

# Master's Message

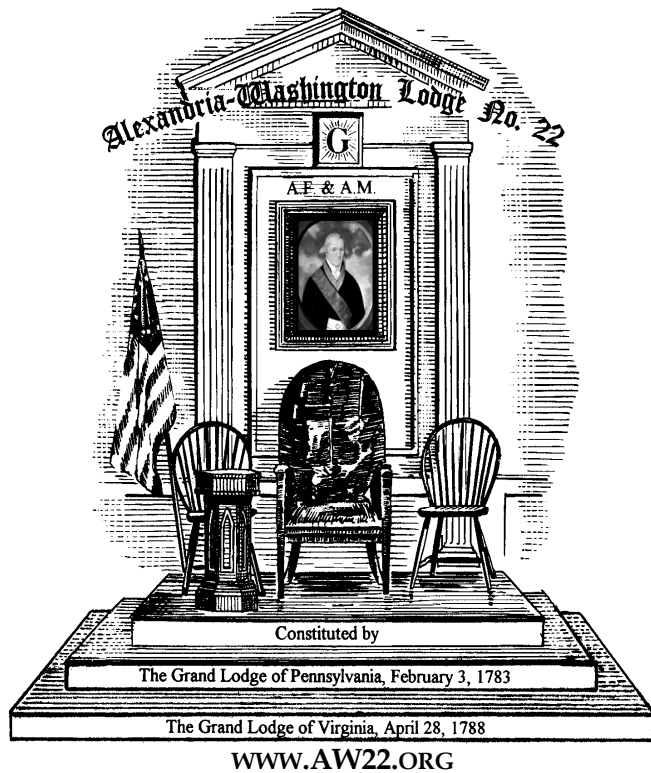
Brethren—

Hello Brethren! I hope you this message finds you well and in good spirits. It has been an eventful year, both in US and abroad. It is election time here in the US and with that, tensions are running high. Adding to it we have the inflation of the past year, soaring higher and higher, as well as the rising interest rates and to top it all we have the stock market continuing to decline. People are seeing their savings eroded by inflation at the same time as the value of their assets are dropping lower and lower. All this is without even mentioning the events unfolding in Europe and the suffering that has been unleashed not only in Ukraine, but also all over the old continent. It will be a difficult winter in Europe this year to say the least. With all that in the background, it might not be the easiest time to remain in good spirits, but, to me, that makes it even more necessary. We are Freemasons and as such we have always been, and should always strive to be, an example for our communities and fellow men. So let us continue to be grateful for all the blessings and mercies conferred on us. We are Freemasons, we know that time, patience, and perseverance will accomplish all things.

There are quite a few good things coming our way. First on the agenda is our Stated dinner, which falls on the 13th and we look forward to seeing you there. It will be a very special night, as it is time to pay tribute to the living legacy of Alexandria-Washington Lodge and celebrate our Past Masters. Many of them will be present and taking the chairs and roles of the current officers. As a special treat for the night, we have invited Wor. Frank Skwirut, who lives in Brazil. Wor. Skwirut will be presiding in the East and will share with us how Masonry is different in Brazil and South America, and even more importantly, how it is similar. I hope you will join us for this amazing evening and help us make it special and memorable for all of them.

We are AW22 so of course we are planning on quite a bit of ritual work as well. The week following our stated we are planning to hold a Past Master's Degree as well as a Fellowcraft Degree either the same week or the next. As we lock in and confirm these days, I will share them with you all and I hope to see you there.

With the Centennial celebrations drawing near, our preparations remain in focus. In August, we heard a presentation on the master plan for everything the lodge hopes to accomplish prior to February and the work has started. The Archives plan to move art has happened! The Lodge clean-up day went well (Thanks to all who helped!). There is so much to be done Brethren and we need your help, if you are willing and able to get involved



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and contribute to the effort, please reach out to us.

Looking further down the road, we have started planning our trip to Grand Lodge in November. Please make sure to email our Secretary and RSVP if you are planning to attend the Grand Annual Communication so we can plan accordingly and make sure we have enough rooms for everybody.

Be safe Brethren, enjoy the Fall, and I look forward to seeing you throughout the month of October.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



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Worshipful Master  
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## Bill of Fare

OCTOBER 13, 2022

### GARLIC AND ROSEMARY RUBBED STEAK

*grilled steak with a garlic and rosemary crust  
served in au jus with tomato chimichurri sauce*

### TUSCAN ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST

*marinated w/ garlic & Italian herbs  
in a sundried tomato-spinach cream sauce*

### BACON GREEN BEANS

### CHEF'S SIGNATURE MASHED POTATOES

*Russet potatoes, garlic, butter, milk and nutmeg*

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



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October 1

10:00 a.m. Catechism School

October 6

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

October 8

10:00 a.m. Catechism School

October 13

6:30 p.m. Dinner, please RSVP at [reservations@AW22.org](mailto:reservations@AW22.org)

