

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

June 1975

From The East

My Brethren:

The months are rapidly passing for me this year, I can hardly believe that I am writing my sixth Trestleboard this year.

On our first Stated Meeting this month on June 12th our speaker will be Wor. Brother Edward Kemper Uhler, who was raised in Alexandria-Washington Lodge but then affiliated with Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54 in Annandale, becoming the Master of that Lodge in 1968. Wor. Bro. Uhler in keeping with our theme of Lodge history this year, will give us some interesting information on some of his ancestors who were active in this Lodge in the middle 1800's and will also outline some facts for us from Brockett's history of the Lodge written in 1875.

June 24th has been celebrated as St. John the Baptist Day in Masonic Lodges for many years. Our ancient minute books tell of this special occasion every year and of the members of the Lodge attending divine worship service as a group on the Sunday nearest this date. Our Grand Master has issued a proclamation requiring all Lodges in Virginia to make an effort to attend a church service in honor of one of the Patron Saints of Masonry, St. John the Baptist, on June 22nd of this year. Therefore, I request all members of Alexandria-Washington Lodge and their Families to join together at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in the 300 Block of South Fairfax St. in Old Town Alexandria at 11 :00 AM on June 22nd in conformity with the proclamation issued by our Grand Master, to attend divine worship service together. This fine old church is mentioned year after year in our old minute books as a place of gathering of many occasions by members of our Lodge.

A program on St. John the Baptist will be presented by Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Dains at our Stated meeting on the 26th. Brother Cris has done a lot of research on our Patron Saints and I know that he will have some enlightening information for us on that evening. Brother Dains is a Past Master of John Blair Lodge No. 187 and is the Designee for District Deputy Grand Master in District 1-A for next year.

Our annual Lodge family picnic will be held on Saturday June 28th this year at the Fort Hunt picnic grounds in Area "A", which is at the East end of the picnic ground and has a covered pavilion for a serving area. Fun and fellowship together from noon until dark with dinner being served at 2:30 PM. Pony rides for the children will begin at noon also.

Our District School this month will be held at John Blair Lodge No. 187 in the Scottish Rite Temple on Braddock Road. The Entered Apprentice Degree will be exemplified on this evening. Lecture instruction will also be offered for those who wish to brush up on their proficiency in this part of our Ritual.

On June 8th at 3:00 PM in our Lodge Room the DeMolay Legion of Honor and Cross of Honor will be conferred. On June 29th at 2:00 PM the Investiture of the Chevalier Degree will be conferred in our Lodge Room. Two of the members of our Chapter will be invested with this coveted award at this time. Please try to attend both of these important events connected with our DeMolay Chapter.

There will be a joint visitation of all Alexandria area Lodges at Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 on June 19th at 7:30 PM. These meetings do much to further the friendship and Brotherhood between our Lodges and I encourage all of our members to attend this meeting and be recognized as an Alexandria-Washington Member.

On June 4th we will travel to Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218 in Maryland to confer the Master Mason's Degree on one of our candidates in our King Solomon's Costumes. This is the Lodge which presented us with the Rough and Perfect Ashlers which we have in the East of our Lodge Room. We will leave the Temple at 6:30 PM SHARP to open our Lodge at 8:00 PM. We will need some non-speaking help in the degree on this evening so please try to travel with us on the trip.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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Worshipful Master

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June 1975 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Mon 06/02/1975	7:00 pm	OFFICERS SCHOOL: Lodge School on Degree Work.
Wed 06/04/1975	8:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: MM Degree to be conferred in Seat Pleasant Lodge No. 218, District Heights, Md.
Mon 06/09/1975	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: Master Mason Degree.
Thu 06/12/1975	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Speaker, Wor. Edward K. Uhler, Program on Brocketts History of the Lodge.
Mon 06/16/1975	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: Entered Apprentice Exams, Fellowcrafts Degree and Fellowcrafts Exam.
Sun 06/22/1975	11:00 am	Attend Church Service at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 300 Block S. Fairfax St.
Mon 06/23/1975	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: Master Mason Degree.
Thu 06/26/1975	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Saint John's Day Program by Wor. Clarence A. Dains, Birthdays and Education Program.
Sat 06/28/1975	Noon until Dark	Lodge Family Picnic at Fort Hunt
Mon 06/30/1975	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: Fellowcraft Exam and Master Mason Degree

