

Master's Message

Brethren –

Hello Brethren! I hope you are all enjoying the summer and spending time with friends and family, but also staying safe and cool in during the hot summer days. For those who are still in town we have a great month full of amazing events at the lodge.

Saturday, August 6, we will be hosting Henry Knox Field – John Blair Lodge for a joint Master Mason degree. Each lodge has a Fellowcraft who is ready to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and we thought it would be a great occasion to get together and share the experience. We have invited our entire district to come out and join us and hope to see many of our Brethren there. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with donuts and coffee, we will open the MM lodge around 10 a.m., and treating everyone to a lunch before resuming labor around 1 p.m. If you are planning on joining, please let us know at reservations@aw.org so we can make sure we have enough food.

August 14 is our Stated Communication. Our presentation of the night will be given by our Senior Warden, Brother David Bella, and our Assistant Archivist, Worshipful Brother Daniel Froggett. They will focus on plans and preparations for February of 2023 and the celebrations of the Memorial's Cornerstone Centennial. The Lodge needs your assistance in these efforts and we will be collectively considering changes to the locations of our art and artifacts. Immediately after our Stated meeting, we are heading down to Roanoke to participate in the Reid J. Simmons Masonic Ritual Academy. Any Brother of the Lodge is welcome to attend. We have reserved lodging and we have a few extra beds to spare, so if your cable tow allows, please join us for a few days of fellowship and Masonic ritual. We will return on Sunday.

We have been honored by the Scottish Rite to participate in this year's Blue Lodge Night. On August 27, the current Lodge officers will open a Master Mason lodge at the Scottish Rite Temple. The Scottish Rite will then take over and confer the degree in full costume. The candidate who will be raised is one of our own – Brother Ammar Oumalek, so please come out to support him as well as enjoying the spectacle that is Blue Lodge Night!

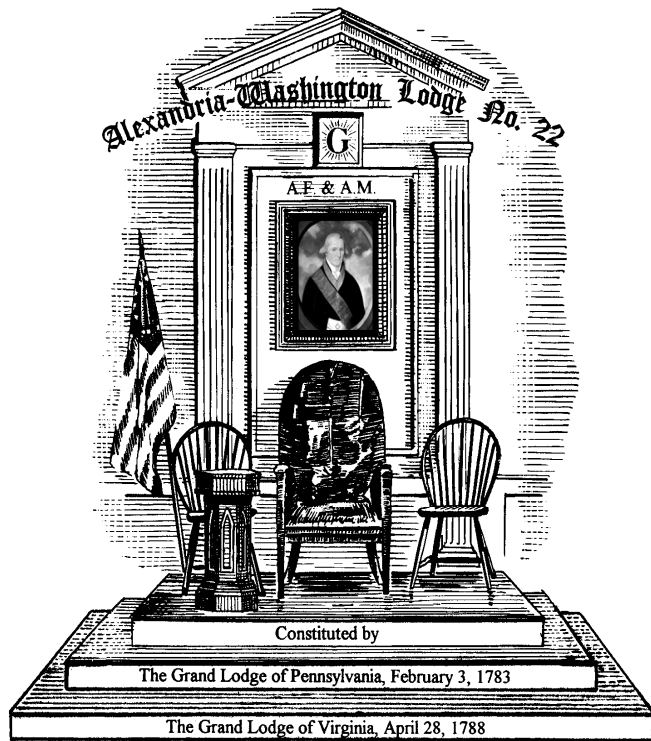
Finally, the District is hosting a Bowling Night for all Lodges, friends, and family on August 30 – stay tuned for details.

Be safe Brethren enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you throughout the month of August.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



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Lodge Bulletin

AUGUST 2022



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August 4

**George Washington's
Masonic Birthday**

6:30 p.m. Catechism School
7:30 p.m. Lodge Ritual School
Joint School with Henry Knox
Field – John Blair Lodge, No. 349

August 6

10:00 a.m. Called
Communication

Master Masons Degree
Joint Degree with Henry Knox
Field – John Blair Lodge, No. 349

August 11

6:30 p.m. Dinner, please RSVP
at reservations@AW22.org
7:30 p.m. Stated
Communication
**Preparing for 2023 Events and
Activities**

August 12 – 13

Reid J. Simmons

Masonic Ritual Academy
Hosted by the
Grand Committee on Work
Roanoke Valley Scottish Rite

