

# Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

## December 1975

### From The East

My Brethren:

At our first Stated Communication this month, on the 11th, our Chaplain, Wor. Brother Earle William Griffith will present a program dedicated to the memory of our departed brethren. I encourage everyone to attend this meeting to reflect upon the wonderful friendships and associations we have all enjoyed as members of this historic Lodge.

Our 2nd Stated meeting this month will be held on the third Thursday due to the confliction of Christmas Day being on our usual Stated meeting night. Annual reports will be the business of the evening at this meeting, with closing as early as possible, so that we may all attend the Installation of Officers in Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120.

Sunday, December 14th is the 176th anniversary of the death of our Illustrious Charter Master, Worshipful Brother George Washington. We will have our annual wreath laying ceremony on that day at Mt. Vernon with Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 and Washington Lodge No. 21 of New York City also placing wreaths in the tomb. We will assemble our cars at the main gate to the Estate at 8:45 AM and drive down to the tomb in procession. After the ceremony we will have a coffee hour together at the Mt. Vernon Inn to warm up and enjoy fellowship together on this occasion.

On Saturday, December 27th, we will hold our Annual Meeting for the Election and Installation of the Officers to serve the Lodge for the coming year. Your attendance at this meeting will be deeply appreciated by all of the Officers of the Lodge.

District School this month will be held at Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349 on Tuesday, December 2nd. Lodge Ceremonies will be exemplified at the school.

As this is my last message to the membership as Master of this fine Lodge, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who have assisted in the operation of the Lodge this year by serving on committees, serving as Officers, presenting the programs for the information and enjoyment of the brethren and to all the members for supporting the Lodge by your regular attendance at our meetings. A special "Thank You" is extended to:

Bill Brown for looking after the "Replica Lodge Room"  
 Charlie Cornell for being the best Secretary a Lodge could ever have,  
 Skip Callahan for the informative educational programs,  
 Harold Cumbee for his care and research of the Archives of the Lodge,  
 Jim Freeman & Bob Booterbaugh for the excellent refreshments after Lodge,  
 Ed Gondella & Bob Swiger for their excellent Ritual Instruction,  
 Earle Griffith for his sincere Devotional Leadership,  
 Odie Howell for his work as Chairman of the Trustees of the Lodge,  
 Jack Helms not only for being my Tiler, but my traveling companion,  
 Angus Lamond for his leadership as Chapter Dad,  
 Dennis McCraney for arranging the degree teams and Lecturers,  
 Lloyd Onion for his work as Representative to the Memorial Association,  
 Danny Perrucci for his continued help at our picnic each year,  
 Maynard Robey for his help with Lodge Funeral Services and keeping my morale up,  
 Godfrey Runaldue for his management of our Souvenir Stand & Bank Accounts,  
 Kemp Rush for keeping track of and assisting our Lodge widows,  
 Wes Robinson for handling the printing for the Lodge Activities,  
 Leo Sentiger for making our Candidates feel welcome to our Lodge,  
 Jim Stone & John Ranck for their assistance in conducting our meetings,  
 Jason Snyder for his diligence in seeing that the Candidates are coached,  
 Hugh Smith for coordinating the Rosters of the Lodge Membership,  
 Dean Thomas for the wonderful organ music provided this year,  
 Wardell Thomas for visiting and reporting on our sick Brethren,  
 The Wives & Families of all the members for sharing their loved ones with us.

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Donald M. Robey**  
 Worshipful Master

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#### December 1975 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Mon 12/01/1975	7:00 pm	<b>CALLED COMMUNICATION:</b> Fellowcraft Exam and Master Mason Degrees
Thu 12/11/1975	7:30 pm	<b>STATED COMMUNICATION:</b> Memorial Service and Birthdays
Sun 12/14/1975	9:00 am	<b>Wreath Laying at Mount Vernon</b>
Mon 12/15/1975	7:00 pm	<b>LODGE SCHOOL:</b> Practice Installation of Officers
Thu 12/18/1975	7:30 pm	<b>STATED COMMUNICATION:</b> Annual Reports
Thu 12/25/1975		DARK --- MERRY CHRISTMAS
Thu 12/27/1975	7:30 pm	<b>STATED COMMUNICATION:</b> Election and Installation of Officers

#### Other Activities In Our District This Month

Day	Time	Activity
Tue 12/02/1975	7:30 pm	District School of Instruction at Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349 on Lodge Ceremonies

