

Master's Message

Brethren—

I hope this message finds you well, staying warm and safe during this cold spell we are under. Thank you to all who attended our January stated meeting. It was a special one for me and the other officers who stepped up a chair and we were most grateful to see you there. We have a month packed with events to celebrate our beloved brother George Washington and the month of his birth. I hope we get to see more of you throughout the various events in the weeks to come.

To start the month strong, we have our stated communication on February 10th and are most excited to welcome Rt. Worshipful Daniel Martin Clark for his official visit to his home lodge as the District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 1A. We are so proud to have one of our own, serving in this prestigious position this year and I hope many of you come out to show him your support.

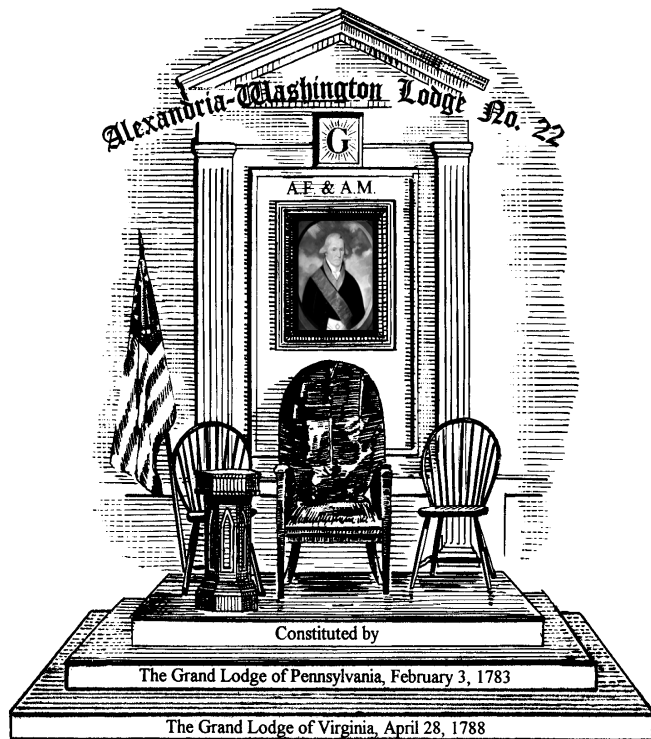
A bit later in the month we have the activities around George Washington's 290th birthday! First comes the George Washington's parade, organized by the city of Alexandria on February 21st. The lodge is planning to attend, and we are in communication with a few other lodges to have a good showing of brethren to help us raise awareness about masonry in general, our lodge in particular, as well as the big events coming to Alexandria next year with the 100th anniversary of the memorial.

The very next day, we are going to do our annual visit to Mount Vernon to pay our respects and lay wreaths at George Washington's Tomb. Everybody planning to join us for the ceremony should arrive by 7:30a.m. at the traffic circle near the main entrance. We will have a shuttle to help transport people to the tomb. Later the same day we will have our special dinner at the Grand Masonic Hall of the Memorial, followed by our second stated meeting this month. We have a special meal planned for the occasion and tickets can be purchased at the events tab on our website.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the month of February Brethren! Until then, stay warm and stay safe!



Sincerely & Fraternaly,
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Lodge Bulletin

FEBRUARY 2022



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February 3

6:30 p.m. Lodge Ritual School, Receiving the DDGM

February 10

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

7:30 p.m. Stated Communication

**Official Visit of Right Worshipful Daniel Martin Clark
District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 1A**

February 17

6:30 p.m. Lodge Ritual School, EA Degree

February 21

11:00 a.m. Gather at the Memorial, 1:00 p.m. Parade
Alexandria City

George Washington Birthday Parade

February 22

George Washington's 290th Birthday

7:30 a.m. Gather at the Traffic Circle at Mount Vernon

8:00 a.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony at Washington's Tomb

6:00 p.m. George Washington Birthday Dinner, \$40

7:30 p.m. George Washington Birthday Stated Communication

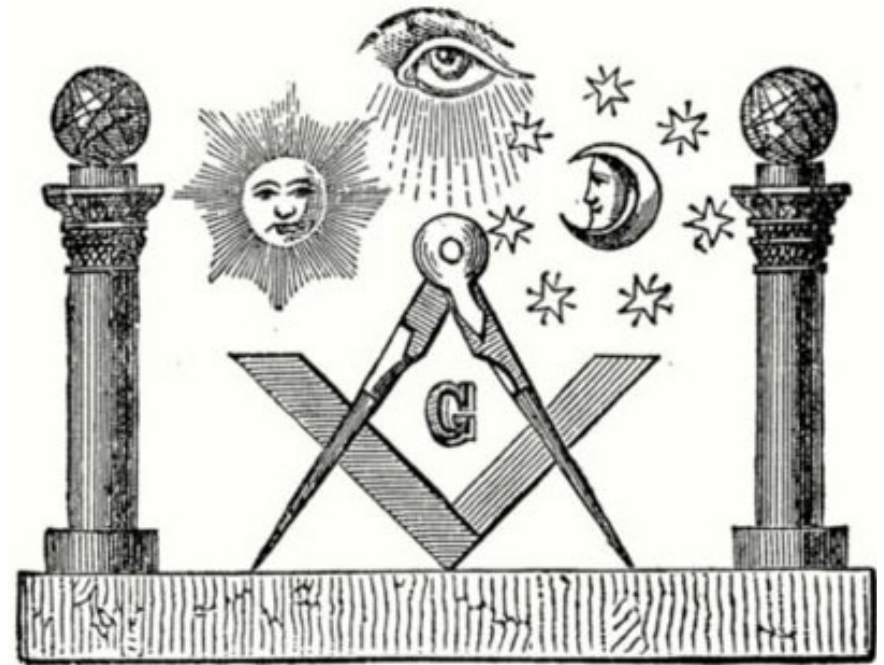
February 26

1:00 p.m. George Washington Symposium: The Political
Education of George Washington, 1732-1775, Memorial Theatre

