

# Master's Message

Brethren—

Hello Brethren! Another month has come and gone and with that, the Lodge is more and more active. We balloted on three candidates during our last stated meeting, and we will be putting together a degree for all three of them later this month. More information on that will be shared once we pick a date according to everyone's availability, we are however looking at the last week of May.

Speaking about ritual, our weekly catechism schools, as well as our lodge ritual schools, are up and chugging along at full speed. 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.

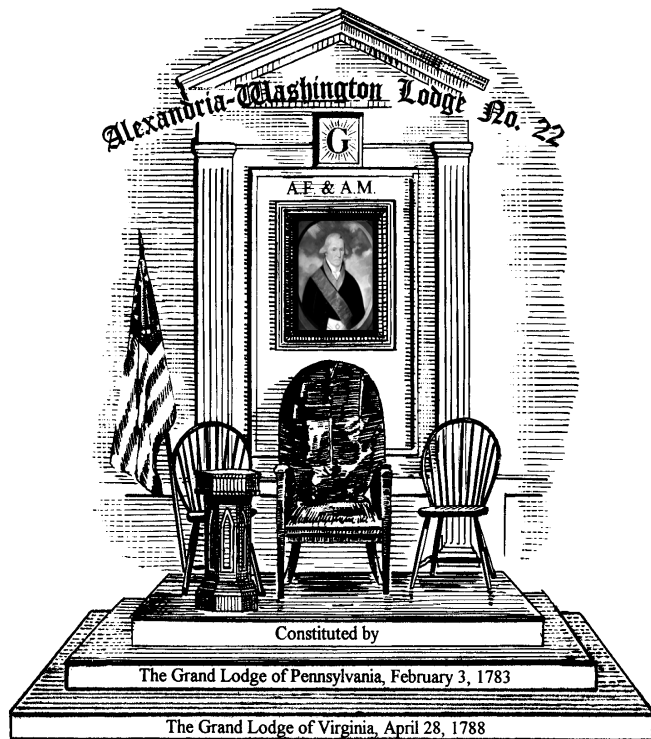
Final announcement Brethren regarding our Stated meeting on the 12th of May. We will be doing something a little different and I hope many of you can come and join us for it. We will begin the evening at 7:30 PM and instead of having a guest speaker to give a presentation this month, we are all going to take the Memorial tour. Dinner will follow the meeting. The Memorial has recently been reopened for tours to it's full capacity and I can't wait to take advantage of that. I hope you all enjoy this event and join us in appreciating the building, which has been a home to Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22 for so long.

Be safe Brethren enjoy the nice weather and I look forward to seeing you throughout the month of May.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



