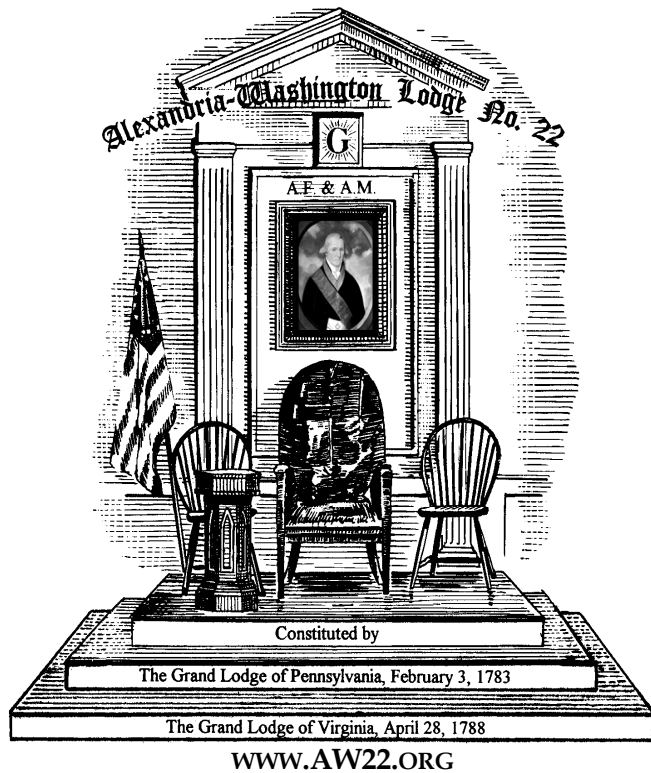


# Master's Message



## Lodge Bulletin

MARCH 2022

Brethren—

Hello Brethren! February has come and gone, and I look forward to the weeks to come. It was a very busy month, packed with events and I was so happy to see so many of you join me and the officers to honor our beloved Brother George Washington. Now that one of the busiest months for our Lodge is behind us, we look forward to resuming our efforts in promoting our Craft and ensuring its continuity. There are many good men looking to join the fraternity and I welcome you to join us in bringing them to masonic light. Our first Entered Apprentice degree will be March 3; please come out and support our candidate if your cable tow permits. We are expecting another Brother to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft later in the month, I will update you with specifics once we have a date.

A special thank you to our brothers who represented the Lodge across the country for Washington's Birthday. Wor. Bailey and Bros. Bella and Vanice escorted the Washington Trowel to Laredo, Texas, and renewed our relationship with Potomac Lodge, No. 5. Mt. Wor. Tusch, Mt. Wor. Elman, Rt. Wor. Seghers, and Rt. Wor. Bible participated in the GWMNM Board meeting and 2022 Conference of Grand Masters in Milwaukee. Rt. Wor. Bible and Wor. Froggett, as part of their duties for the 2023 Virginia Host Committee, hosted a booth at the conference.

With the winter coming to an end and warmer weather on the horizon, the Covid outlook is improving nationwide, but more importantly in the DMV area. Many counties are already easing restrictions and I hope we can soon move on from this chapter in our history. Unfortunately, as one source of worry goes away, another comes to take its place. I am sure you are aware of recent events in Eastern Europe and regardless of our various political views on the subject, I hope you keep all those innocent people in your prayers, more especially our Brethren and their families, wheresoever dispersed in that part of the world.

I look forward to seeing you at the March 10 stated and throughout the month.



Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
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Worshipful Master  
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MARCH 2022

*March 3*

6:30 p.m. Entered Apprentice Degree

*March 5*

2:00 p.m. Masonic Funeral Service Bro. William Fay Newell  
Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd.

