



# Lodge Bulletin

September 2024

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# Master's Message

Dear Brethren,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. As we transition into fall, I wanted to take a moment to remind you about the upcoming Mount Vernon Cornerstone Ceremony. The planning committee has been working tirelessly to ensure that this event is a memorable one, and I encourage you to secure your tickets soon.

As we look forward to the next few months, I urge you to continue to be active and engaged in our Lodge. There are numerous opportunities for you to participate, grow, and contribute to our Fraternity. Whether it's joining our ritual and catechism school, volunteering for one of our charitable initiatives, or simply connecting with fellow members, your involvement makes a significant difference.

On September 20th at 6:00 PM, we will have another Lodge Meet Up at Union Street Public House in Old Town Alexandria. Please consider attending as this is open to candidates, prospects and Master Masons. If you know someone looking for signers or who is interested in Freemasonry, please extend them an invitation. No RSVP required.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the incredible work that each of you have done so far this year. Your dedication, passion, and commitment have been instrumental in the successes of this year!

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Nelo Allen Hamilton, Jr  
*Worshipful Master*  
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# September 2024

*September 8*

7:00 PM | Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT)  
Virtual via Zoom

*September 9*

7:00 PM | Esoteric Corner

Program by Bro Adam Goldman

*Astronomical & Astrological Origins of the Laudable Fraternity of the Most Honorable  
Order of the Rosy Cross*  
Virtual via Google Meet

*September 12*

6:30 PM | Fellowship Dinner

7:30 PM | Stated Communication

Open Program by Wor. Mike Taldo on Santa Anna  
GWMNM

*September 20*

6:00 PM | Lodge Meet Up

Union Street Public House

Old Town Alexandria

*September 29*

3:00 PM | Q3 AW22 Board of Trustees Meeting

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.

# Arts, Parts, and Points

*By Bro. Aaron Habibipour, Member, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22*

Brothers, when taking our obligations, we swear to “always hele, and forever conceal” the “arts, parts, and points” of Freemasonry. Have you ever wondered what this refers to? What this term really means? What did we really swear to? In my research I found a few interpretations, and some really thin definitions, so I am attempting to flesh them out here.

“Arts” represent the skills that we develop in interpreting the mysteries of Freemasonry. Through the knowledge that is imparted in each degree, we are learning to shape ourselves by the moral and philosophical foundation of the Craft. Whether it’s the square and compass, the trowel, the anchor, or the signs, tokens and passwords, they all have layers of meaning that each Brother must learn to decipher and internalize in order to truly understand them.

“Parts” refers to the structure and organization of Freemasonry. It includes the degrees and the rituals that accompany them, and the officers and their relationship to one another. Each degree has specific roles, actions, and words that are to be performed at particular times, sometimes to particular rhythm. They are deeply meaningful and have been designed to ensure that each Mason can, should they apply themselves in the art, find the knowledge meant to be conveyed in them.

“Points” are the rules and principles that all Masons are expected to live by, both within the lodge and in the world at large. They include concepts like the cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, justice, and prudence, which are cornerstones of Masonic philosophy, or the metaphors of our working tools. For some of us, they are deep concepts with layers of esoteric meaning that stretch back to the philosophy of antiquity; but for all of us they should be practical guides for daily living, helping navigate the complexities of life with integrity and honor. When in doubt, my Brothers, each of us can ask ourselves if we are truly living up to any of our specific obligations in a very clear way.

“Points” also includes the rules of etiquette between Masons, as well as between Masons and the “profane.” They define who can be a Mason, how Masons should treat one another, and the expectations for behavior both within and outside the lodge.

# Arts, Parts, and Points

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So, when we speak of "the Craft," we are referring to the entire body of Masonic knowledge – the arts, parts, and points – put into action. It is a living tradition that each Mason contributes to and is shaped by. And though the Craft has evolved, its core principles remain largely unchanged.