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# Lodge Bulletin

MAY 2022



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*May 5*

6:30 p.m. Catechism School  
7:30 p.m. Lodge Ritual School

*May 7*

10:00 a.m. Catechism School

*May 12*

7:30 p.m. Stated Communication

**Tours of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial**

*Dinner will follow the meeting.*

*May 14*

10:00 a.m. Catechism School  
11:30 a.m. Lodge Picnic at the Memorial

*RSVP by May 6.*

*May 19*

6:30 p.m. Catechism School  
7:30 p.m. Ritual School

*May 21*

10:00 a.m. Catechism School

*May 23*

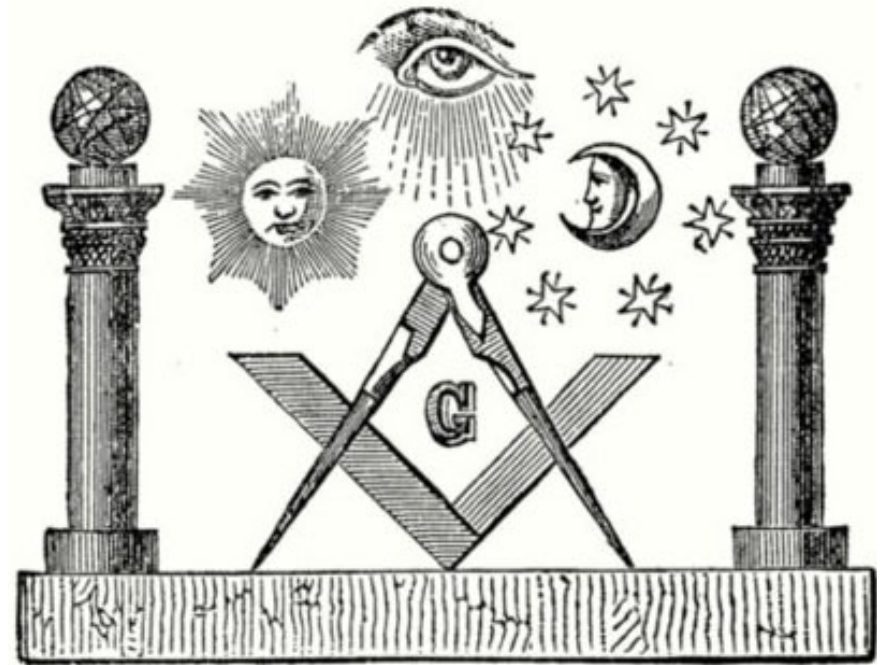
7:00 p.m. Esoteric Corner (online)

*May 26*

7:00 p.m. Entered Apprentice Degree

*May 28*

10:00 a.m. Catechism School



**Bill of Fare**  
**MAY 12, 2022**

**CHICKEN TINA**

*Spicy chicken thigh, onions, peppers,  
tomatoes, chipotles \*gluten free*

**BRAISED SHORT RIBS**

*Beef short ribs, roasted mash potatoes, crispy Brussels  
sprouts*

**ROASTED GARLIC MASHED POTATOES**

**CAESAR SALAD**

Suggested Donation \$10.00  
Please RSVP to [Reservations@AW22.org](mailto:Reservations@AW22.org)

# Happy Birthday

Earl Lyman Thomson  
May 9, 69 years  
Donald Gardner Hicks Jr.  
May 14, 60 years  
Albert Sylvester Durrer  
May 21, 58 years  
Frank Lee Ballenger III  
May 22, 55 years  
Donald Smith Kenney  
May 22, 55 years  
Donald Leo McAndrews  
May 22, 51 years  
Richard Robert McElwee  
May 1, 47 years  
Alton Levern Miller Jr.  
May 14, 47 years  
John Joseph Cornnell Jr.  
May 17, 46 years  
Charles Albert Gorton  
May 12, 45 years  
A. Vincent May  
May 19, 43 years  
Robert Arthur Smith  
May 12, 43 years  
Arthur Willard Pierson  
May 1, 41 years  
Charles Leander Moore Jr.  
May 29, 36 years

James Robertson Kent Jr.  
May 27, 35 years  
Jacques Jean-claude Bret  
May 29, 32 years  
Philip Grant Graessle II  
May 6, 31 years  
Chester Claude Cook  
May 23, 30 years  
Mark Wayne Underwood  
May 11, 30 years  
Conor Torquil Sinclair  
May 15, 23 years  
Wade Stuart Alexander  
May 15, 22 years  
Thomas Lee Ammazalorso  
May 16, 17 years  
Ferdinand Charles Petito  
May 21, 15 years  
David Scott Shaver  
May 21, 15 years  
Richard Kern Salazar  
May 17, 14 years  
Phillip John Ferraro  
May 14, 10 years  
Stephen Christopher Melone  
May 28, 7 years

# The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

From MountVernon.org

Freemasonry played a role in George Washington's life from the age of 20 when he first became an Entered Apprentice in the Fredericksburg Lodge until the day he died, when a brother in his Alexandria lodge was one of three doctors at his bedside. A few days later, the Masons organized and conducted Washington's funeral service. In the span of those 47 years, Washington would fight beside Freemasons in the Revolutionary War and select the organization to set the cornerstone of the United States Capitol. Washington stated that Freemasonry was "*founded on benevolence and to be exercised for the good of mankind.*"

Even during his lifetime, leaders of the Freemasonry movement in America clearly promoted that George Washington was their most exalted of members, and someone whom others should emulate. Throughout the 19th century, as the number of Freemasons swelled across the nation, their exaltation of Washington never wavered-- in some circles, it grew even stronger.

