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# Lodge Bulletin

MARCH 2020

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Wor. Heber C. Willis III, PM ..... 2020  
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 Wor. Daniel M. Clark, PM ..... 2022  
 Rt. Wor. Mark W. Underwood, PDDGM ..... 2023  
 Bro. Jeffrey W. C. Conn ..... 2024



## LIVING PAST MASTERS ON THE ROLLS

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|---------|--------------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 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         |
| 1992    | Granville C. Canard, JR, PDDGM | 2007 | Robert G. Watkins, PDDGM |
| 1995    | George D. Seghers, PDDGM       | 2009 | Heber C. Willis, III     |
| 1996,18 | Mark W. Underwood, PDDGM       | 2011 | John P. Olson            |
| 1997    | Walter L. Margeson, II         | 2012 | Michael L. Bailey        |
| 1998    | Philip J. Hays                 | 2013 | Joshua D. Adler          |
| 1999,17 | Michael P. Bible, PDDGM        | 2014 | Robert T. Weston         |
| 2000    | Terry L. Gigure                | 2016 | Stephen J. Pezzetti      |
| 2001    | Brent N. Campbell              | 2019 | Nikola N. Nikolov        |

# Master's Message

Brethren—

Thank you to all who were able to join us for the George Washington Birthday festivities. Thank you especially to all of you who helped make the events successful. A special nod to Mrs. Shelia Underwood, wife of Right Worshipful Mark Underwood, for serving as my hostess and treating the Grand Lodge wives to a tour of Carlyle House and Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Guests and brothers from Lodges across the country participated in our events this year—select pictures on page 5.

Ritual work has long been a hallmark of our Lodge. A special congratulations to Bro. Jonathan Suidmak who deftly, and near perfectly, returned his Master Mason's Catechism at the Birthday Stated. Even the Grand Master was impressed! We finished the month of February by continuing our ritual work, initiating a man into the Mysteries of Freemasonry and hearing three catechism returns. March will be full of opportunities to support our Brethren in their degree journeys with a definite Fellowcraft Degree, a possible Master Mason's Degree, and the first installment of the William Hiram Wood School.

I am excited to welcome my friend and former colleague Ms. Mary V. Thompson to speak at our March Stated. Ms. Thompson will speak on her book about Washington and slavery. The lecture will be an open program and I encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us for dinner and the lecture. Just let the stewards know who is coming so that we can arrange for enough food (reservations@AW22.org).

The March 21 Division Leadership Conference is an opportunity to learn about Grand Lodge resources, for officers to meet their Grand Lodge counterparts, and for Lodges across the Division to network. The conference is open to all Master Masons. The Grand Provost has worked diligently over the past few years to ensure that the programming at DLCs is engaging, meaningful, and worthwhile. I am sure we can expect an excellent event.

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to Lodge. The ALIVE! bin needs to be filled. I have included an early-April event on our March trestleboard where we will have the opportunity to work directly with our friends from ALIVE! I hope you can join us.

Three months in and you have made my time in the East already fantastic—I thank you all so much!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Daniel E. Froggett  
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## MARCH 2020

March 5  
7:00 p.m. Degree Work  
Fellowcraft Degree

March 12  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Stated Communication  
*The tiled meeting will follow the public program.*  
**The Only Unavoidable Subject of  
Regret George Washington, Slavery,  
and the Enslaved Community at  
Mount Vernon**  
**Mary V. Thompson**  
Mount Vernon Research Historian

March 21  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Division Leadership Conference**  
Alexandria Scottish Rite  
1430 West Braddock Road  
Alexandria, Virginia  
*All Master Masons encouraged to attend.*

March 26  
7:00 p.m. Trustee's Meeting  
*Possible Degree Work as well.*

March 28  
7:30 a.m. to Noon  
**William Hiram Wood  
Area Ritual School, Part I**  
Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 219  
8717 Fort Hunt Road  
Alexandria, Virginia 22308

April 3  
4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
**ALIVE! Food Drive &  
Port City Beer Launch**  
*Volunteer to assist with food collection by  
emailing the Worshipful Master.*  
**Port City Brewing Company** will  
launch a new beer and we will assist  
ALIVE! in collecting food at the door.  
Port City welcomes children & dogs.  
3950 Wheeler Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

