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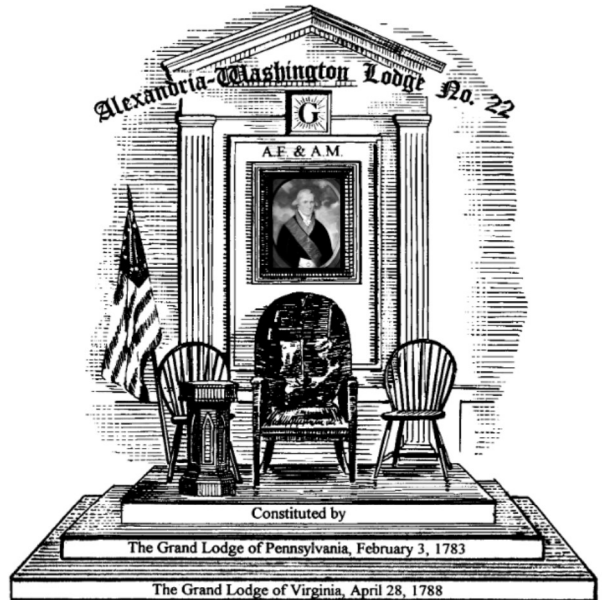
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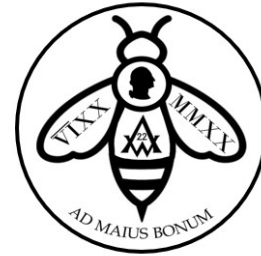


**LIVING PAST MASTERS ON THE ROLLS**

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
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



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**Lodge Bulletin**  
 MAY 2020



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*Zoom Meeting, May 14, 7:30 p.m.*

*Invitations will be sent via Lodge listserv*



**DR. GARETT JONES**

Garett Jones is Associate Professor of Economics at the Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University. He is also BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism at the Mercatus Center. His research and commentary have been discussed in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, New York Magazine, the New Republic, Reason, and Forbes, and he has been a guest blogger at the Atlantic.

*Hive Mind: How Your Nation's IQ Matters So Much More Than Your Own* (Stanford, 2015) was a Gold Medalist in the 2016 Independent Publisher Book Awards. More information on the book on page 6.

**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.

# Happy Birthday

**Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brethren!**

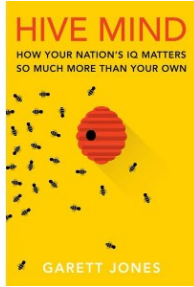
- Brother Earl Lyman Thomson - May 9, 1953 - 67 years
- Brother Donald Gardner Jr. Hicks - May 14, 1962 - 58 years
- Brother Albert Sylvester Durrer - May 21, 1964 - 56 years
- Brother Frank Lee Ballenger, III - May 22, 1967 - 53 years
- Brother Donald Smith Kenney - May 22, 1967 - 53 years
- Brother Richard Robert McElwee - May 1, 1975 - 45 years
- Worshipful Alton Leverm Miller, Jr. - May 14, 1975 - 45 years
- Brother John Joseph Cornell, Jr. - May 17, 1976 - 44 years
- Brother Charles Albert Gorton - May 12, 1977 - 43 years
- Brother Robert Arthur Smith - May 12, 1979 - 41 years
- Most Worshipful A Vincent May - May 19, 1979 - 41 years
- Brother Arthur Willard Pierson - May 1, 1981 - 39 years
- Brother Charles Leander Moore, Jr. - May 29, 1986 - 34 years
- Brother James Robertson Kent, Jr. - May 27, 1987 - 33 years
- Brother Jacques Jean-Claude Bret - May 29, 1990 - 30 years
- Brother Philip Grant Graessle, II - May 6, 1991 - 29 years
- Right Worshipful Mark Wayne Underwood - May 11, 1992 - 28 years
- Brother Chester Claude Cook - May 23, 1992 - 28 years
- Brother Conor Torquil Sinclair - May 15, 1999 - 21 years
- Brother Wade Stuart Alexander - May 15, 2000 - 20 years
- Brother Thomas Lee Ammazalorso - May 16, 2005 - 15 years
- Brother Ryan Arthur Link - May 16, 2005 - 15 years
- Brother Ferdinand Charles Petito - May 21, 2007 - 13 years
- Brother David Scott Shaver - May 21, 2007 - 13 years
- Brother Richard Kern Salazar - May 17, 2008 - 12 years
- Brother Phillip John Ferraro - May 14, 2012 - 8 years
- Brother Stephen Christopher Melone - May 28, 2015 - 5 years



# From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, we are well into the 2020 Masonic Year and we still have twenty-six (26) members who have not paid their 2020 dues. Within that number are 5 members who owe both 2019 and 2020 dues. The 2020 dues were due on January 1, 2020. I will soon start processing the five (5) members who owe two years dues for suspension for non-payment of dues.

