



Lodge Bulletin

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Master's Message

Dear Brethren,

As we start to close out this Masonic year, I am filled with optimism and excitement for the future of our Lodge. The past year has been marked by significant accomplishments, and I am grateful for the dedication and hard work of every member. You are incredible men and dedicated Masons; I am so grateful to have you in my life.

Looking ahead, we have the opportunity to continue to build upon our successes and create an even brighter future for our lodge. Warden's Night is a special occasion to recognize the contributions of our officers and to inspire them to continue their exemplary work. I encourage all members to attend and show their support and hear as the Senior Warden shares his thoughts for 2025.

Together, let us commit ourselves to fostering a strong and vibrant lodge community. By embracing the timeless principles of Freemasonry and living up to our obligations, we can make an increasingly positive impact on our community and the world.

May this year be one of growth, fellowship, and service.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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November 4

6:30 PM | Fraternal Visit
Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
Fredericksburg, Virginia

November 7-9

Grand Annual Communication
Richmond, Virginia

November 14

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

November 17

3:00 PM | Archives Committee Meeting
GWMNM

November 16

10:00 AM | Called Communication
EA Catechism Return

**We will practice the EA Degree following the called communication*
GWMNM

November 21

7:00 PM | Called Communication
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 Two Pillars

By Bro. Rob Swansons, Lodge Education Officer, Alexandria - Washington Lodge No. 22

The candidate, after taking their FC obligation, is escorted to the porch of King Solomon's Temple. Before the entrance stands Two Brazen Pillars known as Jachin and Boaz. They provide an essential piece of symbolism that the candidate is introduced to before they can proceed. A reminder that before proceeding further they must have made suitable proficiency in the preceding Degree.

Allen E Roberts provides a description of the Pillars and their symbolism thus "Boaz, the right-hand pillar, can also symbolize power, Jachin, choice or control. In the process of becoming a FellowCraft, you passed between these pillars of your own free will. This signified that you are no longer a youth, but a man. You now have the essentials for success, achievement, and happiness. If you pass these pillars with understanding, if you realize that power without control is dangerous, you have learned the lesson taught by the symbolism of the pillars. You are ready to begin your journey up the winding stairs to the Middle Chamber." [i]

It holds true that before knowledge has been obtained by oneself, it is inadvisable to go further down the initiates path. It is there at the threshold of the next step in the Craft to remind the Apprentice that before proceeding further they should ensure they have learned all the lessons inculcated in the 1st Degree. It is there not as a warning, but a reminder, establish a firm base, begin hewing the Rough Ashlar that is your mind, and divest yourself of enough superfluties that the lessons found in the Fellowcraft Degree will make sense, and only then can you build upon your foundational knowledge.

"the newly-obligated Fellow Craft is conducted to a site representing the porch of King Solomon's Temple. Thereupon, the first objects to

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which his attention is drawn are the Brazen Pillars, Jachin and Boaz, which are said to be representations of those that stood on the porch, flanking the entrance to the Temple.” [ii]

The Pillars hold a symbiotic relationship with each other and with the candidate. Strength without control is chaos, and Control without strength is meaningless and tyrannical. As you approach King Solomons Temple attempting the ascent to the Middle Chamber you are reminded that in all things there is balance. As a Fellowcraft you must learn to achieve this balance, or all progress will be halted. As a Fellowcraft you have mastered the implements of an Apprentice. Now comes the arguably harder lesson found in all of Masonry, the lessons of the 2nd Degree. In days long past a student had to learn rhetoric, grammar, history etc. via rote memorization, there was no scantron multiple choice, nor could they be an automaton either, reciting without understanding was not allowed. After they have proven proficiency in memorization, they were required to defend and explain what it was they had expounded. So too must the candidate learn all that is found in the Fellowcraft Degree. If they fail to do so, the mysteries of the 3rd shall elude them.

[i] The Craft and its Symbols, Allen E Roberts, page 45, and 46

[ii] Jamie Paul Lamb Approaching the Middle Chamber page 50



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October 14, 2024

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Bro. Lauri Ahola, November 1, 4 years
Bro. Nathaniel Ambler, November 14, 17 years
Bro. Richard Blair, November 10, 68 years
Bro. Gordon Brady Jr., November 7, 41 years
Rt. Wor. Granville Canard Jr., November 22, 56 years
Wor. Frank Dunaway III, November 28, 31 years
Bro. Mark Gabriel, November 31, 3 years
Bro. Trevor Garmey, November 1, 4 years
Bro. Daniel Hamilton, November 2, 5 years
Bro. Garland Isdell II, November 29, 32 years
Bro. Ivan Ivanov, November 1, 4 years
Bro. Gregory Kelly, November 5, 39 years
Bro. Morgan Kesecker, November 1, 4 years
Bro. Abdullah Khodadad, November 1, 4 years
Wor. Kerry Kirk, November 17, 20 years
Bro. Paul Konschak, November 1, 4 years
Wor. James Landerkin, November 16, 19 years
Bro. Jeffrey Lehmkuhl, November 1, 4 years
Bro. Christopher McBride, November 18, 21 years
Wor. Jesse McMahan V, November 21, 24 years
Bro. Michael Mikolaitis, November 24, 27 years
Wor. Earl Million, November 5, 39 years
Wor. David Morgan, November 28, 62 years
Bro. Ronald Paterson, November 10, 44 years
Bro. Daniel Paulson, November 14, 48 years
Bro. Hans Pawlisch, November 25, 28 years
Bro. James Pratt III, November 18, 52 years
Bro. Jason Reardon, November 1, 4 years
Bro. Robin Richardson, November 7, 41 years
Bro. Troy Seletos, November 2, 5 years
Bro. Jonathan Siudmak, November 2, 5 years
Bro. Phillip Smartt, November 2, 5 years
Rt. Wor. Howard Sobel, November 10, 44 years
Bro. Graham Stroud, November 17, 51 years
Bro. Michael Sutilla, November 27, 30 years
Bro. Luis Then, November 9, 12 years
Bro. Tyler Vanice, November 2, 5 years
Bro. Jackie Wilson, November 15, 49 years
Bro. Cody Wright, November 1, 4 years
Bro. Christopher Zaylah, November 1, 4 years



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