

# Master's Message

Brethren—

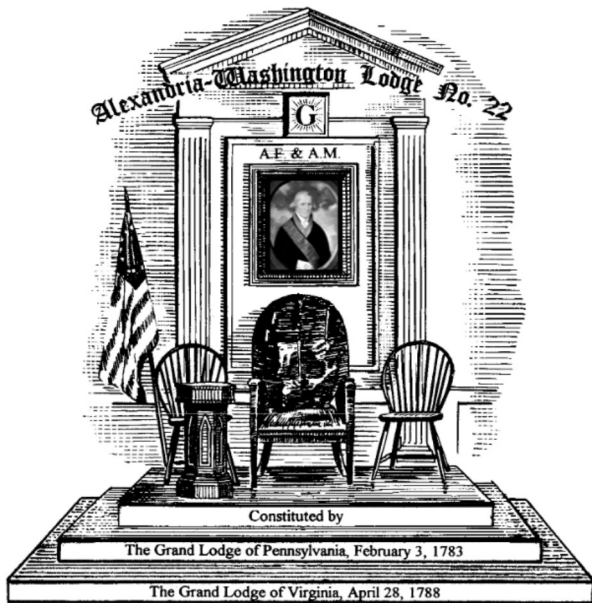
Past Masters have often lamented how there is little time to get “good” at being a Worshipful Master at AW. The second month of the year is always our time to shine as our Lodge celebrates the Birthday of our Illustrious Brother George Washington. With the Grand Master making an official visit and dignitaries from across the country present, all of the officers have to be at their very best, with only one month’s on-the-job experience. This is just one of the many reasons that we have always placed emphasis on a robust ritual school. Every Master Mason should attend as often as possible. Whether you are interested in jumping in line, want to be a catechism coach, or simply want to be able to support your brothers, the schools are beneficial to the Lodge’s ritual and social health.

We welcome the District Deputy Grand Master for his Official Visit on February 13 and host a full day of activities on Saturday the 22nd. Details for the Birthday are included on page 4 (don’t forget to buy lunch tickets for Saturday). New this year, we are going to attempt to revive our participation in Alexandria’s Birthday Parade. We need your help to make that happen on February 17. Please let me know if you are interested. Some have argued that one of the biggest detriments to the Lodge was moving out of City Hall and no longer being present in the daily activities of Alexandria. We do need to increase our involvement in the City, and the parade can be a start.

Last year, I spoke to the Lodge about a fundraising campaign. That initiative is moving forward, however, delayed as we determined that to ensure we were eligible for certain grants and for contributions to be tax deductible, we needed a new tax status. Fraternal organizations are not considered charitable in Virginia. So, we have begun the effort in earnest to create a 501(c)(3) foundation. Learn more about that effort on page 6, and please consider this an invitation to get involved!

It will be a busy month! I hope you will make an effort to participate in all of the activities. Currently, we are not planning any degree work for the month, but that may change. Stay tuned via email! And, remember, the George Washington Essay Contest is underway for all of the DeMolay, Job’s Daughters, and Rainbow Girls in your lives—drop me a line for more information.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
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## Lodge Bulletin

FEBRUARY 2020



**FEBRUARY 2020**

*February 4*

7:00 p.m. District Ritual School  
Kemper Macon Ware Lodge, No. 64

*February 6*

7:00 p.m. Lodge Ritual School  
Receiving the GM & DDGM

*February 13*

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Stated Communication  
**Official Visit of Right Worshipful  
David Easton Potts  
District Deputy Grand Master for  
Masonic District 1A**

*February 17*

1:00 p.m. George Washington  
Birthday Parade, King Street  
*Meet at Memorial 11:00 a.m.*

*February 19*

7:00 p.m. District Warden's  
Certificate Workshop at Elmer  
Timberman Lodge, No. 54

*February 20*

7:00 p.m. Lodge Ritual School  
Receiving the GM & DDGM

*February 22*

**George Washington's Birthday**  
8:00 a.m. Wreath Laying  
10:30 a.m. State Communication  
11:45 a.m. 218th Birthday Banquet  
*See full list of activities on page 4.*

*February 27*

7:00 p.m. Lodge Ritual School  
MM Degree, Second Section

**STATED COMMUNICATIONS:** The stated communications shall be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (GWMNM), Alexandria, Virginia on the second Thursday of each month with the additional stated communications for the observance of George Washington's birthday on February 22, Saint John the Baptist Day on June 24, and the Installation of Officers on December 27.

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:** As announced herein with the trestleboard.

**LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL:** Conducted every Thursday at 7:30 PM, excluding our stated communication. All members are encouraged to attend.

**CATECHISM & EDUCATION SCHOOL:** Every Thursday at 7:30 PM and every Saturday at 10 AM unless otherwise noted in the trestleboard.

