



TRESTLEBOARD ANDREW JACKSON LODGE NO.120 A.F. & A.M.

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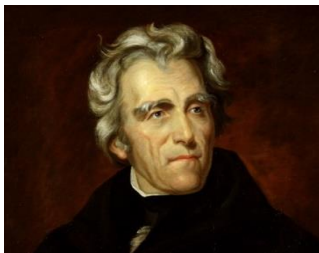
- Masonic Blood Drive Program by Wor. Alvaro Torrico
- DDGM Official Visit
- Presentation of the 2023 Hillman Award
- Presentation of The Dr. Seymour Jonas Levy Award for Blood Drive Participation
- Wreaths Out

Greetings Brethren,

Thank you for your support and active participation in the numerous activities we enjoyed throughout the month of January. The Brothers of Andrew Jackson achieved multiple successes, both individual and in the spirit of fostering most excellent fellowship. I invite you to please take a moment to peruse the highlights from January 2024 included in the “In Review” section.

EVENTS SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY

I am pleased to inform you that we will be carrying the Old Hickory momentum forward into the month of February with a host of planned Masonic activities including fraternal visits, district ritual education, and multiple events in celebration of George Washington’s Birthday as well as our regularly scheduled business meetings and many more. So, I encourage you to review the schedule carefully, take note of key dates and times and please stay tuned for follow-up announcements throughout the month to ensure you don’t miss out on any of these exciting events.



Business Meetings: February will kick-off early with our regularly scheduled officers meeting on Thursday, Feb-01 at 6:30 pm and will be held via Zoom only. Please check your email for invitation and agenda. We will not be holding ritual practice following this meeting. On Feb-15 we will have our regularly scheduled Stated Communication. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm followed by an open program discussing Masonic Appendant Bodies presented by our very own RT WOR Adam C. Duncan.



Fraternal Visits: On the 8th we have a planned fraternal visit to Alexandria Washington Lodge #22. I will send an email invitation prior to our visit requesting your rsvp to confirm participation numbers in order to provide AW22 with an accurate count for dinner. I’m looking forward to seeing many of you there and hearing AW22’s plans for scheduled events throughout the month in celebration of George Washington’s Birthday including the George Washington Birthday Parade on Feb-19 and Laying of the Wreath at Mount Vernon which is scheduled for Feb-22 at 7:30 am.

District Education & Instruction: The Annual Division Leadership Conference will take place 8:30 am – 1:30 pm on Feb-10 at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple, 1430 W. Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA 22302. The attire is Dark Suit & Tie. Please Note - Attendance is required for all Lodge Line Officers, as well as the Lodge Education Officer. It's also highly encouraged for any Master Masons to attend. One of the many benefits of attending is the opportunity to meet your District 1A lodge counterparts and/or future Grand Masters during this conference. The Alexandria session will also include SLO-Training on the Methodical Digest

George Washington National
Masonic Memorial
(North Lodge Room)
101 Callahan Drive
Alexandria, Va. 22314



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immediately following the conclusion of the DLC session. An alternate session is available in Manassas on Feb-09 from 6:30 pm – 11:30 pm at the Kena Shriners, 9500 Technology Drive, Manassas, VA 20110. Please plan to attend one of these sessions (*FYSA: I will be attending the session in Alexandria*).

The District Instructor of Work (DIW) School will be held Feb-27 at 6:15 pm at Arlington Centennial Glebe #81 located at 1 S. George Mason Drive, Arlington, VA 22204. Refreshments will be served at 6:15 pm followed by instruction at 7:00 pm.

Birthday Celebration for RT WOR Right Worshipful Sheldon B. Richman:

On Saturday, March 2, 2024 we will be celebrating RT WOR Shelley's 80th birthday and 25th anniversary as Master of Andrew Jackson Lodge 120.

The location of this celebration will be the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley Building (1430 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA, 22302). The reception will start at 5 pm, and dinner will begin at 6 pm.

If you wish to join us in this celebration, please RSVP to RT Worshipful Adam C. Duncan, (Chairman, Arrangements Committee), at adamcduncan@yahoo.com no later than February 15th with your intent to attend & number of guests (Significant others are very welcome). There is no cost for the meal for the attendees.

If you are unable to attend the event and wish to congratulate Brother Richman on his significant milestones, please congratulate him by email at vanymason@gmail.com.

Andrew Jackson Lodge's brethren look forward to welcoming you to this celebration.

Charitable Contributions: Finally Brethren, please remain mindful that, for many, as the holiday season passes, often so too does the thought of being generous to those who are most in need. However, as Masons, we adhere to principles of charity and generosity that transcend place, time, or seasons. Therefore, I kindly request that all Brethren please bring non-perishable food items to our February's Stated Communication, giving as generously as your means permit. These items will be collected by Brother Mark Hoffman and delivered on behalf of the Lodge to Grace Episcopal Church.