The modern understanding of these terms comes from Anderson's Constitutions, but they were based on even older documents - the Gothic Constitutions, which encompasses roughly 100 known manuscripts that date back to the 12th and 13th centuries!

These ancient manuscripts laid out the Articles and Points that governed the craft, as well as a legend of the origins of Freemasonry. The Articles defined the laws for Master Masons and the lodge, while the Points outlined the expected behavior of craftsmen and apprentices. These documents were not just rules; they were ethical and somewhat philosophical guidelines that shaped the moral character of Masons and ensured the integrity of the Craft.

Brothers -the arts, parts, and points that our obligation compels us to keep inviolate and secret are the very heart of the craft, and its important to understand the history of these moral and philosophical standards that we are charged with in the perfection of our ashlar - as they are the compelling voices that come to us through the centuries, from our operative ancestors and time immemorial.



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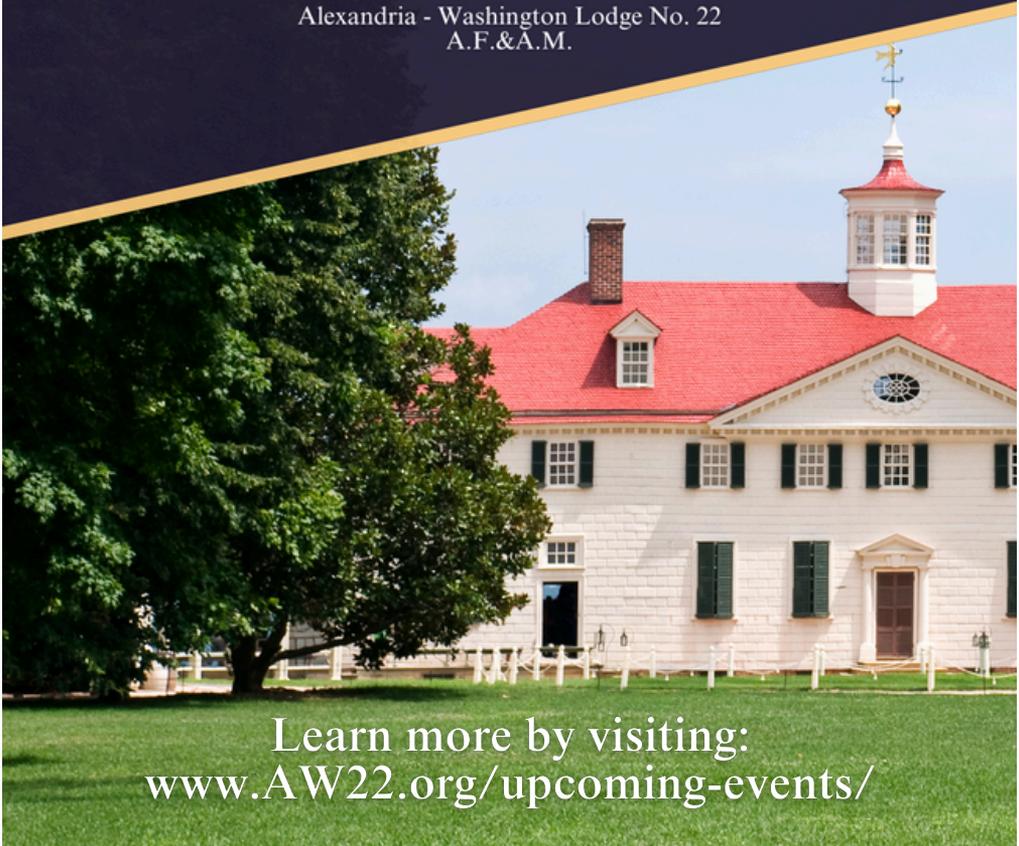
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October 14, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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Alexandria - Washington Lodge No. 22  
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# Happy Masonic Birthday



