

“Alexandria Institution, Lodge of Washington, Excellence in Masonry”

Guiding Light

Sitting in the East at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 is an enormous responsibility. With this responsibility, I believe that it is incumbent upon the Worshipful Master to use his position to make a difference in our local community, our lodge, and the craft. With this in mind, I'd like to lay out my vision for where we are headed in this masonic year by explaining the mantra that you will hear repeated throughout the year, “Alexandria Institution, Lodge of Washington, Excellence in Masonry”.

Alexandria Institution

We have a duty to serve our community: it is in our name. Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 was the first lodge in Alexandria and we have been serving the Alexandria community since our founding in 1783. We will be placing an emphasis on volunteering our time and money in local charities, welcoming the men of Alexandria into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and ensuring that our community knows us as a positive force for good.

Lodge of Washington

We are the Lodge of Washington. We must embrace his legacy, learn from his life, and educate the world about it. We will place a special emphasis on his legacy by educating, exploring, and promoting his lasting impact on our community and craft.

Excellence in Masonry

There is no escaping the fact that the aforementioned lines of effort, when combined, sum to a Lodge that has a responsibility to be a leader in the masonic community. I have seen in the past several years that this lodge is becoming a truly unique organization: well run, financially solvent, strategically minded, energetic, and growing. I want to continue this success by pushing the lodge to reach its full potential. I believe that we should strive for excellence in everything we do.

Please turn the page over to see the checklist of goals for this year. Thank you for accompanying me on this journey. I am looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish together.

David G. Bella

Alexandria Institution

- Quarterly tours of AW22 and its archives that are open to the public
- Participate in ten charity events in the community
- Submit a report detailing how membership can be more accessible to the members of our community at the September stated

Lodge of Washington

- Double the AW22 Foundation endowment in the name of restoring and preserving the Williams Williams portrait
- Have our archivist give a small presentation on a piece of the archives before each stated
- Members taking tours of the GWMNM will be reimbursed
- Have the Master, Wardens and Deacons each give a presentation on George Washington in front of a masonic body
- Have three articles or papers published on Washington by members of AW22

Excellence in Masonry

- Win the Hillman Award
- Record a fraternal visit to every lodge in the district
- Create a new, robust membership program that focuses on educating, involving, and mentoring our members
- Spread the word of AW22 and the GWMNM by visiting three other masonic architectural wonders
- Have one member attain their silver or gold card, and have two lecturers for each degree
- Have the most new appendant body members initiated in our district
- Have a net gain in membership