## CREATING A "SUITABLE MEMORIAL TEMPLE"

In 1907, Grand Masters and other prominent Freemasons from around the country met in Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and established the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The Association had a lofty and straightforward goal: "*To erect and maintain in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, a suitable memorial temple to George Washington, the Mason; one which will express in durability and beauty the undying esteem of the Freemasons of the United States for him, in whose memory it shall stand throughout the coming years.*"

Although securing funding to support the project would prove to be a daunting challenge, moral support for the Memorial came from the nation's highest ranks. At one of the organization's early meetings, President William H. Taft, also a Freemason, said:

*Brethren, every President of the United States feels heavy upon him the burden of following George Washington and being in his place and making himself in some slight way worthy of the First President, the Father of His Country ... No honor can be greater than to have a direct association with that great man, how, in every sense, was the founder of this Republic and who exhibited, as President, as man, and as Mason, all the principles of morality, of patriotism and of religion that we like to think is our highest ideal.*

Seeking to create a national rather than a regional tribute to George Washington, the Masonic Association thought big, they recognized that the structure would be an impressive physical landmark, towering over Old Town Alexandria, offering a perfect spot from which to view the Washington Monument in the District of Columbia.

The structure was also built to provide an impressive and secure home to a number of treasured Washington artifacts, which were given to the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 by family and friends of the first president of the



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United States, as well as the Charter Master of the Lodge.

At the time, Lodge No. 22 was headquartered in a modest building in Old Town Alexandria, which was inadequate for both the storage and the display of artifacts. The problem became all too real in 1871, when a fire in the Lodge destroyed a portion of the Washington material.

It took a number of years for a grand plan for a national memorial to George Washington to develop, and the men in Lodge No. 22 admitted they might need the assistance of Freemasons from coast to coast to do justice to a Washington Memorial. A turning point came in 1909, when Charles H. Callahan, who served as commissioner of Revenue for the City of Alexandria for a memorable 46 years, purchased several lots, strategically located on a hill, for the sole purpose of constructing a fireproof building. As an officer in Lodge No. 22, he also used his contacts to garner the support of the Grand Master of Virginia, who, in turn, contacted his fellow Grand Masters in every state. Within months, the movement to build the memorial had gained national prominence.

New York City architect Harvey Wiley Corbett, who later became famous for designing much of Rockefeller Center, was enlisted to create plans for the memorial. After taking a tour of the site, Corbett quickly developed a crude sketch of what he had in mind-- a colossal "lighthouse of Freemasonry dedicated to Washington." It took only weeks to move forward with a formal design, which the board officially approved in 1921. President Calvin Coolidge, with the help of a trowel once used by George Washington, laid the official cornerstone in November 1923, and once construction began, even the effects of the Great Depression failed to bring work to a halt. In the year celebrating the bicentennial of George Washington's birth, 1932, President Herbert Hoover dedicated the yet-to-be-finished Memorial.

After World War II, Freemasons poured their energy into the building's interior, and educating the public on Freemasonry and the life of brother George Washington. Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 opened a replica Lodge room to display original Washington artifacts. In 1950, President Harry S. Truman, who was also a past Grand Master of Missouri, dedicated the massive 17-foot bronze statue of George Washington that greets people when they enter the Memorial. Specially-designed elevators, which move horizontally as they move vertically, were installed a few years later. This enabled the upper spaces in the Memorial to include tributes to a variety of Masonic organizations. A handsome and informative museum devoted to the life of George Washington was opened on the fourth floor in 1966.

By 1970, the Memorial was for practical purposes completed. But like any successful museum, the Memorial continues to change and grow as old displays give way to give new ones, and a greater focus is given to educational programs. The memorial theater, one of the most desirable performance spaces in Old Town Alexandria, is frequently booked for an incredibly diverse array of programs, including seminars on Washington, as well as comedy shows that echo laughter throughout the century-old halls.

But the principal focus of the Memorial remains the same: George Washington as the foremost Freemason. Through on-site conferences, special outreach programs, and partnerships with the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, the Memorial has taken a much more aggressive stance in recent years, hoping to reach out to those who know little about George Washington, and next to nothing about Freemasonry.

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1976	James B. Stone	2005	Jesse T. McMahan, V
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