**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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# Celebrating Washington

So many Brothers assisted in making Washington's 288th Birthday a special event. Pictured left, members of AW22, Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, and Henry Knox Field—John Blair Lodge, No. 349, marched in Alexandria's GW Birthday Parade on February 17. The Light Horse Harry Lee Chapter of the Heroes of '76, the Highlanders of Kena Shrine, the National Sojourners, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, Washington Lodge, No. 21 (NY), and the Grand Lodge of Virginia assisted in making our wreath laying ceremony very special and very well attended. We concluded Lodge-specific activities with a luncheon in Grand Masonic Hall. Happy Birthday, George!







## A New G

Over the past three years, the Lodge has put a great deal of effort into changing the G that hangs in the Lodge room. Our former G was installed when this room was fitted out during the Memorial's construction. We estimate that it was somewhere between 75 and 85 years old. Well, that just wasn't old enough for us.

Our wonderful collection includes an early Nineteenth Century gas lantern with a stunning cobalt blue G. Originally fashioned by John Curtis in Philadelphia, the lantern was used when the Lodge met at Alexandria's City Hall. It was one of the first gas lanterns used in a Lodge room and is made more unique by the fact that we have a decent amount of information about the manufacturer.

We have reproduced that G, installed LED lighting, and encased it in a manner befitting our Lodge Room. The glass was reproduced by Jed Boertlein, a third-generation glass artist and owner of Washington Art Glass Studio. The studio has worked in hundreds of Washington churches, synagogues, museums, the United States Capitol, and many homes and restaurants in the area over the years. The casing was built,

gilded, and installed by independent artist Dean Kahn, who specializes in conservation treatments of fine picture frames, woodwork, and gilt objects. His client list includes National Gallery of Art, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, White House Collection, Carnegie Institution, Philadelphia Museum of Art, National Constitution Center, Masonic Museum and Library of Pennsylvania, Museum of the American Revolution, and numerous private collections.

These efforts were the brainchild of Right Worshipful Mark Underwood, the toiling of Worshipful Nikola Nikolov, under the careful



watch of Worshipful Tom McMahan, our Archives Committee Chairman, and Mr. Steve Stuart, our Lodge Archivist. All along the way, Right Worshipful Mike Bible and Wor. Froggett inserted themselves to assist with the project and finally see it through to fruition. We were pleased and honored to have Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones with to assist in its debut on George Washington's Birthday. Many thanks to Bros. Shawn Eyer and Adam Smartt for the photos.

## Happy Birthday

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brethren!

- Right Worshipful Edgar Bruce Holley - March 23, 1955 - 65 years
- Brother William Kirk Macnulty - March 4, 1961 - 59 years
- Brother Nicholas Richard Beltrante - March 6, 1969 - 51 years
- Brother Paul McKinley Rhodes - March 1, 1973 - 47 years
- Brother Thomas Sharkey Meldrum - March 12, 1973 - 47 years
- Brother David Rhine Gehr - March 15, 1973 - 47 years
- Brother Charles Richard Hix - March 24, 1975 - 45 years
- Brother Todd Mitchell Zelnick - March 8, 1984 - 36 years
- Right Worshipful George Douglas Seghers - March 19, 1990 - 30 years
- Brother Lowell Gene Gilliland - March 30, 1992 - 28 years
- Brother Jeffrey Loren Adelman - March 29, 1993 - 27 years
- Right Worshipful Daniel Hufford Surface, Jr. - March 27, 1996 - 24 years
- Brother Kenneth Ian Scroggie - March 17, 1997 - 23 years
- Brother David Shepard Webber - March 22, 1997 - 23 years
- Brother Jerry Dean Owen - March 1, 2001 - 19 years
- Brother Rami Khail Chehade - March 22, 2005 - 15 years
- Brother Brian Patrick Fleming - March 5, 2009 - 11 years
- Brother Robert Darrell Pollock - March 27, 2014 - 6 years
- Brother Francis Charles Schwartz - March 29, 2014 - 6 years
- Brother Charles Louis Dirienzo, Jr. - March 16, 2016 - 4 years