for Thomas, Lord Fairfax, 6th Baron Cameron. Although the surveys were actually performed by the more experienced members of the party, the trip was Washington's formal initiation into the field and led him to pursue surveying as a profession. The trip also marked the beginning of a lifelong relationship between Washington and the powerful and influential Fairfax family that gave the young surveyor access to the upper echelons of Virginia society.

THE FAIRFAX CONNECTION

In the Northern Neck of Virginia, the extensive region between the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers, land matters were governed by the Proprietor, Lord Fairfax, and his Virginia representative and first cousin, William Fairfax, through the Northern Neck Proprietary Office. In 1649 King Charles II of England had deeded five million acres lying between the rivers to a group of loyal supporters, including the Fairfax family. Through death and marriage the land was consolidated under one man, Thomas, Lord Fairfax, who established his seat at Belvoir, approximately four miles upstream from Mount Vernon. Later, he moved west of the Blue Ridge Mountains to Greenway Court in Frederick (now Clarke) County, Virginia.

Prospective settlers in the Northern Neck were required to obtain a survey warrant from the Northern Neck Proprietary Office for a set amount of acreage in a specific location. The survey warrant instructed the surveyor to make a "just and true" survey of the land, thereby officially determining and limiting its boundaries. Because they were responsible for laying out the land claims, surveyors had a unique role in Virginia society. Their appointments guaranteed a certain social prominence, since nearly all parties interested in gaining title to an area of land were required to deal with the surveyor. Surveyors were also among the best-educated Virginians and were often in the best position to purchase land for themselves. It was not unusual for surveyors to acquire large estates from the many opportunities they had to patent land in their own names. Additionally, their intimate knowledge of the land and official capacity as representatives of large land holders such as the Fairfaxes made their participation politically and practically essential to large land companies such as the Loyal Land Company of Virginia, the Ohio Company, and the Mississippi Land Company.



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In July 1749, at seventeen years of age and largely through the Fairfax influence that he had cultivated, Washington secured an appointment as county surveyor for the newly created frontier county of Culpeper, where he served until November 1750. He then continued to work in the Northern Neck with the permission of the Fairfax family from November 1750 to November 1752. During his three years on the frontier he established a reputation for fairness, honesty, and dependability, while earning a very decent living. From the records documenting the 199 professional surveys attributed to Washington it is clear that he did not confine himself to Culpeper County, even while he served as its official surveyor. Rather, Washington did the majority of his surveying in Frederick and Hampshire Counties, the westernmost counties of the Northern Neck. Partly because of his close relationship with the Fairfax family, he may have had a distinct advantage over other Northern Neck surveyors.

CULPEPER, THE FRONTIER, AND ALEXANDRIA

Of the 199 surveys credited to Washington, fewer than seventy-five are extant today. All display a finished, stylized, and symmetrical appearance. The Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress has several examples of Washington surveys, including a November 17, 1750, survey plat for John Lindsey of 460 acres along the Great Cacapon River, on which Washington used the initials "S.C.C.," Surveyor of Culpeper County, to denote his official role. This is one of the last survey plats Washington prepared in his capacity as county surveyor.

Washington also prepared two remarkable maps of the area that became the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on the Potomac River. The earliest is the Plat of the Land whereon now stands the Town of Alexandria, drawn in 1748. As the title suggests, this map is a simple outline of the future town, with the land area annotated as "Area 51 acres, 3 Roods, 31 Perch." The absence of a street grid suggests that the map may have been drawn sometime between March 1748 and July 1749, when the town of Alexandria was formally incorporated. The second map, entitled Plan of Alexandria, now Belhaven, includes a street grid but, as the title suggests, may have been made just before the town's incorporation. This map may have been used for the sale of lots, which took place on July 14 and 15, 1749. It lists the name of the holder of each lot, its location, and the price paid for it. The names of Washington's older half brothers, Lawrence and Augustine, of William Fairfax, and of George William Fairfax appear on the list. Based on these maps, some have erroneously concluded that Washington personally designed or was at least heavily involved in the city's formation. While both maps are clearly in Washington's hand, no documentary evidence supports this claim.

THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR

Washington's decisive involvement in the French and Indian War, in which he served as lieutenant colonel of the newly formed Virginia Regiment, was due in part to the backcountry knowledge and map-making skills he had gained from surveying. In 1753, one year before Lieutenant Governor Dinwiddie called for additional troops to defend Virginia's Ohio Valley frontier, Washington was chosen to deliver an ultimatum to the French at Fort Le Boeuf (site of present-day Waterford, Pennsylvania), insisting that they withdraw from the valley. When his report of this venture, *The Journal of Major George Washington*, was printed in Williamsburg and then reprinted in London, it catapulted him onto the world stage.

Although an engraved map was issued with the London edition of his journal, Washington prepared a sketch map of his journey to accompany the original publication. Although older published maps were available to British colonial interests, this sketch map alone represents the state of geographical knowledge at the outbreak of the war. Together with Washington's report, the map dramatically illustrates the French threat in the Ohio Valley. It also contains one of the first references to the construction of a strategic fort at the junction of the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers, the site of present-day Pittsburgh. Washington's role in beginning the French and Indian War seems to have been inescapable. He not only volunteered to deliver the message to the French authorities but produced a propaganda map highlighting the French threat and ambushed a French detachment in the war's first skirmish in 1754.

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