*March 10*

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

7:30 p.m. Stated Communication

**The Amity App: Bringing Today's Technology  
to the World's Oldest Fraternity**

*Presented by Wor. Jeremy Barnes, PM, Potomac Lodge, No. 5*

*March 17*

6:30 p.m. Fraternal Visit to Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120  
George Washington Masonic National Memorial

*March 22*

7:00 p.m. District Ritual School  
Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge, No. 42  
3805 Langston Blvd., Arlington

*March 24*

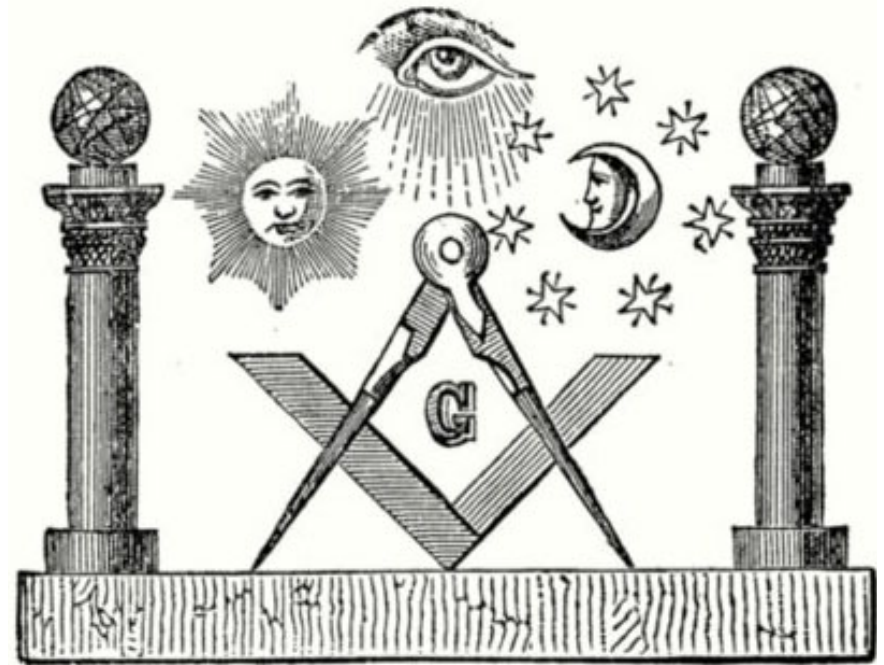
6:30 p.m. Lodge Ritual School

*March 28*

7:00 p.m. Esoteric Corner

*March 31*

6:30 p.m. Lodge Ritual School



## Bill of Fare

MARCH 10, 2022

### BEEF KABOB

*Flavorful and tender ground beef skewered and grilled.*

### CHICKEN KABOB

*Marinated chicken in Syrian spices, skewered and grilled with a side of tahini.*

### SYRIAN LEMON POTATOES

*Potatoes seasons with Syrian spices, lemon juice, cilantro, and garlic.*

### YELLOW RICE

*Yellow seasoned rice.*

### FATTOUSH SALAD

*Fresh Syrian salad with green peppers, onion, and tomato.  
Pita chips and pomegranate molasses vinaigrette on the side.*

Suggested Donation \$10.00

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# Happy Birthday

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brethren!

