

Master's Message

Brethren—

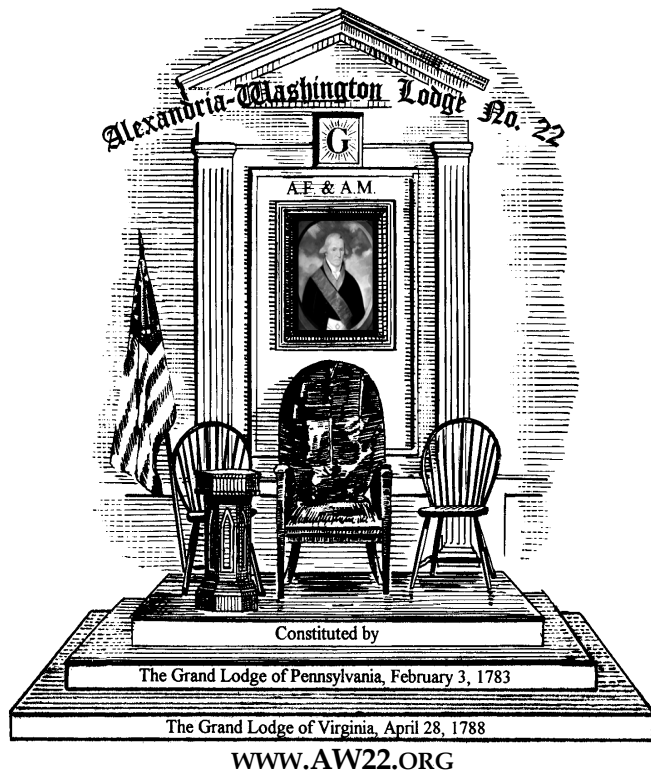
Hello Brethren! I hope this message finds you well, healthy, and settling into the holiday spirit. Halloween weekend was an amazing experience at home with my two little ones and it was a good reminder of the rest of the holidays coming our way.

There are a few important things that I want to make sure are on top of your mind. First of all, our Stated meeting moves up to the first Thursday of the month due to the Grand Annual Communication taking place during the second week of November. With that in mind, I look forward to seeing you at Lodge this Thursday, November 3rd. As usual, we will have dinner at 6:30 PM followed Lodge Meeting at 7:30 PM. We will be holding our traditional Warden's Night, so all the officers will step up a chair and our Senior Warden, Brother David Bella, will give us the presentation of the evening, which will be a glance into his plans for next year as well as the activities of the February celebrations. Please come out and join us on Thursday, if your cable tow allows, to support our officers as they step up as well as Brother Bella, as he steps up to lead the Lodge into 2023.

Grand Annual Communication takes place on Nov. 9th -12th and a lot of us brethren look forward to it. On Thursday Nov. 10th we will have our Lodge dinner at Texas de Brazil down in Richmond. It is something we have been doing for a number of years now and is a great chance to break bread with the Brethren and their families. Friday, the following night, we join the Brethren from the rest of our District as well as their families and go to a Japanese steak house. Another great chance to get together and spend some time not just with the members of our lodge, but brethren from the rest of the district as well. If you are able to attend and would like to join us, please email me or our secretary and let us know as soon as possible. We need to make sure we have enough lodging as well as RSVPs to the restaurants for everyone who would like to attend.

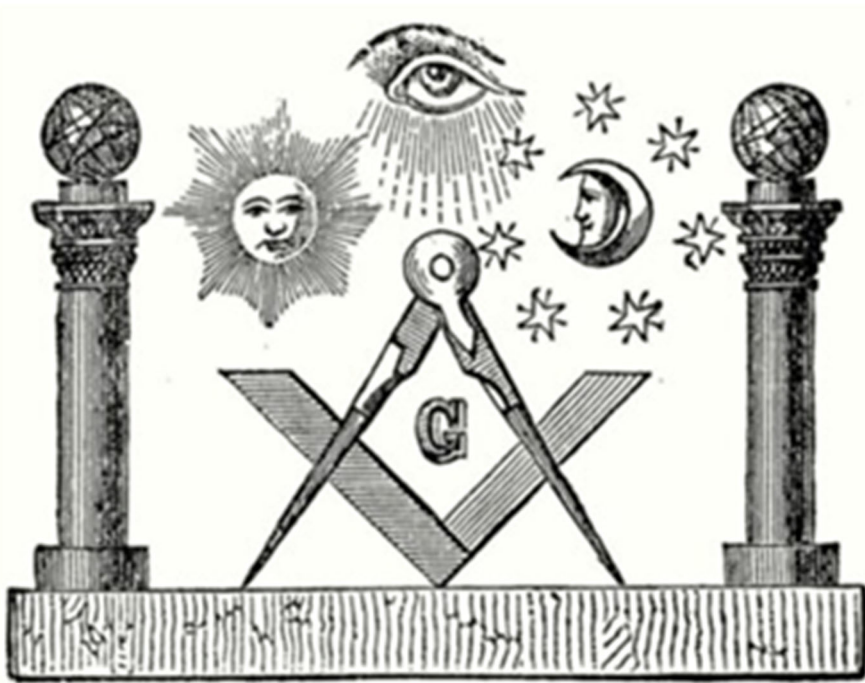
Just last week we held a called communication and passed three of our candidates to the second degree of Masonry, we also heard a Fellowcraft catechism return. Next thing on our agenda as far as ritual goes is a Master Mason degree. We don't have a date for it yet and I will update you as soon as we put it on the calendar. We are targeting later November or early December.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Denislav V. Dantev
Worshipful Master
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Lodge Bulletin

