

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

July & August 1975

From The East

My Brethren:

We will only have our two Stated Communications each month in July and August in order for your officers to be able to relax somewhat from the very busy schedule which we have had thus far this year.

At our first Stated meeting in July on the 10th, Brother W. Curtis Gorham will be with us to tell of the important work of the Gideons International in supplying Bibles for Schools, Hospitals, Hotels and etc. across the country. Many of you in stopping at Hotels have wondered who put the Bible in your room, well this is your chance to hear of this organization responsible.

On July 24th we will again have a night set aside to tour the Memorial. We will close the meeting as soon as possible in order to see as much of the Temple as time will allow in one evening. Wives and Families are welcome to come on this evening join with us on this tour. If you have never been on the top of the Memorial on a warm summer evening to view our city and surrounding areas, you should certainly plan to come out on the 24th for this tour.

Our first Stated in August will give the members of all the area Lodges a chance to see their Worshipful Masters confer the 2nd section of the Master Masons Degree in Our King Solomon's Robes. Alexandria-Washington Lodge will supply the Candidate and our officers will confer the first section of the degree. Each member of the cast in the 2nd section will be a Worshipful Master from one of the various Lodges in our area. The Master Mason's Lecture will be delivered by Right Worshipful Lester H. Conway, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 1-A.

On August 28th we will host a joint visitation from the Alexandria area Lodges. These visitations are planned each year to allow old friends to get to see each other and to further the fine relations which exist between these Lodges. Please Support your Lodge with your attendance on this occasion.

On the 17th of July and 21st of August we will continue our Monthly visits to Andrew Jackson Lodge. I feel that both of Our Lodges have benefited greatly from these visitations and I hope that this tradition will be continued for many years.

On July 25th at 6:30 PM a dinner will be held in the dining room of the Memorial to honor the members of the Memoriam Committee in Alexandria. These Brethren are all to be commended for their support of all of the Lodges in Alexandria when we are called upon to conduct the last Masonic Rites for our deceased brethren.

Rt. Wor. Godfrey Runaldu, the Manager of Our Souvenir Stand, requests that if anyone knows of some one who could work 2 days a week on the Souvenir Stand in the Memorial, that they contact him at 960-1614 for more information regarding salary and hours.

One date in the fall worth bringing to your attention early, is the Official visit of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Seymour Jonas Levy, to Masonic Districts 1-A, 1-B, and 54 on Saturday, November 1st at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. This meeting will be a Tiled Lodge meeting and is "expected to be brisk and lively, with plenty of FELLOWSHIP and REFRESHMENTS to follow."

The Scottish Rite Bodies in Alexandria will sponsor a Blue Lodge Visitation on Saturday, August 16th at their Temple on Braddock Road. The program begins with a dinner being served at 6:00 PM and a Master Mason's Degree to follow at 7:30 PM in full costume by members of the Scottish Rite. At the time of writing this I have a few free tickets left for the dinner, for anyone who would like to attend this event.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Donald M. Robey
Worshipful Master

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Day	Time	Activity
Thu 07/10/1975	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Speaker, Brother W. Curtis Gorham from the Gideons International Educational Program.
Thu 07/24/1975	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Tour of the Temple, Birthdays.
Thu 08/14/1975	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Master Mason's Degree in Costume by the Worshipful Masters of this area.
Thu 08/28/1975	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Joint Visitation of Alexandria Area Lodges, Birthdays and Educational Program.

Other Activities In Our District This Month

Day	Time	Activity
Thu 07/17/1975	7:30 pm	Visit to Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
Fri 07/25/1975	6:30 pm	Dinner for the Memoriam Committee
Sat 08/16/1975	6:00 pm	Blue Lodge Visitation to the Scottish Rite Temple
Thu 08/21/1975	7:30 pm	Visit to Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120

CANDIDATE INSTRUCTION - Every Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:00 until 9:00 in Alex-Wash Lodge Room.

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.

CELESTIAL LODGE

Harvey Cornelius Callendar - 50 Year Member
Norman Earl Simpson - 50 Year Member
Arthur Raymond Turner
Henry Lee Sloan
Homer Atlee Aull - 50 Year Member

LODGE HISTORY 50 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1925 - Rt. Rev. Bro. Henry St. George Tucker, late Bishop of Japan, and now a professor at the Theological Seminary just out of this city, addressed the Lodge on Masonry in Japan.

August 27, 1925 - Bro. Reuben R. Hayman was introduced and raised to the S. D. of Master Mason. Most Wor. Bro. Charles H. Callahan in a beautifully worded address presented to Bro. Reuben Hayman from his father, Bro. J. Hayman a Masonic ring.

100 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1875 - Wor. Bro. F. L. Brockett in behalf of Bro. R. A. Adam presented to the Lodge a handsomely bound copy of "Register of visitors to the Lodge Room", also a cord and hood wink which on motion were received and the thanks of the Lodge returned for the same. On motion the Stewards were directed to purchase a bookrack to be placed in the reception room. On motion the Stewards were directed to procure one dozen brass spittoons similar to those in the Lodge Room.

August 12, 1875 - A portrait of Capt. James MacKenzie painted in London in 1796 was presented to the Lodge by his son Hon. Lewis MacKenzie with a valuable picture representing Washington and his family. On motion resolved that the thanks of the Lodge be tendered to the donor for his acceptable gifts. Wor. Bro. Brockett presented to the Lodge a well executed likeness of Bro. Albert Pike and several prominent members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. On motion the knocker presented by Bro. John Wise was ordered to be placed on the door and the Stewards were instructed to purchase three small knockers not to cost over \$5.00 to be put on the doors of the Lodge.

August 26, 1875 - Bro. George W. Rock presented an old bill for goods shipped by William Lee of England to Mrs. Mary Washington of Popes Creek, Va. dated A. D. 1773.

150 YEARS AGO

July 14, 1825 - A letter was received from Mr. John Gadsby Chapman, accompanied by an elegant Masonic Painting, whereupon (his father) Bro. Charles T. Chapman, Treas. of this Lodge offered the following resolution which was carried unanimously; "That the thanks of this Lodge be and they are hereby presented to Mr. John Gadsby Chapman for the elegant Masonic painting presented by him this evening, and that the Secretary be requested to communicate to him the good wishes of the brethren that the talent evinced in his youth may ripen with his riper years, and that his name may be added to the list of distinguished Artist's which our Country has produced. Resolved also; that the elegant painting presented this evening by Mr. John G. Chapman, be suspended at the right of the Master's Chair." (Note: This painter, John Gadsby Chapman, became a painter of considerable fame later in life, his most famous is "The Baptism of Pacahontas" which is now hung in the U. S. Capitol in Washington, D. C. The painting which he presented to the Lodge in 1825 is presently known as the "Masters Carpet" and is now being restored by the Lodge.)

August 11, 1825 - The following resolution was offered by Bro. Thomas L. Martin which was carried; Resolved that a suitable frame be made for the painting, presented to this Lodge, at the last meeting by Mr. John Gadsby Chapman.

Sketch from Brockett's "Lodge of Washington"

William E. Gray, was born February 22, 1838; moved to Alexandria prior to 1860, in which city he was married to a daughter of Dr. S. D. Smith, and on the commencement of hostilities between the States, in 1861, he entered the military service of the State of Virginia; served as a lieutenant in Co. G., 17th Regiment, Virginia Infantry, C. S. Army, and was killed in battle (Seven Pines) near Richmond, May 31, 1862, in the 25th year of his age.