**Right Worshipful Edgar Bruce Holley**

*March 23, 1955 - 67 years*

**Brother Nicholas Richard Beltrante**

*March 6, 1969 - 53 years*

**Brother Paul McKinley Rhodes**

*March 1, 1973 - 49 years*

**Brother David Rhine Gehr**

*March 15, 1973 - 49 years*

**Brother Charles Richard Hix**

*March 24, 1975 - 47 years*

**Brother Todd Mitchell Zelnick**

*March 8, 1984 - 38 years*

**Right Worshipful George Douglas Seghers**

*March 19, 1990 - 32 years*

**Brother Lowell Gene Gilliland**

*March 30, 1992 - 30 years*

**Brother Jeffrey Loren Adelman**

*March 29, 1993 - 29 years*

**Right Worshipful Daniel Hufford Surface, Jr.**

*March 27, 1996 - 26 years*

**Brother Kenneth Ian Scroggie**

*March 17, 1997 - 25 years*

**Brother David Shepard Webber**

*March 22, 1997 - 25 years*

**Brother Jerry Dean Owen**

*March 1, 2001 - 21 years*

**Brother Rami Khail Chehade**

*March 22, 2005 - 17 years*

**Brother Brian Patrick Fleming**

*March 5, 2009 - 13 years*

**Brother Robert Darrell Pollock**

*March 27, 2014 - 8 years*

**Worshipful Charles Louis Dirienzo, Jr.**

*March 16, 2016 - 6 years*

# Remembering George Washington's

## ADVICE ABOUT HOW TO AVOID WARS

*Excerpted from Loren Thompson's article in Forbes*

George Washington had some strong opinions on America being drawn into foreign war. Washington had seen a great deal of war, and some of his military campaigns had not fared so well either. So, his pronouncements as President were punctuated with observations about the need for unity, morality, and restraint in the conduct of foreign affairs. Two speeches in particular stand out as cautions for our own time.

One such speech was his first annual message to Congress as President on January 8, 1790, which provided the precedent for today's State of the Union addresses. In that relatively brief speech, the only President ever to win unanimous support from the Electoral College observed that, "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace." That sentiment appears to paraphrase a line from the first volume of Edward Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* -- published in 1776 -- wherein the English historian states that the Romans at the height of their power "preserved peace by a constant preparation for war."

Washington, the greatest military leader the young Republic had produced, believed that the most effective way to avoid war was through constant preparedness. If potential enemies could see that U.S. forces were ready to fight and win, they would not commit aggression in the first place. He then states,

*"A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined; to which end a uniform and well-digested plan is requisite; and their safety and interest require that they should promote such manufactories as tend to render them independent of others for essential, particularly military, supplies."*

So, in addition to being prepared for war, Washington was convinced that the Republic needed to be self-sufficient in the tools of war. Washington was a big believer in the power of trade to promote prosperity (Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* was also first published in 1776), but he wasn't willing to let "market forces" take their course if that meant relying on other countries for military gear. We thus find embedded in Washington's first annual address to Congress the logic for both military deterrence and a national defense industrial base.

Six years later, at the end of his second presidential term, Washington composed a much lengthier valedictory address with Alexander Hamilton's help that included oft-cited comments on alliances. Although never presented as a speech, Washington's Farewell Address was widely printed beginning on September 19, 1796, and is remembered for his insistence that, "It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world."

The passage needs to be viewed in historical context. At the time, Republicans and Federalists were deeply divided over whether to support Britain or France in the wars that followed the French Revolution, and Washington wanted the young nation to remain neutral. He argued that interests leading to war among European powers "are essentially foreign to our concerns," and


that America's "detached and distant situation" should enable it to avoid being dragged into overseas conflicts on either side.

But he preceded that conclusion with a broader warning against developing undue antipathy or affinity for any nation, because excessive emotion in the conduct of foreign affairs would lead the government to adopt "through passion what reason would reject." Washington wasn't just concerned about getting embroiled in permanent animosities towards foreign powers, he also worried about prolonged attachments:

*"A passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils. Sympathy for the favorite nation, facilitating the illusion of an imaginary common interest in cases where no real common interest exists, and infusing into one the enmities of the other, betrays the former into a participation in the quarrels and wars of the latter without adequate inducement or justification."*

Washington felt that "the nation which indulges towards another a habitual hatred or a habitual fondness is in some degree a slave" lacks the objectivity to pursue its true interests. While he favored pursuing trade ties to all nations, he objected to the political alliances that might follow. There would be times in the nation's history when military danger dictated the establishment of temporary alliances, but in general he opposed extended foreign political commitments.

U.S. leaders largely followed this advice until after World War Two, when the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was created. Since then, the nation's overseas commitments have multiplied, and once established they have tended to take on the kind of permanence against which Washington warned. It isn't hard to think of examples (e.g. South Korea). Nor is it hard to think of nations towards which U.S. political culture has spawned enduring and emotional favoritism, or animosity. This is not the course that George Washington would have favored, and it helps explain why his Republic today seems continuously engaged in conflicts far removed from its core interests as a nation.



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