5:00 p.m. Birthday Gala, Grand Masonic Hall, \$200

February 28

7:00 p.m. Esoteric Corner



Bill of Fare

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

**PEPPERCORN AND BALSAMIC
FLANK STEAK**

Tender flank steak grilled to perfection, drizzles with a balsamic glaze.

BLACK GARLIC

ROASTED CHICKEN

Chicken marinated in black garlic and herb rub.

HERB ROASTED BABY POTATOES

KALE & BUTTERNUT

SQUASH SALAD

Crisp raw kale, roasted butternut squash, dried cranberries, toasted pecans and pepitas with a maple tahini dressing

Suggested Donation \$10.00

Please RSVP to Reservations@AW22.org

FEBRUARY 22, 2022

APPLE DUMPLINGS

SEARED MINI CRAB CAKES

Appetizers

**FIVE SPICE AND ORANGE
GRILLED STEAK**

Rubbed with star anise, cinnamon, fennel, peppercorn, and clove, grilled then drizzled with orange-ginger glaze.

LEMON ROSEMARY CHICKEN

Grilled chicken with herbs, finished with a lemon, mustard sauce

CREAMY SCALLOP POTATOES

Thinly slices potatoes layered with cream and cheese

Tickets \$40

Available online at AW22.org

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Happy Birthday

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brethren!

Brother Edward Kenneth Arndt

February 19, 1951 - 71 years

Worshipful Franklin Jay Pepper

February 24, 1960 - 62 years

Right Worshipful Sheldon Barnett Richman

February 15, 1968 - 54 years

Brother Carlus Wayne Breland Brother

February 2, 1970 - 52 years

Brother Chadwick Rene Gore

February 25, 1985 - 37 years

Worshipful Walter Leverne Margeson, II

February 3, 1992 - 30 years

Brother Robert Frank Feldman, III

February 14, 2000 - 22 years

Brother Michael Franklin Salva

February 13, 2001 - 21 years

Brother Peter George Lincoln Cutler

February 19, 2002 - 20 years

Brother Thomas Walter Meissgeier

February 3, 2003 - 19 years

Brother Brendan Malcolm Burns

February 3, 2003 - 19 years

Brother Oliver Olrog Harris

February 24, 2004 - 18 years

Right Worshipful David Benjamin Browning, Jr.

February 8, 2005 - 17 years

Worshipful Stephen Joseph Pezzetti

February 3, 2011 - 11 years

Contemplating Masonry Today



By Bro. Nelo Allen Hamilton, Jr., Junior Warden


As members of Alexandria – Washington Lodge No. 22, we have the distinct pleasure to meet in one of the most iconic and recognizable masonic buildings in the world. The structure itself welcomes admiring visitors of Washington D.C as they descend to Reagan National Airport. Built as a memorial to one of Freemasonry’s most prominent members, Bro. George Washington, members of the Alexandria community have lived with the Memorial towering over the city for nearly a century. Although noting its recognition, as one speaks to members of the community, you will be hard-pressed to find individuals that could expand on what it symbolizes or what it stands for beyond just the Masonic Temple. This begs the question, are we as members of AW22 presenting ourselves as to the community is the best possible light – in ways which people can recognize us by our actions, conduct, and good will? In honor of George Washington’s birthday, let’s look to his life and contemplate how we can better apply self-control and humility in our everyday lives.

Lord Fairfax wrote in a letter to Mary Ball, Washington’s mother, “He [George Washington] is subject to attacks of anger on provocation, sometimes without just cause.” These are words one would not normally use to describe the stoic image that we now cast to our first Presi-

dent. In Masonry, one of the first lessons we are taught is how to subdue our passions. Washington spent his life in continuous state of self-improvement, and as he grew older, he strove to hold himself to a high standard of conduct. Today's environment, in all segments, is polarized and tensions are high. Most have noticed that even driving during rush-hour tends to have a sharper edge these days. It is important that we remain mindful of our intentions and how we respond to situations.

In a time where there is so much pressure to amplify our accomplishments, whether it be professionally or personally – and yes even Mansonically – via social media or by other means, one can find how rare humility is becoming. Washington, both humble in life and leadership, most importantly did not put his own ego before the good of those around him and those in our country. Had a less humble person been chosen to be the first leader of our country, it would not be difficult to imagine where our country would be today. In a letter written in 1783 to the governors of all 13 states, Washington closed with these words: "I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would...most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do Justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves, with that Charity, humility & pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation."

We should remember that the banner of Freemasonry is not the beautiful Memorial on the hill, but those of us who meet in it. We must remain mindful of the lessons we are taught therein and remember to carry that banner with us as we again mix with the world.



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LIVING PAST MASTERS ON THE ROLLS

1975	Donald M. Robey, PGM	2004	Frank S. Skwirut
1976	James B. Stone	2005	Jesse T. McMahan, V
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2002	Daniel M. Clark, DDGM	2021	Michael T. Huff
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