You can pay your dues through the Lodge Web site at <http://aw22.org> by using a credit card. You can also pay by direct link to: <https://www.paypal.me/AlexWash22/197.01> If you decide to pay by sending the funds to the Secretary, you must pay by personal check or by Money Order. Federal Regulations do not allow you to pay dues with a company or business check. They must be paid with personal funds.



## Hive Mind

Over the last few decades, economists and psychologists have quietly documented the many ways in which a person's IQ matters. But, research suggests that a nation's IQ matters so much more. As Garrett Jones argues in *Hive Mind*, modest differences in national IQ can explain most cross-country inequalities. Whereas IQ scores do a moderately good job of predicting individual wages, information processing power, and brain size, a country's average score is a much stronger bellwether of its overall prosperity.

Drawing on an expansive array of research from psychology, economics, management, and political science, Jones argues that intelligence and cognitive skill are significantly more important on a national level than on an individual one because they have "positive spillovers." On average, people who do better on standardized tests are more patient, more cooperative, and have better memories. As a result, these qualities—and others necessary to take on the complexity of a modern economy—become more prevalent in a society as national test scores rise. What's more, when we are surrounded by slightly more patient, informed, and cooperative neighbors we take on these qualities a bit more ourselves. In other words, the worker bees in every nation create a "hive mind" with a power all its own. Once the hive is established, each individual has only a tiny impact on his own life.

Jones makes the case that, through better nutrition and schooling, we can raise IQ, thereby fostering higher savings rates, more productive teams, and more effective bureaucracies. After demonstrating how test scores that matter little for individuals can mean a world of difference for nations, the book leaves readers with policy-oriented conclusions and hopeful speculation: Whether we lift up the bottom through changing the nature of work, institutional improvements, or freer immigration, it is possible that this period of massive global inequality will be a short season by the standards of human history if we raise our global IQ.

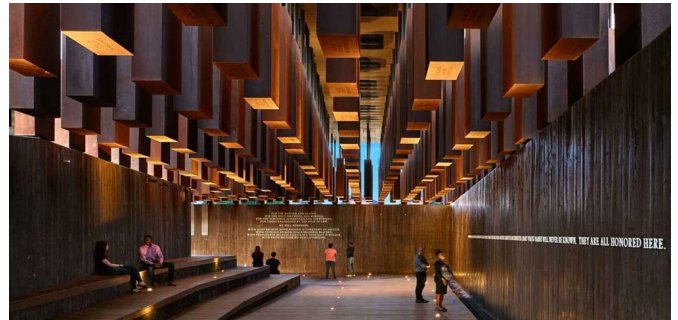
# Master's Message

Brethren—

Social distancing continues. I admit, I am bit stir crazy. Officers in a Lodge as busy as AW are used to being together two or three times a week. We are finding other ways to "meet," but I do miss seeing everyone in the flesh. If you or your family have been adversely affected by measures to stem COVID-19, please let me know. The Lodge cannot provide assistance if we are not aware you are in need.

Recently, the Lodge received an information query from Alexandria's Equal Justice Initiative. The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to "ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic justice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society." Two of EJI's initiatives focus on fully documenting and remembering victims of past injustices. The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration chronicles the African American experience in the United States. The National Memorial for Peace and Justice recognizes the lives of the more than 4400 African American men, women, and children hanged, burned alive, shot, drowned, and beaten to death by white mobs between 1877 and 1950. The museum and memorial are co-located in Montgomery, Alabama.