NOVEMBER 2022



Bill of Fare

NOVEMBER 3, 2022

**ORANGE BOURBON GLAZED
HONEY HAM**

**PEPPERCORN & BALSAMIC
FLANK STEAK**

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NOVEMBER 2022

November 3

6:30 p.m. Dinner, please RSVP at reservations@AW22.org

7:30 p.m. Stated Communication

WARDEN'S NIGHT

November 4

Annual Fraternal Visit to Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4

Celebrating the Initiation of

Illustrious Brother George Washington

and the final Official Visit of

Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr.

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Meeting

November 9-12

Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia

Hilton Hotel and Spa, Short Pump, Richmond

11/9-10 Committee on Work Degree Exemplifications

11/10 Lodge Dinner

11/11-12 Grand Annual Communication

11/11 District Dinner

November 17

6:30 p.m. Catechism School

7:30 p.m. Ritual School

November 19

10:00 a.m. Catechism School

Please watch email for additional events and activities.

Happy Thanksgiving

Happy Masonic Birthday

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Jonathan Morgan 60 years, 11/30
J. Douglas Glascock 57 years, 11/4
Granville Clayton Canard Jr. 54 years, 11/5
James Timothy Pratt III 50 years, 11/6
Graham Stroud 49 years, 11/1
Jackie Duane Wilson 47 years, 11/17
Daniel Paulson 46 years, 11/22
Richard Scott Blair 42 years, 11/26
Ronald Glenn Paterson 42 years, 11/10
Howard Michael Sobel 42 years, 11/10
Gordon Leonard Brady Jr. 39 years, 11/16
Robin Richardson 39 years, 11/3
Gregory Warren Kelly 37 years, 11/2
Earl Clark Million 37 years, 11/2
Garland Lee Isdell II 30 years, 11/17
Frank Rosser Dunaway III 29 years, 11/6
Michael Joseph Sutula 28 years, 11/17
Hans Scott Pawlisch 26 years, 11/9
Michael Joseph Mikolaitis 25 years, 11/26
Jesse Thomas McMahan V 22 years, 11/6
Christopher Michael McBride 19 years, 11/17
Kerry Douglas Kirk 18 years, 11/23
James Canby Landerkin 17 years, 11/9
Nathaniel Palenaka Ambler 15 years, 11/17
Daniel Elias Froggett 15 years, 11/17
Luis Robert Then 10 years, 11/20
Daniel Christopher Hamilton 3 years, 11/2
Troy Mario Seletos 3 years, 11/2
Jonathan Joseph Siudmak 3 years, 11/2
Phillip Adam Smartt 3 years, 11/2
Tyler Edison Vanice 3 years, 11/23
Lauri Jaakko Matti Ahola 2 years, 11/14
Trevor Thornton Garmey 2 years, 11/14
Ivan Kalchev Ivanov 2 years, 11/14
Morgan Taylor Makana Kesecker 2 years, 11/14
Abdullah Khodadad 2 years, 11/14
Paul Edward Konschak 2 years, 11/14
Jeffrey Scott Lehmkuhl 2 years, 11/14
Jason Samuel Reardon 2 years, 11/14
Cody Eugene Wright 2 years, 11/14
Christopher Ray Zaylah 2 years, 11/14
Mark Christopher Gabriel 1 year, 11/18

Warden's Night

By Bro. David G. Bella, Senior Warden

From an early age, George Washington recognized the importance of the American South and American West. He knew that they were new frontiers with unlimited possibilities.

At the age of sixteen, he was invited to survey the western Virginia lands owned by Thomas, Lord Fairfax. This first exposure sparked a lifelong intertwinement with the lands that lay to Washington's west. Washington's first fame came from his ill fated attempt to push the French out of the Ohio River Valley at the age of twenty-one. Upon his return, the detailed notes he took in his journal were published in several newspapers which made him a household name in the colonies as well as in political circles in England. At the time of his death, he owned over forty thousand acres in the outer western edges of European settler influence.