August 18

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

August 20

10:00 a.m. Lodge Clean-Up Day

August 22

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

August 25

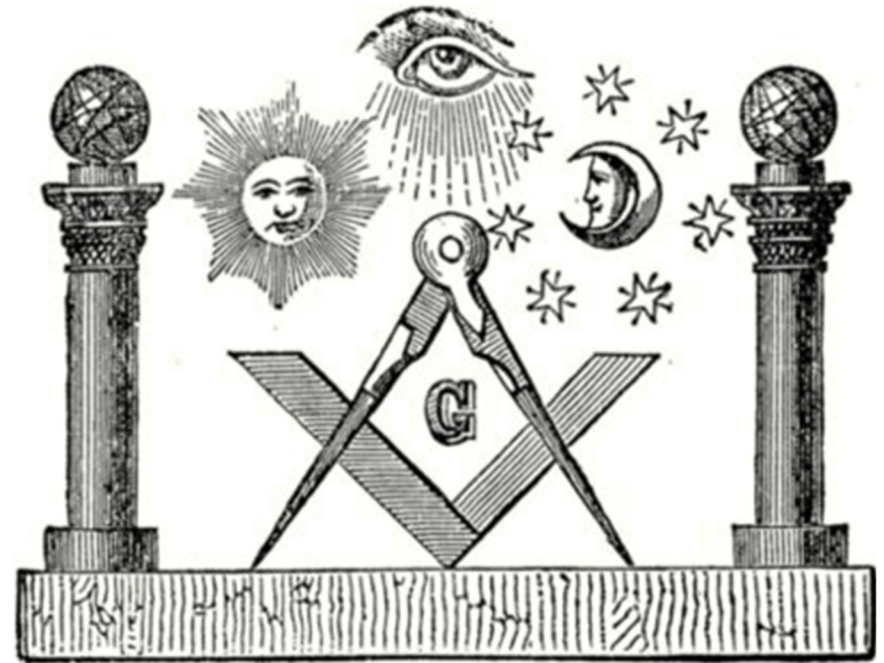
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August 27

10:00 a.m. Catechism School
4:00 p.m. Blue Lodge Night
Alexandria Scottish Rite
1430 W. Braddock Road
AW22 has been selected as the
featured Lodge. We will present a
candidate to be raised, open and
confer the second section, and turn
it over to the Scottish Rite to do a
costumed second section and
lecture. Please RSVP at
reservations@AW22.org.

August 30

6:30 p.m. District Bowling
More details to come, but all
Lodges, friends, and family are
welcome to join a fun night of
Bowling!



Bill of Fare
AUGUST 11, 2022

FIVE SPICE & ORANGE GRILLED STEAK
*rubbed with a blend of star anise, cinnamon, fennel, peppercorn,
and clove, grilled then drizzled with an orange-ginger glaze*

LEMON ROSEMARY CHICKEN
grilled chicken breasts with herbs, lemon, and mustard sauce

WILD RICE & ASPARAGUS MEDLEY
fresh asparagus, wild rice, sundried tomato, & Dijon sauce

ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES
*potatoes, carrots, and turnips seasons with extra virgin olive oil,
black pepper, and fresh herbs*

Suggested Donation \$10.00
Please RSVP to Reservations@AW22.org

Happy Masonic Birthday

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Robert Bruce Stadler
56 years
Bro. Jules Frederick Webb
44 years
Bro. Robert Patrick Conley
40 years
Bro. David Lloyd Jobes
37 years
Bro. Jeffrey Allan Shockey
34 years
Bro. Steven Joseph Nace
33 years
Rt. Wor. Michael Robert Aulicino
24 years
Wor. Frank Stanley Skwirut
22 years
Wor. Heber Charles Willis III
19 years
Bro. Jeffrey James Mayle
18 years
Bro. Michael Brian Mostseller
16 years
Bro. Mark Edward Brown
14 years
Bro. Jorge Ignacio Ortiz
14 years
Bro. Michael Thomas Phillips
14 years
Bro. Ebenezer Kamakeelanilchua Paikai IV
13 years
Wor. Robert Thomas Weston
13 years
Bro. Evgueniy Georgiev Todorov
7 years
Bro. Ronald Earl Craft Jr.
4 years

