



# Lodge Bulletin

January 2025



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# Master's Message

Brethren,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the holiday season in the company of friends and loved ones. With the dawn of the new year, it's time to resume our labors as the keepers of light and servant leaders in our homes, careers and communities. It is with confident anticipation that I look forward to what the next 12 months will bring to each of you individually and our lodge as a whole.

I've rarely been one to make a formal new year's resolution in the traditional sense, but rather use the occasion to look back on what I want to carry forward into the coming year, and which chips from the ashlar I will leave on the quarry floor. As we cross the threshold into a new year, I encourage you to embrace what made 2024 great, whether it was a new hobby, habit or life skill, and carry it with you. Similarly, aim to unburden yourself of a vice or superfluity as you embark upon the tides of a fresh slate of days. Masonry gives us the tools, we must only remember to use them.

I hope to see you at our first stated communication of the year on Thursday, January 9. Your stewards have arranged for a delicious barbecue feast to fuel and fortify us against the cold, so don't forget to send your RSVP to [reservations@aw22.org](mailto:reservations@aw22.org) and join us for a great meal before the meeting. Remember that we will have the ALIVE! food collection bin, so if you can spare an item of nonperishable food, please consider helping our neighbors in need.

Thank you for the trust and support you have placed in your 2025 officers, and for everything our brethren will be able to accomplish together for the benefit of Masonry in general and our lodge in particular. I will see you at lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Phillip Adam Smartt  
Worshipful Master  
[Master@AW22.org](mailto:Master@AW22.org)





# January 2025

*January 9*

**6:30 PM | Fellowship Dinner**

**7:30 PM | Stated Communication**

**GWMNM**

*January 11*

**Wreaths Out**

**7:15 AM | Depart GWMNM for ANC**

**Arlington National Cemetery**

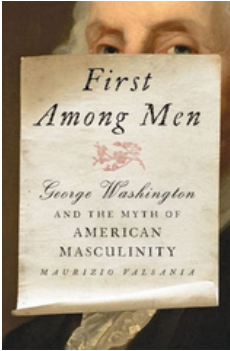
- Catechism Schools are every Thursday night at 6:30 PM and Saturday morning at 10:00 AM unless otherwise noted. Ritual Schools are every Thursday night (except on Stated Communication night) at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted. All Masons are welcome.
- To follow the Master's personal Masonic schedule.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

# Ex Libris

## **First Among Men: George Washington and the Myth of American Masculinity**

Maurizio Valsania

*2023 George Washington Prize Winner*



When you think of George Washington, what traits and images most often come to mind? For many he evokes an almost superhuman persona of a conquering hero crossing the icy waters of the Delaware River, a pious and courageous leader who was stoic and unflinching during the trials of Valley Forge, a pioneering chief executive who crafted an enduring republic from the ruins of empire.

Washington was certainly all of these things, but what is more often overlooked by those viewing him through a modern lens is the character of an upper class gentleman striving towards the behaviors and ideals prized by high society in the late-eighteenth century. Valsania explores the many facets of a complex man - one who was capable of visiting great violence on the field of battle, but was also equally adept at moving with poise and elegance in social circles, able and willing to admit vulnerability and express emotions, and both capable and comfortable speaking with sweet affection of and to those for whom he cared greatly.

The author notes that many well intentioned biographers have sought to lionize great men in history by highlighting - sometimes embellishing - traits and actions that fit their own contemporary ideals of leadership and masculinity, rather than those that molded the protagonist in their time. As Washington died on the eve of the nineteenth century, even the earliest biographies were colored by

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the evolving ideals of an era in which the great subject of their works never lived.

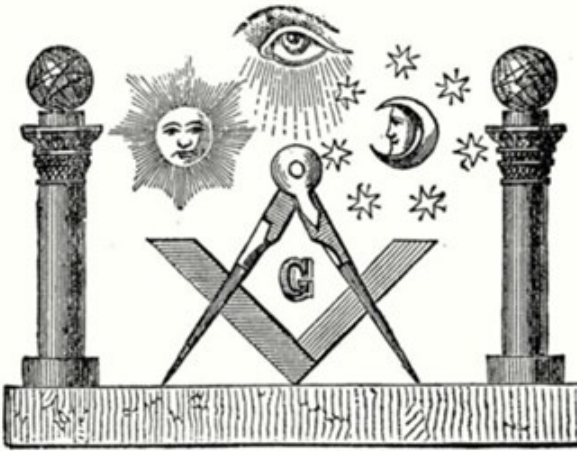
First Among Men does not detract from the many great feats in the Washington mythos. Rather, through the exploration of new research, historical documents and artifacts, it reveals George Washington the man and adds new detail to his rich and complex character. Much like the William Williams portrait that hangs in our Replica Lodge Room, it is a depiction that would be familiar to the men and women Washington encountered throughout his impressive and storied life.

*Review by Wor. Adam Smartt*



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# Bill of Fare

January 9

## Salad

Traditional, Cucumber, Potato Salad Options

## Entrée

Barbecue: Chicken and Brisket

## Sides

Sweet Corn  
Fiery Mac and Cheese  
Baked Beans  
Fresh Rolls

## Dessert

Bread Pudding  
Cookies

*Suggested Donation: \$10*

Please RSVP to [reservations@AW22.org](mailto:reservations@AW22.org)

# Happy Masonic Birthday



Bro. Billy Gene Blazer, January 6, 59 Years

Wor. James Berkley Stone, January 30, 58 Years

Bro. Jonathan Solomon Ruskin, January 1, 51 Years

RW Michael Jean King, January 30, 48 Years

RW Daniel Martin Clark, January 18, 45 Years

RW Gregory H. Schwarz, January 23, 41 Years

Bro. John Stephen Ryan, January 15, 39 Years

Bro. Mete Yilmaz, January 27, 33 Years

Wor. James McHenry Stevenson, January 12, 27 Years

Bro. John Arthur Bridegroom, January 13, 21 Years

Bro. Dimitar Plamenov Petrov, January 16, 15 Years

Bro. Matthew Dean Russell, January 16, 15 Years

Bro. Michael Sivy, January 21, 15 Years

Wor. Michael Thomas Huff, January 24, 13 Years

Bro. Matthew Charles Ziegler, January 24, 13 Years

Bro. Konstantin Victorovich Boyko, January 4, 7 Years

Bro. Bernard Paul Kozosky, January 9, 7 Years



## 2025 Lodge Officers

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Wor. Phillip Adam Smartt - Worshipful Master

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Bro. Jonathan Joseph Siudmak - Senior Warden

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Wor. Pablo Alejandro Rocha, PM - Tiler

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