7:30 p.m. Stated Communication

**PAST MASTER'S NIGHT**

October 15

10:00 a.m. Catechism School

October 20

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

October 24

7:00 p.m. Esoteric Corner

October 25

6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Meeting

District 1A Masters and Wardens Association Meeting  
AW22 Lodge Room

October 27

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

# Happy Masonic Birthday

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Frederic Ackerson 10/20, 71 years  
Craig Martin Arndt 10/28, 12 years  
Peter Gabor Bernad 10/6, 14 years  
Paul Martin Bessel 10/28, 35 years  
Michael Paul Bible 10/7, 27 years  
Robert Ryan Brooks 10/19, 26 years  
William Harvey Clore 10/4, 26 years  
Geoffrey Kyle Alban Dunaway 10/27, 29 years  
Thomas Clifton Etter 10/30, 38 years  
Lewis Buchanan Gorley 10/22, 21 years  
Kurt Allen Gustafson 10/25, 27 years  
Jay Steven Hambacher 10/11, 29 years  
Jace Christen Harrill 10/19, 3 years  
Philip John Hays 10/18, 29 years  
George Blaine Huff 10/21, 28 years  
William Albert Jones 10/30, 40 years  
Louis Kobus 10/19, 26 years  
Jonathan Perry Kruger 10/19, 26 years  
Edward Eric Lamb 10/24, 31 years  
Kurt Lee Langenwalter 10/15, 15 years  
Romulo Paredes Maliksi 10/7, 27 years  
Raymond Buford McClure 10/19, 26 years  
Ryan Joseph McCombie 10/19, 26 years  
Donald Ray Newman 10/29, 29 years  
Sean Phillip OShea 10/3, 2 years  
Michael Nicholas Pocalyko 10/19, 40 years  
Philip Niemann Rhodes 10/18, 28 years  
Elmer Michael Smith 10/16, 44 years  
Iliya Antonio Stanoev 10/27, 2 years  
Christopher Gared Sterbling 10/3, 2 years  
Richard Lance Stubblefield 10/14, 12 years  
Claire Victor Tusch 10/11, 33 years  
Theodore Vagias 10/14, 12 years  
Nestor Fabian Villanueva 10/15, 15 years

# The Washington Trowel in Detroit

By Bro. David G. Bella, Bro. N. Allen Hamilton, Jr., and Bro. Ammar Oumalek



One of the earliest distinguishing characteristics of our operative brethren in ancient Europe was their ability to travel. Our lodge has continued that tradition by recently completing a trip to the Detroit Masonic Temple to display

one of our most prized artifacts, the trowel George Washington used to lay the cornerstone of the United States Capitol. The trowel was used one hundred years ago in the original cornerstone dedication event and made its return to the largest Masonic building in the world on September 24, 2022.

The Detroit Masonic Temple Association broke ground on Thanksgiving Day 1920 and the cornerstone ceremony occurred on September 18, 1922. Masons began meeting in the twelve million cubic foot building in late 1926. The building is divided into three main parts: the ritual tower, large auditorium, and Shrine annex. Fifty masonic bodies were slated to meet in the building, including twenty six blue lodges that met in the two hundred and ten foot ritual tower. The building was designed to service the sixty-five thousand Detroit masons as well as provide venues for the public to enjoy.

Planning for this trip was several years in the making with correspondence beginning in 2019. Brother David Bella, Brother Allen Hamilton, and newest AW22 Master Mason, Brother Ammar Oumalek, were selected to safeguard the trowel on the trip. In addition, Brother Zavier Hobson, one of our newest Entered Apprentices initiated the Thursday before, tagged along to attend the festivities and reunite with his petition signers who are Michigan Masons.

The fully stocked car departed from Alexandria bright and early Friday morning in order to get a private afternoon tour of the famed Michigan landmark. After eight hours of catechism practice, debates, and pit stops, we were greeted by Worshipful Brother Rob Moore, Executive Director of the Detroit Masonic Temple Library Archive and Research Center. He quickly escorted us into the main entrance and began the tour by pointing out the many masonic elements incorporated into the detailed gothic artwork. We traveled upstairs to see several lodge rooms that contained the same aura of prestige as our beloved lodge room. The Virginia delegation was struck by the scale of the building and intrigued by the functional staircase behind the West as well as the trap doors located in the floors of the lodge rooms. The tour concluded on the famous Main Theatre stage, where countless famous acts have performed includ-



ing Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, and Aretha Franklin. We thanked Worshipful Moore for the wonderful tour and bid him farewell until Saturday.

When we walked out of the temple, we saw a familiar AW22 face, Brother Thomas Lynch, traveling through Michigan on his fifty-state bus tour. We brought Brother Lynch back with us to the excellent lodging that our hosts arranged for us and spent the night catching up.

We attended the cornerstone rededication ceremony on Saturday afternoon. This wonderful event was led by Most Worshipful Leonard Kelley Davis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan. The weather was great and the trowel felt right at home being on display next to the famous cornerstone it helped lay one hundred years ago.

Worshipful Brother Moore told us a local folk tale that our trowel was almost smashed in 1922 when the cornerstone was being lowered, but thanks to a quick thinking brother, the trowel was rescued at the last second. Not to worry, this time, the trowel remained in its display case the entire ceremony.

We then moved inside to the Fountain Ballroom where a beautiful, six hundred-person gala was set up. We positioned ourselves where the original fountain was located and got to work. We handed out Worshipful Dantev's pins, invites to our 2023 cornerstone ceremony, and flyers on Brother Tabbert's new book about Washington. We also answered countless questions, shook many hands, and made new friends. This was also the first time that we displayed our new eight-foot informational banner about the trowel, which received many reads and compliments. With dinner being served, we closed up the display and enjoyed a delicious meal with good friends.

The trip home was a little longer than the trip to Michigan, but we still managed to arrive back at our Memorial right before the staff closed up for the night. With the trowel safely stored in our archives, the team went home to recuperate from the hectic weekend. This being the second time we have traveled with the trowel this year, we are learning many best practices to care for our most important artifact while it is on the move. Everyone is encouraged to attend the next Archives Committee meeting in order to learn more about the trip and hear about what we learned.

We'd like to thank many people for making this trip happen, starting with the brothers of Michigan, the Detroit Masonic Temple staff, the Archives Committee, our Archivist and Assistant Archivist, and most especially the five AW22 brothers that were on the ground in Detroit. Thank you for allowing us to spread the light of George Washington the Mason.



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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
1988	William A. Jones	2006	Thomas G. Little
1991	Earl C. Million	2007	Robert G. Watkins, PDDGM
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