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*George Washington*  
BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION

**FEBRUARY 17**  
GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY PARADE  
*City of Alexandria, King and Cameron Streets*  
11:00 a.m. Participants gather at the Memorial  
1:00 p.m. Parade Begins

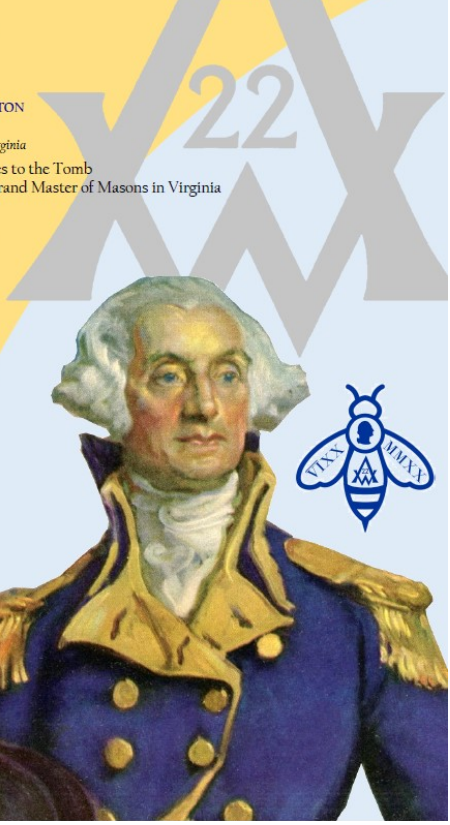
**FEBRUARY 22**  
WREATH LAYING AT THE TOMB OF WASHINGTON  
*George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate*  
2000 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, Virginia  
7:30 a.m. Gather at the Traffic Circle for Shuttles to the Tomb  
8:00 a.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony with the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia  
8:45 a.m. Reception at the Vaughn Lobby

**GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO AW22**  
*George Washington Masonic National Memorial*  
101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia  
*Morning or Business Attire, Master Masons only please.*  
10:30 a.m. AW22 Lodge Room

ALEXANDRIA—WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 22  
218TH BIRTHDAY BANQUET  
*George Washington Masonic National Memorial*  
All Masons welcome (EA, FC, and MM)  
\$40/person, tickets available at AW22.org  
11:45 a.m. Grand Masonic Hall

**GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC  
NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
*George Washington Masonic National Memorial*  
1:00 p.m. George Washington Symposium:  
George Washington's Construction  
of the United States Capitol  
Memorial Theatre  
*Free and open to the public.*

5:00 p.m. Birthday Gala  
Grand Masonic Hall  
\$200, formal (white tie optional)  
gwmemorial.org



# Happy Birthday

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brethren!

Brother Edward Kenneth Arndt - February 19, 1951 - 69 years  
Worshipful Franklin Jay Pepper - February 24, 1960 - 60 years  
Brother Richard Edward Williamson - February 27, 1961 - 59 years  
Right Worshipful Sheldon Barnett Richman - February 15, 1968 - 52 years  
Brother Carlus Wayne Breland - February 2, 1970 - 50 years  
Brother Chadwick Rene Gore - February 25, 1985 - 35 years  
Worshipful Walter Leverne Margeson II - February 3, 1992 - 28 years  
Worshipful Robert Malcolm Harrison - February 22, 1999 - 21 years  
Brother Robert Frank Feldman III - February 14, 2000 - 20 years  
Brother Michael Franklin Salva - February 13, 2001 - 19 years  
Brother Peter George Lincoln Cutler - February 19, 2002 - 18 years  
Brother Brendan Malcolm Burns - February 3, 2003 - 17 years  
Brother Thomas Walter Meissgeier - February 3, 2003 - 17 years  
Brother Joshua Harrison Wise - February 10, 2003 - 17 years  
Brother Oliver Olrog Harris - February 24, 2004 - 16 years  
Right Worshipful David Benjamin Browning Jr. - February 8, 2005 - 15 years  
Worshipful Stephen Joseph Pezzetti - February 3, 2011 - 9 years

## In Memoriam

### Brother Richard Kimberly Shroul

Born May 7, 1960

EA: January 29, 2001 - FC: October 15, 2001

MM: January 21, 2002

Raised in Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

Died: December 28, 2019 at age 59 years old.

### Brother Alfred Clarence Buckmaster

Born January 19, 1924

EA: June 7, 1951 - FC: September 10, 1951

MM: October 25, 1951

Raised in Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

Became 60 Year Veteran October 25, 2011

Died: April 2, 2016 at age 92 years old.

# Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, Foundation

Last year the Lodge began exploring a fundraising campaign to support needed preservation projects for our collection of artifacts and to aesthetically update our physical space ahead of the centennial anniversary celebration activities in 2023. A preliminary plan was presented to the Lodge, but that plan was intentionally delayed as we continued our research. The plan sought to garner grant money, but, generally speaking, fraternal organizations (our tax designation under the Grand Lodge) cannot receive grant funds. In addition, contributions from individuals to a fraternal organization are not tax deductible.

We reached out to other Lodges in the region to see how they had overcome these obstacles. Universally, the answer was establishing a non-profit, 501(c)(3) foundation. A non-profit, 501(c)(3) foundation is a designated charitable enterprise. It is specifically designed to ensure that contributions go toward specific areas and that no one (person or organization) profits from the proceeds. It assures grant making foundations that their investment in our preservation and education efforts will indeed go to those ends. It also grants tax deductible status for contributions received.

The first step in establishing a foundation is writing a foundation charter. The process is currently underway and a charter board of directors has been selected. They will be announced when the charter is circulated to the Lodge prior to submission to the Commonwealth. Once the charter is ratified by the government, we will apply for non-profit 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service. Both of these steps require diligence on our part and we are fortunate to have a number of brothers navigating confusing and bureaucratic mazes for us. When completed, we will begin fundraising efforts in earnest.

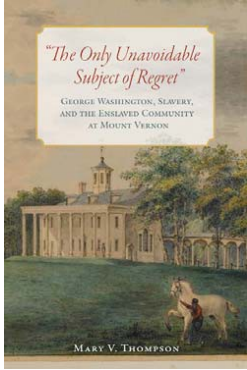
Here are some basic questions that we have had encountered along the way to give you a little clearer understanding:

- Aren't gifts to the lodge tax deductible? No, due to fraternity status.
- Will money be moved from the Lodge endowment? No, all funds in the foundation account will be raised for that purpose. The Lodge can contribute as they see fit by vote.
- Will the archives move to the foundation? No, the Trustees still maintain jurisdiction over all Lodge property.

The foundation will essentially be a financial clearing house to ensure we can optimize fundraising efforts to protect our collection and enhance our efforts to educate the Alexandria community and beyond.

# Read up for March!

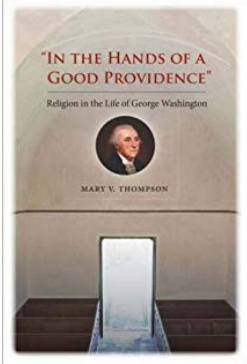
Mary Thompson will speak at the March Stated Communication. Her books on George Washington and religion and George Washington and slavery are considered definitive for the topics. So, grab a book and read up before March!



George Washington's life has been scrutinized by historians over the past three centuries, but the day-to-day lives of Mount Vernon's enslaved workers, who left few written records but made up 90 percent of the estate's population, have been largely left out of the story. In "*The Only Unavoidable Subject of Regret*," Mary Thompson offers the first comprehensive account of those who served in bondage at Mount Vernon. Drawing on years of research in a wide range of sources, Thompson brings to life the lives of Washington's slaves while illuminating the radical change in his views on slavery and race wrought by the American Revolution.

Thompson begins with an examination of George and Martha Washington as slave owners. Culling from letters to financial ledgers, travel diaries kept by

visitors and reminiscences of family members as well as of former slaves and neighbors, Thompson explores various facets of everyday life on the plantation ranging from work to domestic life, housing, foodways, private enterprise, and resistance. Along the way, she considers the relationship between Washington's military career and his style of plantation management and relates the many ways slaves rebelled against their condition. The book closes with Washington's attempts to reconcile being a slave owner with the changes in his thinking on slavery and race, ending in his decision to grant his slaves freedom in his will.



Attempts by evangelical Christians to claim Washington and other founders as their own, and scholars' ongoing attempts to contradict these claims, are nothing new. Mount Vernon researcher Mary Thompson endeavors to get beyond the current preoccupation with whether Washington and other founders were or were not evangelical Christians to ask what place religion had in their lives. Thompson follows Washington and his family over several generations, situating her inquiry in the context of new work on the place of religion in colonial and post-revolutionary Virginia and the Chesapeake.

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Wor. Daniel M. Clark, PM	2022
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Bro. Jeffrey W. C. Conn	2024



## LIVING PAST MASTERS ON THE ROLLS

1975	Donald M. Robey, PGM	2002	Daniel M. Clark
1976	James B. Stone	2003	James M. Stevenson
1980	James R. Freeman	2004	Frank S. Skwirut
1988	William A. Jones	2005	J. Thomas McMahan
1991	Earl C. Million	2006	Thomas G. Little
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2000	Terry L. Gigure	2016	Stephen J. Pezzetti
2001	Brent N. Campbell	2019	Nikola N. Nikolov