Let us continue to exemplify the values of charity and kindness that define our Masonic brotherhood throughout the year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Brother Joseph E. Shlikas

IN REVIEW - JANUARY

Stated Communication: In January's Stated Communication, our meeting commenced with an engaging presentation by Worshipful Alvaro Torrico, the District Blood Coordinator for District 1A. Later in the evening, Worshipful Alvaro Torrico presented our Lodge with The Dr. Seymour Jonas Levy Award, recognizing our continued support of District 1A Blood Drive participation over the past year. Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that Worshipful Rick Cady and Worshipful Robert Tallent were elected as AJ 120's Primary and Alternate District Deputy Grand Master Nominees, respectively, for the 2025 Masonic year.



However, the highlight of the evening was the warm welcome extended by Andrew Jackson to Right Worshipful John Thomas Hubbell, DDGM District 1A, during his Official Visit to our Lodge. Right Worshipful John Thomas Hubbell also presented the 2023 Hillman Award to Worshipful Krew for the excellent work performed over the previous year.

These accomplishments and recognitions exemplify the dedication and commitment of our Lodge to the Masonic principles and values we hold dear.





Wreaths Out: On Saturday 20 January 2024, Brothers from Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and Henry Knox Field/John Blair Lodge No. 349, their family members, and friends gathered at Arlington National Cemetery for “Wreaths Out,” program. This initiative aims to assist in the removal of wreaths that were thoughtfully placed by volunteers earlier in the year on gravesites at our nation's military cemeteries across the country.

(Brothers of Andrew Jackson Lodge 120 group photo while participating in the “Wreaths Out” program at Arlington National Cemetery. From left to right: Worshipful Mark Franklin, Worshipful Rick Cady, Worshipful Joe Shlikas, Worshipful John Aakesson and Brother Travis Miller.)

This year's group of Andrew Jackson Masons, organized by Worshipful Rick Cady, were part of only a few hundred volunteers. The brothers of Andrew Jackson

started at the site of Brother President William Howard Taft and spread out from there picking up wreaths from the graves and depositing them in dumpsters. The snow slowed down the effort but was not a deterrent thanks to Brother Ron Craft's family providing much needed breakfast burritos as fuel for the day.

It was a solemn and meaningful gathering, where our Masonic community came together to honor and pay tribute to those who have served our nation. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of all those who participated in this noble endeavor. *(Article contains excerpts written for publication by Worshipful Rick Allen Cady.)*

District 1A Masters & Wardens Association: We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Worshipful Rick Allen Cady on his election as the President of the District 1A Masters and Wardens Association! We eagerly anticipate your leadership and guidance throughout the Masonic year of 2024.

Your commitment to the fraternity is truly commendable, and we are confident that your tenure will bring valuable insights and initiatives to benefit our Masonic community.

Blood Drive: “Thank You!” to Brother Gary Orsborn for participating in the District 1A Blood Drive on 1/9/2024. Every drop counts!



UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

02/01/2024 – 6:30PM Monthly Officers Meeting: February’s meeting will be held **via ZOOM Only**. Please check your email for details and agenda. No ritual practice following this meeting.

02/08/2024 – 6:00PM Fraternal Visit to Alexandria Washington Lodge #22: Dinner at 6:00 pm, Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm, (Location: 101 Callahan Dr., Alexandria, Va. 22301) Please let Bro. Joe know if you will attend for headcount.

02/10/2024 – 8:30AM – 1:30PM Annual Division Leadership Conference: The attire is Dark Suit & Tie. Attendance is required for all Lodge Line Officers, as well as the Lodge Education Officer. It's highly encouraged for any other brother to attend one of these sessions. You will meet your District 1A lodge counterparts and future Grand Masters during this conference. Please plan to attend one of these sessions (I plan to attend the session in Alexandria).

1. Manassas on February 09 from 6:30PM – 11:30 pm at the Kena Shriners, 9500 Technology Drive, Manassas, VA 20110.
2. Alexandria on February 10, from 8:30AM – 1:30PM at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple, 1430 W. Braddock Rd. Alex, VA 22302. This will also include SLO-Training on the Methodical Digest immediately following the conclusion of the DLC session.

02/15/2024 – 6:00PM Monthly Stated Communication: Our February Stated Communication will feature an Open Presentation by our own RT WOR Adam C. Duncan regarding Masonic Appendant Bodies.

02/22/2024 – 7:30 AM Wreath Laying: George Washington’s Birthday at Mount Vernon (Alexandria-Washington No. 22) (Location: 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mt. Vernon, VA 22121). You must make a reservation to attend by 02/22/2024. The attire is Formal (Dark Suit and Tie).

02/24/2024 – 5:00PM George Washington Birthday Gala & Celebration: (Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial.)

02/27/2024 – 6:15PM: DIW School: Arlington Centennial Glebe #81 located at 1 S. George Mason Drive, Arlington, VA 22204. Refreshments will be served at 6:15 pm followed by instruction at 7:00 pm.

