



Lodge Bulletin

August 2024

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Master's Message

Dear Brethren,

I hope you all are enjoying your summer!

We look forward to a busy month but I first want to thank the Brethren of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120. A couple months ago, they offered to raise funds to frame the George Washington Bicentennial Banner then issued a friendly challenge to AW22 to raise the same amount for the Unites States Centennial AW Banner. At the end of July the Brethren of AJ120 won that challenge. Please join me in extending them our deep gratitude and I look forward to thanking them in-person at their Stated Communication on August 15th. We still have a way to go before AW22 raises enough to frame the Centennial Banner, so please contribute today.

Two weeks ago, we announced our back-to-school drive benefiting Alexandria City Public Schools by purchasing backpacks filled with supplies. If you can, I hope that you will help these kids start their school year off on a positive note. If you have any questions, please reach out to Bro. Ozzy Marvin.

Lastly, on August 22nd we will initiate another candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry, I hope you will make your best effort to attend and support him as he begins his masonic journey.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Nelo Allen Hamilton, Jr
Worshipful Master
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August 2024

August 8

6:30 PM | Fellowship Dinner
7:30 PM | Stated Communication
GWMNM

August 9 - 11

Reid J. Simmons Academy
Roanoke, VA

August 12

5:30 PM | Courtesy Funeral
Bro. Richard Allen Hockenberry
GWMNM

August 15

6:30 PM | Fraternal Visit
Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120

August 17

10:30 AM | Friends and Family Wine Tour
Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120

August 18

2:00 PM | AW22 Foundation Event
Lecture and Book Signing
Brother Lafayette by Bro. Chris Ruli
GWMNM

August 22

7:00 PM | Entered Apprentice Degree
GWMNM

- Catechism Schools are every Thursday night at 6:30 PM and Saturday morning at 10:00 AM unless otherwise noted. Ritual Schools are every Thursday night at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted. All masons are welcome.
- To follow the Master's personal Masonic schedule. Please view the Master@AW22.org shared Google Calendar.

The Square and Compasses

By Bro. Robert Swanson, Lodge Education Officer, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

The Square is an interesting tool, not only is it the Jewel of the Master of the Lodge, but it is an important implement. The Square is a symbol of Morality and honesty. It forms a 90-Degree angle which is also known as a right angle. It is called right angle because this is the angle needed for a stone to be used in building an upright and stable wall. The right angle is also commonly referred to as the 4th part of a circle. The circle is symbolic of deity, as it represents perfect proportions and accuracy, the only perfect being is the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

The Square has been seen as representing the earth. As Wilmshurst suggests the quadrangular portion of the lamb skin is also representative of the Physical world, so too is the Square.

From reading Albert Pike's *Esoterika* I gained the following understanding: the Square represents humanity, flesh, earth, the physical world. This is also why in the Entered Apprentice Degree both points of the Compasses are hidden from us, or rather hidden by the physical fleshly world, symbolized by having both points of the compasses hidden underneath the Square. It is only after we learn to subdue our passions as an Entered Apprentice that one of the points of the Compass is revealed from under the square. Thus, indicating that we have begun the processes of removing from our minds the impediments in life, and graft onto it useful Knowledge instead. Understanding it thus, it makes sense that when we enter Freemasonry the celestial/spiritual side of Masonry is yet hidden by the world. We have to work using the Gavel to break off the parts of our mind that impede us. This is not an overnight process, and can take many years, which is where the lesson of the 24-inch Gauge comes into play. We must divide our time and our pursuits. It is a marathon, not a sprint, and racing headlong into the unknown, without the proper time and training can be perilous.

The Compasses represent the heavens, and so the compasses circumscribe our physical passions & desires with the morality of the heavens. Further as we attain the Master Mason Degree both points of the Compasses are laid bare, an indication that our Minds are now suitably reformed for the pursuit of the more Spiritual aspects of building our personal Temple of the mind, symbolized by having both points of the compass now laid over the Square.

Of interesting note, if the square is the fourth part of a circle, and a circle is drawn by a Square only, then it indicates also that we ourselves are part of a greater whole, and only by divesting our minds in the pursuit of Light, can we hope to rejoin the Heavens above, thereby fitting our right angle, into puzzle that is deity.



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

When: August Stated Communication on Thursday, August 8th.

Goal: 12+ backpacks full of supplies

Instructions: Find the shopping list using the QR code below. Please select a grade (or grades) and fill the backpack with the supplies listed for that grade. Please use a temporary label (i.e., post-it note or sticker) on the backpack to indicate the grade you selected. If you are unable to fill a backpack, they do provide a list of needed supplies from which you can choose.

Point of Contact:

Bro. Ozzy Marvin
Lodge Community Service Coordinator
818.648.9001
marvisrad@gmail.com

Pledge: So we can track our goal, please let Bro. Ozzy know how many backpacks or what supplies you are donating.

Supplies List:



MOUNT VERNON CORNERSTONE DEDICATION

Alexandria, VA

October 14, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM



Alexandria - Washington Lodge No. 22
A.F.&A.M.



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Happy Masonic Birthday



- Bro. Larry Askins, Aug 4, 6 years**
Wor. Frederick Baerenz, Aug 25, 41 years
Bro. Craig Bogle, Aug 25, 6 years
Bro. Olivier Chantry, Aug 4, 6 years
Bro. Alexander Cumana, Aug 4, 6 years
Bro. Derek Erkkila, Aug 4, 6 years
Wor. Daniel Fink, Aug 27, 13 years
Wor. Terry Gigure, Aug 29, 30 years
Wor. Marin Goranov, Aug 28, 3 years
Bro. Scott Humphrey, Aug 25, 64 years
Bro. Aaron Irvin, Aug 4, 6 years
Bro. Robert Leyshion, Aug 27, 19 years
Bro. Thomas Lynch, Aug 6, 2 year
Bro. Dimitar Mavrov, Aug 27, 19 years
Bro. Allen Mayfield, Aug 25, 6 years
Wor. John Olson, Aug 8, 19 years
Bro. Ralph Olson, Aug 8, 19 years
Bro. Ammar Oumalek, Aug 28, 2 year
Bro. James Owens, Aug 19, 28 years
Bro. Simeon Petkov, Aug 27, 10 years
Bro. Donald Reynolds, Aug 29, 28 years
Bro. Robert Swanson, Aug 26, 3 years
Bro. Jason Windsor, Aug 11, 13 years



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Wor. David G. Bella, PM - 2028

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1976 - James B. Stone

1991 - Earl C. Million

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1996,18 - Mark W. Underwood, PDDGM

1997 - Walter L. Margeson, II

1998 - Philip J. Hays

1999,17 - Michael P. Bible, PDDGM

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2001 - Brent N. Campbell

2002 - Daniel M. Clark, PDDGM

2003 - James M. Stevenson

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2005 - Jesse T. McMahan, V

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2012 - Michael L. Bailey

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2014 - Robert T. Weston

2016 - Stephen J. Pezzetti

2019 - Nikola N. Nikolov

2020 - Daniel E. Froggett

2021 - Michael T. Huff

2022 - Denislav V. Dantev

2023 - David G. Bella