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Scott Christian Humphrey
62 years
Bro. Frederick Peter Baerenz
39 years
Wor. Terry Lee Gigure
28 years
Bro. James Donald Owens Jr.
26 years
Bro. Donald Floyd Reynolds
26 years
Bro. Robert Leyshion Jr.
17 years
Bro. Dimitar Gueorguiev Mavrov
17 years
Bro. Ralph Eugene Olson
17 years
Wor. John Paul Olson
17 years
Bro. Simeon Plamenov Petkov
17 years
Bro. Daniel Warren Fink
11 years
Bro. Jason Scott Windsor
11 years
Bro. Andrew Francis Corsun
10 years
Bro. Larry Edward Askins
4 years
Bro. Edgar Asa Bates III
4 years
Bro. Craig Bogle
4 years
Bro. Olivier Marcel Antonio Chantry
4 years
Bro. Alexander Jesus Cumana
4 years
Bro. Derek Michael Allan Erkkila
4 years
Bro. Aaron Daniel Irvin
4 years
Bro. Allen Randle Mayfield Jr.
4 years
Bro. Robert Sean Swanson
1 years

A Call to Service

Preparing the Lodge for February 2023 and Beyond

By Bro. David G. Bella, Senior Warden



Two hundred and forty years ago, six Alexandrians - Robert Adam, Michael Ryan, William Hunter Sr., John Allison, Peter Dow, and Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick - submitted a petition to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requesting a warrant to operate a Masonic Lodge in Alexandria. The combined imaginative talent of those six men could never foretell what lay in store for their town's first lodge.

The lodge they founded has hosted Presidents, dignitaries, and Grand Masters from countless jurisdictions. It has laid nationally significant cornerstones such as the United States Capitol Building, the Smithsonian Institution, and Library of Congress to name a few. It has led important funeral services. It has practiced incalculable charity in the community which has positively impacted generations of Alexandrians. It has been a leader in the international masonic community. And perhaps, most importantly, it has created life-long friendships among its members. There is no denying the lodge they created has blossomed into a truly unique and special institution.

Looking around the lodge and at our historical records, I am always struck by the astonishing quality of our members. I believe that the "specialness" of the lodge is in direct parallel to the greatness of our members. Over one hundred years ago, one of the most exceptional generations of our membership banded together to set in motion the construction of the most architecturally impressive masonic structure ever conceived: an august monument to our lodge's most august member.


In the last few years, I have seen how the current membership has morphed into its own special generation. We have wonderful members who are engaged, energized and industrious. It is a great time to be an Alexandria-Washington mason. *If you do not consider yourself part of this new era, I implore you to get involved because we have a generation defining moment ahead of us in February 2023: the one hundredth anniversary of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial cornerstone laying.*

With the blessing of the Worshipful Master, we have assembled a small committee that has been working to outline how Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 will contribute to this historic event. Our lodge is working with the Memorial to determine if we can host/co-host the following events:

Date	Event
February 17	Welcome Communication
February 18	Master Mason Degree Exemplification
February 19	Charles H. Callahan Wreath Laying Ceremony
February 20	George Washington Birthday Parade GWMNM Cornerstone Re-Enactment
February 22	George Washington Birthday Wreath Laying GWMNM Birthday Gala

This will be a historic moment, and the next six months will be critical to prepare ourselves for these memorable events. We will need help in many areas including marketing, prepping our archives, stocking the gift shop, and serving as boots on the ground for the Grand Lodge of Virginia and Memorial Association. Please reach out to me and see how you can contribute.

This is a call to action. Your lodge needs you. Come be a part of the next great AW22 generation and let us, yet again, leave a lasting impact on our Lodge, Memorial, and Masonic community.



AmazonSmile is an easy way to generate donations to a charity of your choice every time you shop on Amazon, at no additional cost to you. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the AW22 Foundation has been registered with AmazonSmile and all members are encouraged to consider this convenient way to support our Lodge.

On the Amazon app:

- Open the app and tap the main menu icon (=) in the bottom right corner.
- Click Settings and then AmazonSmile.
- Click Turn On AmazonSmile and when prompted, search for “Alexandria-Washington Lodge No 22 Foundation Inc.”

For every eligible purchase you make on the app, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price to the AW22 Foundation. This percentage may seem small but it can accumulate quickly, especially as more Masons and families sign up to support AW22.

A Call to Charity

Preparing the Lodge for February 2023 and Beyond

By Wor. Nikola N. Nikolov, PM, Foundation Board Chairman



In this bulletin, our Senior Warden Bro. David Bella, has presented a strong argument for your participation in Lodge and supporting our efforts for 2023. I echo his sentiment. Alexandria – Washington Lodge has a storied past, which presents us with a unique platform to represent Craft Freemasonry to the world. To adequately execute the plans laid forth for the Memorial’s Cornerstone Centennial Celebration and update our educational/museum exhibits in the Lodge Room and Replica Lodge Room, funds are required.