#### INSTALLATION DATES

Day	Time	Installing Lodge
Mon 12/08/1975	7:30 pm	Occoquan Lodge No. 310
Sat 12/13/1975	7:30 pm	Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 219
Sat 12/13/1975	7:30 pm	Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54
Thu 12/18/1975	7:30 pm	Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
Thu 12/18/1975	8:00 pm	Macon Ware Lodge No. 192 (Open)
Fri 12/19/1975	7:30 pm	John Blair Lodge No. 187 (Open)
Sat 12/20/1975	8:00 pm	Kemper Lodge No. 64 (Open)
Sat 12/20/1975	7:30 pm	Springfield Lodge No. 217 (Open at S. R. Temple)
Mon 12/22/1975	7:30 pm	John A. LeJeune Lodge No. 350
Tue 12/23/1975	7:30 pm	Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349
Fri 12/26/1975	7:30 pm	Archer Bailey Gay Lodge No. 275 (Open)
Sat 12/27/1975	7:30 pm	Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

YOUTH MEETINGS AT GWMNM - Alexandria-Washington Chapter, Order of DeMolay; Robert Lamons, Master Councillor; Brother Angus S. Lamond, Jr. Chapter Dad. Meets in North Room 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 7:30 P.M. All Master Masons Are Invited to Attend.

**Remember the "Masonic Home of Virginia" this Christmas Season**

#### LODGE HISTORY 50 YEARS AGO

December 10, 1925 - A letter with two checks, one for \$1394.23 and one for \$40.40 from Mr. Frank Jerrehian one of the executors under the will of our late brother Marderess S. Gooloyan, a Past Master of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 646 of Philadelphia with the stipulation "to invest the same to use the income arising therefrom for visitations from Alexandria, Va. to Philadelphia, Penn., the same to be called, The M.S. Gooloyan Trust Fund".

December 26, 1925 - The Lodge attended the Masonic Funeral Services for Rt. Wor. William Morgan Smith, P.M. of this Lodge held at Berryville, Va. The remains were then taken to Stonewall Jackson Cemetery in Winchester and interred with Masonic honors. Bro. Smith was the oldest living Past Master of this Lodge at the time of his death.

December 28, 1925 - The painting of Most Wor. Bro. Charles H. Callahan was unveiled and acknowledged by the brethren to be a very careful and excellent reproduction of Bro. Callahan. Most Wor. Bro. Callahan thanked the Lodge for this added honor. Bro. Thomas W. Robinson Jr. was elected and installed as Worshipful Master with the other elected and appointed officers. The officers were installed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Percy Esom Clift.

#### 100 YEARS AGO

December 9, 1875 - On motion it was resolved that Wor. Bro. James Hopkins of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 was recommended to the Grand Lodge for the position of D.D.G.M. for this District.

December 23, 1875 - A communication was received from Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, tendering the use of their hall for the meetings of this Lodge until repairs were made to the Lodge room made necessary by the falling of part of the cornice. The kind offer was accepted and the thanks of the Lodge ordered to be given.

#### 150 YEARS AGO

December 8, 1825 - The election of officers was held and Bro. Charles Chapin was elected W.M.; Joseph Eaches, S.W.; Alfred P. Gilpin, J.W.; Robert Barry, Sect.; Charles T. Chapman, Treas. and Benjamin Wood, Tyler.

December 27, 1825 - The above named were installed to the office so named in addition to the following named appointed by the Wor. Master; James Cloud, S.D.; Alexander Moore, J.D.; James English and John West, Stewards and The Rev. Bro. J. T. Wheat, Chaplain.

#### Sketches from Brockett's "Lodge of Washington"

Henry Piercy, a descendant of the English Piercys, of Northumberland, was born in Germany. He emigrated to America, prior to the Revolution, with his brothers Christian and Jacob and settled in the city of Philadelphia. All of them served in the Revolutionary War. Henry was an aide-de-camp to General Washington, and was present with him in every battle, except that of Yorktown, having, on the previous day, been carried off the field wounded. He was a member of the "Society of the Cincinnati". After the war he settled in Alexandria. He married Mary Burroughs, a grand-niece of Lord Shirlock, an officer on the staff of Washington. He had no children. At the funeral of Washington, Major Piercy commanded the Independent Blues of Alexandria. Major Piercy died at Alexandria and was buried in the Episcopal burial ground, June 18, 1809, with military, Masonic, and civic honors. Accompanied by Brooke Lodge No. 47, the Lodge then marched to the Presbyterian Church, where an address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Muir.