The memorial is "constructed of over 800 Corten steel monuments, one for each country in the United States where a racial terror lynching took place. EJI hopes the memorial inspires communities across the nation to enter an era of truth-telling about racial injustice and their own local histories." Through its Community Remembrance Project, EJI assists communities in erecting historical markers, organize public ceremonies, and develop local education programs. Alexandria's EJI Committee is in the process of researching the documented lynching of two



men: Joseph McCoy on April 23, 1897, and Benjamin Thomas on August 8, 1899.

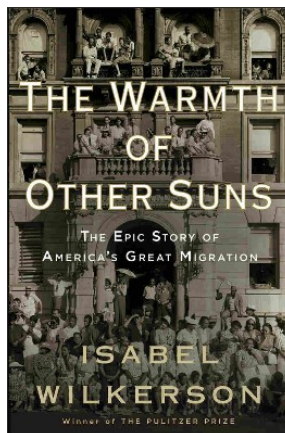
The 1897 lynching led the committee to the Lodge. McCoy was taken from his jail cell by a mob of as many as 700 in the very early hours of April 23, but disturbances began the evening before. The first mob that came to the jail, then located in the first floor of the Alexandria City Hall building, arrived at 10:00p.m. and was disbanded. April 22 was a Thursday and the Lodge held a stated communication that evening. The Lodge was also located in the City Hall at that time. Alexandria EJI inquired if records were maintained of the meeting, including attendance lists.

I was pleased to receive the inquiry. Our Lodge has been a part of the City of Alexandria for more than 237 years. We were once the keepers of the City's museum. Just as we invest time and talent in the preservation of our collection and continued research of George Washington and Freemasonry, we can only hope that the world around us continues to seek light and learn from its past. Unfortunately, I was able to do little more for Alexandria EJI than confirm that a stated communication was held the evening of April 22 and that we have records for it. It has been a longstanding protocol of our Lodge to safeguard the contents of our minutes books. We are fortunate to have had forefathers that protected the minutes books so that we can explore our rich history; however, the proceedings of tiled Masonic communications are not for public consumption. When excerpts have been printed, the research was completed by Masons and the publications approved by the Lodge.

The proceedings of April 22 were completely Masonic and relayed no information on activities outside of Lodge-related items. The inquiry, however, highlights the rich history AW22 has in our community. A review of the *Alexandria Gazette* articles covering activities on April 23 illustrate, in graphic detail, the lynching of McCoy. The language is shocking. The articles also include the names of the citizens who investigated the crime, including numerous Past Masters of AW22.

It is essential that we all seek to understand our history and the history of our community. I hope that this message encourages you to do some research of your own into the work of the Equal Justice Initiative and the unfortunate part of our collective past that includes lynching and systemic racism. I hope it also challenges each of us to remember that drawing conclusions about a man's character based on uninformed perception and superficial attributes is one of the greatest affronts to the Constitutions of Freemasonry. We must strive to always improve; after all, we cannot make good men better if we are not also bettering ourselves. Please visit the following links for more information:

The Equal Justice Initiative [www.eji.org](http://www.eji.org)  
Alexandria Community Remembrance Project  
[alexandriava.gov/history/blackhistory/default.aspx?id=106501](http://alexandriava.gov/history/blackhistory/default.aspx?id=106501)  
for archives of the *Alexandria Gazette* visit the Library of Congress' collaboration with the National Endowment for the Humanities:  
*Chronicling America* [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)



As a middle class white man who grew up in a 99 percent white rural community in Kentucky, I have always had difficulty understanding race relations. It wasn't until I moved to Washington, DC, that I truly experienced a diverse community and witnessed blatant racism. In my own efforts to seek greater light on this topic, I found Isabel Wilkerson's Pulitzer Prize winning *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* exceedingly educational. Following the story of three African American families escaping the Jim Crow South over three decades, this nonfiction book was engaging, enlightening, and transformative.

The Lodge will meet via Zoom on May 14 during our regular stated communication time. Dr. Garrett Jones from the Economics Department at George Mason University will discuss his book *Hive Mind: How Your Nation's IQ Matters So Much More Than Your Own*. Zoom meeting invitations will be distributed via email. The Lodge has subscribed to Zoom for the foreseeable future. If you would like to use our host account for a meeting (Masonic or not...we are paying either way), please reach out and let me know.

I pray daily for a vaccine and the safety of our Lodge members and their families. Stay healthy and seek light.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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