Other Activities In Our District This Month

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 06/08/1975	3:00 pm	Legion of Honor and Cross of Honor conferral in Alexandria-Washington Lodge Room.
Thu 06/19/1975	7:30 pm	Joint Visitation of Alexandria Area Lodges in Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120.
Wed 06/25/1975	7:30 pm	District School at John Blair Lodge No. 187.
Sun 06/29/1975	2:00 pm	Investiture of Chevalier Degree of DeMolay in Alexandria-Washington Lodge Room.

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 Councilor; 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.

HAVE YOU ?

Paid your dues ?
Visited a sick brother ?
Contributed to the Masonic Home ?
Notified the Secretary of your new address ?
Done anything at all to support your Lodge this year ?

LODGE HISTORY 50 YEARS AGO

June 12, 1925 - Bro. Albert V. Bryan was introduced and raised to the S. D. of Master Mason.

June 21, 1925 - A called communication for the purpose of conducting the last Masonic rites for Brother Edward Louis Fox.

After the Lodge returned to the Temple and before it closed, Most Worshipful Brother Callahan, speaking as Grand Master, said that he could not let the opportunity pass to compliment the Lodge upon it's Worshipful Master and the splendid manner in which he had conducted the funeral services and personally congratulated Worshipful Brother Schooley.

June 25, 1925 - A communication was read from William L. Elkins Lodge No. 646 in Philadelphia, inviting the Officers and members of this Lodge to attend the celebration of the 19th birthday of that Lodge on September 28, 1925.

100 YEARS AGO

June 10, 1875 - The present membership of the Lodge is 122. After the delinquent list had been called the Lodge proceeded with the election of Officers. The following brethren were elected; William Dunlap Stewart, W. M.; John B. Smoot, S. W.; John Thomas Beckham, J. W.; John A. Field, Treas.; James S. Douglas, Sect.; The Wor. Master gave notice that after a consultation with the Wardens, the Deacons would be appointed and that the Installation of Officers would take place on June 24, 1875.

June 24, 1875 - The Installation of Officers being in order, with Worshipful Brother Franklin L. Brockett in the East, the above named Brethren were introduced by Most Worshipful Brother William H. Lambert and severally installed in addition to; Charles E. Stuart, S. D.; E. R. Carlin,

J. D.; George Wise and H. Snowden, Stewards, and James Fossett, Tiler. The Worshipful Master announced the appointment of Rev. Brother J. H. Waugh as Chaplain, James M. Stewart, Marshal and R. A. Adam, Organist.

150 YEARS AGO

June 9, 1825 - This was the only meeting in June and no business appearing before the Lodge the meeting was closed in perfect peace and harmony.

Sketch from Brockett's "Lodge of Washington"

Peter G. Uhler, was born in Philadelphia, Penna., January 6th 1803, admitted to the Bar in 1828, removed to Alexandria, D. C. in 1832, and entered commercial life as a Merchant of this city until 1861, serving in Council repeatedly. Married Catherine S. Griffith. Died January 5th, 1878 at 76 years of age, leaving three sons, Alfred G., Lycurgus E., and George, and one daughter, Katharine E. Note: Alfred G. Uhler was Master of the Lodge in 1879-81.

Franklin Longden Brockett, P. M., son of Robert, of Robert, born December 16th, 1822, Auditor of the city from 1876 to 1885, he systematized the office as it had never been before. He compiled the first edition of this work with great credit to himself and received the thanks of the Lodge. He died May 20th, 1891, in his 69th year.

George W. Rock, son of Richard, died suddenly, January 22nd, 1886, aged 61 years, he was a zealous member of this Lodge, and was the author of the chapter on the Alexandria-Washington Museum in the first edition.