Washington also had significant experience with the American South. He was a southerner by birth. The only foreign country he visited was a journey south to Barbados in hopes of curing his brother's tuberculosis. Washington marched into southern Virginia to defeat the British at Yorktown in 1781. And in 1791 he visited the southern states as our first President, going as far south as Savannah before heading back to Philadelphia.

Wardens' Night is upon us: it is a time for the lodge to get to know their Wardens a little better. I am so honored and flattered to be asked by Worshipful Deni to sit in the East and I know that Brother Allen is equally honored and flattered to sit in the West at our wonderful lodge. In our conversations throughout the years, a dominant theme has always been our reverence for our dearest brother, George

Washington, and the legacy he has given to our lodge.

Brother Allen and I both have significant ties to the cardinal directions we represent. I was born in Washington state, our Western most lower forty-eight state. He was born in Alabama. We both hail from a state west of Virginia, growing up on opposite ends of Jackson County, Mississippi, which is one of the southernmost counties in the Deep South.

I would like to thank the Worshipful Master for allowing the officers to "move up" at Wardens' Night, and I'll speak for brother Allen and the other officers in saying that we are all looking forward to seeing you on the third.

Washington and the West

Washington Library—Center for Digital History from the MountVernon.org

Perhaps more than any other leader of the Revolutionary Era, George Washington was shaped by his experiences in western lands. Washington came away from his early ventures in the West with a conviction that the destiny of Virginia, and later of the United States itself, would be one of expansion. Washington was a youth when he began surveying in the Shenandoah Valley and was only twenty-one when he made a perilous journey across the Allegheny Mountains to command the French to withdraw from the Ohio region claimed by King George II. When Washington returned to Williamsburg with news of the French defiance, he brought back a vision of the almost inconceivably rich interior beyond the barrier of the mountains. That vision remained with him for the rest of his life as he invested in western lands and worked to politically and commercially link the west with the eastern seaboard.

When Washington's band of soldiers fired the shots that triggered the French and Indian War in 1754, they did so to enforce Britain's claim to the entire Ohio Valley. Enlisting men to fight in such a war was no easy matter. Accordingly, Governor Robert Dinwiddie issued his Proclamation of 1754, promising 200,000 acres to all who would join the Virginia forces in an expedition to capture control of the Ohio from the French.

Victory in the war, however, was followed closely by a royal proclamation forbidding settlement in the Native American territories west of the Alleghenies. George Washington described the Proclamation of 1763 as a temporary expedient to placate Native groups. By 1769 new treaties were negotiated with the Iroquois and Cherokee that opened the Ohio Valley to settlers once again. George Washington began his quest to settle the land promised by Dinwiddie fifteen years earlier.

Washington started his push westwards at the fall 1769 session of the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg by having the text of the Proclamation of 1754 read into the record as evidence. On November 29, the House passed the resolution calling on the Governor to make known all land grants applied for in the Ohio. A few days later Washington wrote directly to Virginia Governor Botetourt voicing his concern that given the amount of land already granted, little would remain for the veterans of 1754. Having thus prepared his case, on December 15 Washington presented a formal petition on behalf of the officers and men of his old command, requesting that the 200,000 acres be set aside in several specific areas along the Ohio River. The Governor was quick in granting the request.

George Washington had the responsibility of representing the entire group of veterans in surveying and claiming the land. As the plans developed the uncertainty of ever realizing a profit

from property so far removed from existing settlements led many eligible ex-soldiers to sell their rights in exchange for ready cash. Frequently it was Washington himself who was the purchaser, buying the rights to a little more than 5000 acres of land. This was in addition to the 15,000 acres that had been established as the bounty for field officers, giving George Washington a total of more than 20,000 acres to be located, surveyed, and registered in the Ohio Valley.

In October of 1770 Washington crossed into the Ohio country again, accompanied by his friend Dr. James Craik and a few guides and servants. The two veterans intended to survey their bounty land in the region where the Great Kanawha emptied into the Ohio River. Along the way Washington revisited the scenes of his battles against the French, recording his observations with the eye of a land speculator rather than an old soldier. It was not until late 1772 that the Governor gave final approval to Washington's application for four patents on the Ohio and Great Kanawha Rivers containing a total of 20,150 acres in what is now the state of West Virginia.

Added to the land that Washington already owned at Mount Vernon, near Fredericksburg, and in the Shenandoah Valley, the new patents brought George Washington's total land holdings to a substantial 32,855 acres. He continued to amass western land for the rest of his life. The schedule of property he appended to his will in the summer of 1799 listed over 50,000 acres, exclusive of the 8000 he also held at Mount Vernon.

Washington's hopes for great wealth from his western lands, however, were never realized. Nevertheless, Washington's recognition of the promise of the West would have a profound influence on his country, and predicted the rapid expansion of American borders westwards that would occur during the next century.

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