**Bro. Jeffrey Worth Corbin Conn, September 27, 12 years**  
**Bro. Matthew James Downey, September 13, 17 years**  
**Mt. Wor. Richard John Elman, September 15, 36 years**  
**Bro. Michael Lawrence Engle, September 13, 42 years**  
**Bro. Robert Frank Feldman, September 11, 35 years**  
**Bro. James Henry Ferguson, September 27, 14 years**  
**Wor. John Joseph Grace, September 12, 10 years**  
**Bro. Nana Gyesie, September 22, 8 years**  
**Bro. Ronald Kenneth Henry, September 12, 30 years**  
**Bro. Bryan William Hudson, September 15, 6 years**  
**Bro. Jonathan Russell Lynch, September 6, 6 years**  
**Bro. James Earl Mohny, September 22, 6 years**  
**Bro. Dimosthenis Vasilios Pashos, September 6, 6 years**  
**Bro. James Leighton Polley, September 15, 55 years**  
**Bro. Michael Lee Stevenson, September 24, 16 years**  
**Bro. Charles Samuel Wimberly, September 12, 64 years**

## Upcoming Esoterika Class



What is the meaning of the Square and Compasses? What is the significance of the Ruffians and their weapons? What is the meaning of the substitute word? Brother Albert Pike uncovered the answers to these and other meanings of our blue lodge symbols in his work “Esoterika.” Brother Ron Craft will lead a virtual study group using the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman course material. The virtual group begins on Sunday, September 22nd and will run approximately every two weeks until the 7 sections are completed. Brethren do not have to be Scottish Rite Masons to take this course, as it deals with Blue Lodge Symbols. It is encouraged that you sign up for the online course at [mastercraftsmancollege.org/](https://mastercraftsmancollege.org/) which costs \$15. If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason, you can create a free account here: <https://sms.scottishrite.org/SRMCFFREE>. (Make sure you sign up for Symbolic Lodge Course)The group will go over the chapters and symbols discussed in the material. You will need to purchase Albert Pike’s Esoterika through the Scottish Rite Bookstore. To sign up for the study group contact Brother Craft at [education@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:education@alexandriascottishrite.org).

# 2024 Lodge Officers

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Wor. Nelo Allen Hamilton, Jr - Worshipful Master

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Bro. Phillip Adam Smartt - Senior Warden

Bro. Jonathan Joseph Siudmak - Junior Warden

Wor. Michael Lee Bailey, PM - Treasurer

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Bro. Thomas Harrison Lynch - Junior Steward

Bro. James Henry Ferguson - Marshal

Bro. Naaren Juloori - Musician

Wor. Pablo Alejandro Rocha, PM - Tiler

## Board of Trustees

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Bro. Jeffery W. C. Conn (Chair) - 2024

Wor. James Berkley Stone, PM - 2025

Wor. Jesse T. McMahan, V, PM - 2026

Wor. Nikola N. Nikolov, PM - 2027

Wor. David G. Bella, PM - 2028

## Living Past Masters on the Rolls

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1976 - James B. Stone

1991 - Earl C. Million

1992 - Granville C. Canard, Jr. PDDGM

1995 - George D. Seghers, PDDGM

1996,18 - Mark W. Underwood, PDDGM

1997 - Walter L. Margeson, II

1998 - Philip J. Hays

1999,17 - Michael P. Bible, PDDGM

2000 - Terry L. Gigure

2001 - Brent N. Campbell

2002 - Daniel M. Clark, PDDGM

2003 - James M. Stevenson

2004 - Frank Skwirut

2005 - Jesse T. McMahan, V

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2009 - Heber C. Willis, III

2011 - John P. Olson

2012 - Michael L. Bailey

2013 - Joshua D. Adler

2014 - Robert T. Weston

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2019 - Nikola N. Nikolov

2020 - Daniel E. Froggett

2021 - Michael T. Huff

2022 - Denislav V. Dantev

2023 - David G. Bella