STATED COMMUNICATION

- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00-7:30 pm Open Program Masonic Appendant Bodies presented by our very own RT WOR Adam C. Duncan.
- 7:30 pm Gavel Drop

Please be sure to RSVP on the lodge website or email our Stewards at, aj120stewards@gmail.com. Let us know you plan to attend. This will go a long way towards making sure we have enough food during every event and save resources by not overestimating the number of meals we need to purchase.

BLOOD DRIVES



Please sign up for the Blood Drive. It is a very worthy cause and some of you might have rare blood types that are in great demand. If you have type O it is in high demand, being the most common blood type, and if you have type O negative your blood is the universal blood type and can be used for transfusions in emergencies and for immune deficient infants.

See the upcoming scheduled Blood Drives below, but if you want to donate on another date at another location, you can contact the Red Cross and sign up to donate as a member of Andrew Jackson to get credit. Those interested in making an appointment can go to RedCrossBlood.org and search using either zip or sponsor code: 22041 or 54thmasonicva.

- Tuesday, 4/9/2024 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm: Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, 6911 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. Sign up here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=54THMASONICVA>.
- Saturday, 6/15/2024 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm: Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64, 411 Little Falls St, Falls Church, VA 22046.
- Saturday, 6/29/2024 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm: Arlington Centennial Glebe Lodge No. 81, 1 S George Mason Dr, Arlington, VA 22204. AJ #120 is signed up to provide the Canteen for this event to earn extra points. Please contact AJ #120 Blood Drive Coordinator Brother Gary Orsborn to participate at garyo@frontiernet.net.

Please note that all donations from you and your Families count for our lodge, not just donations during District Blood Drives. Please consider donating if you are able. Let me know if you or your Family do so that we can get credit for the Lodge.

PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATION

Please, if you have a cold, fever or any other symptoms, or any known exposure to COVID-19 in the prior 10 days, stay home for your benefit and ours.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

For those Brethren who are not Life Members, Honorary Members, or Masonic Veterans (50+ years in good standing), this is a reminder to pay your membership dues for 2024. If you are receiving this billing mailing in error, please notify the Secretary at aj120Secretary@gmail.com to make sure the records are properly updated. Andrew Jackson Lodge dues for 2024 are \$266.00 if paying by check, or \$275.00 if paying using PayPal, and are due by January 1, 2024. Please note that AJ # 120 now has a COLA adjustment per our By Laws to increase dues on an annual basis. **The amounts for 2024 dues are as follows:**

Paying Online With Paypal	
Lodge Dues	\$211.00
Grand Lodge Assessment	\$ 55.00
Paypal Fee	\$ 9.00
Total For Paypal Online	\$275.00

Paying By check	
Lodge Dues	\$211.00
Grand Lodge Assessment	\$ 55.00
Total By Check	\$266.00

The Lodge has currently 2 ways to pay dues. Membership cards will be mailed within 2 weeks after receipt of payment, plus any additional time by the Post office.

1) Using PayPal on our website for \$275.00. The Lodge receives a receipt of this transaction. <http://www.andrewjackson120.org/#DONATIONS>

2) Make a check payable to "Andrew Jackson Lodge # 120" for \$266.00 to the following address:
Attn: Secretary of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, 101 Callahan Drive, VA, 22301



Sincerely and fraternally,

Richard K. Krewson
Secretary – Andrew Jackson Lodge # 120

P.S. As we are all Brothers, if you are having financial difficulties meeting your financial obligation to the Lodge, please let me know and we will come to appropriate terms to aid and assist you so that you are not delinquent in your dues.

TRUSTEES

David Benjamin Browning
PDDGM 12/2024

Edmund Cohen
PGM 12/2027

B. Richard Laaken
PDDGM 12/2025

Adam C. Duncan
PDDGM 12/2028

Sheldon B. Richman
PDDGM 12/2026

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Travis Miller

Blood Drive Coordinator

Gary Orsborn

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Aakesson, John Torstan George
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Franklin, Mark Raymond
Hayes, James Harold
Krewson, Richard Keith
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McFerran, Jace Lee
Richman, Sheldon Barnett

Ritenour, Paul Forrest Sr.
Rocha, Pablo Alejandro
Routzohn, Grant Philip
Shaffer, Harry Paul Jr.
Silver, David Nathan
Solsman, Mark Harold
Tallent, Robert Glenn
Williams, David Winston

FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Armstong 2/13/2013
Raymond Beahm 2/9/1956
Timothy Brown 2/19/2011
David Browning 2/8/2005
Glenn Cross 2/23/1993

Rory Drake 2/23/1993
Frank Key 2/17/1987
Laurent Lant 2/19/2011
Jace McFerran 2/19/2011
David Morris 2/27/1997

Jack Oliver 2/10/1959
Danny Pugh 2/18/1994
Sheldon Richman 2/15/1968
Ralph Shepard 2/11/1965

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