The Foundation was established specifically to support the Lodge in telling the story of Freemasonry and the story of Washington as a Freemason. We are in the process of working with the Archives Committee and Officers to determine how much updates to the Lodge and Replica Lodge will cost. Initial estimates are about \$60,000. This is a great deal of money, but it is not insurmountable. You can assist in raising these funds through the support of the Foundation.

Since launching the Foundation, nearly \$50,000 have been raised. Thank you to everyone who has already demonstrated their support for the Lodge and Foundation thus far. To ensure the financial health of the Foundation, and to support 2023 activities and beyond, we need to double this amount through our Cornerstone Campaign. I challenge each of you to consider how much you might be able to invest in the Lodge’s future. Consider becoming a Charter Member of the Foundation with a \$1,000 contribution.

Some brothers question why we need to raise this money, especially when the Lodge accounts are not insignificant. The answer is twofold. First, to con-

tinue to offer strong programming and high-quality meals at each of our Stated Communications, support Lodge participation in the District Masters and Wardens Association, attendance at Grand Lodge, and participation in the Committee on Work's Reid J. Simmons Masonic Ritual Academy – among other activities – we need to leave the Lodge accounts as intact as possible. Annually, the Lodge withdraws about three percent of its invested funds to support these activities. Taking a significant chunk from those funds will reduce our annual draw and diminish our capacity for regular activities.

Second, the investments that we make in the Lodge now, through the Foundation, will remain with us through a significant historical period. The next decade is full of important events.

- ◇ We celebrate both the Memorial's Cornerstone Centennial and the Lodge's 240th birthday in 2023.
- ◇ In 2026, the United States will celebrate its own 250th birthday with sestercentennial activities that must include Freemasonry.
- ◇ Washington's 300th birthday will be celebrated in 2032.
- ◇ We will round out the decade with the Lodge's 250th birthday in 2033.

To ensure that our museum collection is properly presented to educate and inspire, we need to create new exhibitions, lecture series, and possibly publications. Your tax-deductible contributions to the Foundation will ensure we can fund these important efforts.

I urge you to become a Charter Member and support the Foundation as liberally as you can. The Foundation is working on grants and other funding streams, like our Amazon Smile Account. BUT, we can do more with your support. Please reach out to me or any member of the board to better understand your role in the Lodge's and Foundation's future.



**Alexandria—Washington Lodge, No. 22,
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Freemasonry: A Modern Community Institution

By Bro. David Bella, Senior Warden I watched HBO's, The Wire, for the first time in 2018. What I loved about the show was its ability to depict the realism of our society. What made the show special was its ability to accurately depict the experiences of the forgotten in our society and demonstrate how [...]

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AW22 Past Master Series: Daniel Froggett, PM

Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Master in 2020, is featured in the latest installment of the AW22 Past Master Series. This documentary project highlights and preserves the sage wisdom and fond memories of the men chosen as servant leaders to their brothers at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. Wor. Froggett currently serves as our Lodge secretary. Thank [...]

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Worshipful Jim Stone, our Worshipful Master in 1976, is featured in the latest installment of the AW22 Past Master series. This documentary project highlights and preserves the sage wisdom and fond memories of the men chosen as servant leaders to their brothers at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. We hope you enjoy hearing his stories as [...]

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Mental Health: Fulfilling Our Obligation by Aiding a Distressed Brother

By Nelo A. Hamilton, Jr., Junior Warden As Freemasons, we are taught to aid those in distress, more especially a brother Mason. When imaging someone in distress, we often think of someone with a broken down car or an individual approaching us on the street to ask for money. It is important, however, to recognize that [...]

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Submit an article of your own! For more information on how to participate in the Lodge Blog, please contact our Junior Warden, Bro. Allen Hamilton, at Junior.Warden@AW22.org.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia's 2023 Conference of Grand Masters of North America Host Committee, chaired by our own R.W. Michael P. Bible, distributed the following save the date to the Masons of Virginia.



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F. & A.M. fraternally invites you to participate in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Cornerstone Centennial Celebration as part of the 2023 Conference of Grand Masters of North America Monday, February 20, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.



EARLY BIRD! 2023 Parade Unit Registration
Parade Registration Fee is \$50



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1975	Donald M. Robey, PGM	2004	Frank S. Skwirut
1976	James B. Stone	2005	Jesse T. McMahan, V
1988	William A. Jones	2006	Thomas G. Little
1991	Earl C. Million	2007	Robert G. Watkins, PDDGM
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