

TRESTLEBOARD

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

Recent Success

- Pantry Cleanout
- DIW School
- Entered Apprentice Degree
- Table Lodge
- Entered Apprentice Degree



George Washington National
Masonic Memorial
(North Lodge Room)
101 Callahan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22301

Greetings Brethren,

March was a busy month with a great deal of preparation and coordination for an Entered Apprentice degree and our annual Table Lodge.

At the start of the month, we had a long awaited and much needed pantry cleanout. This was spearheaded by our Senior Steward Matt Powers, who did an amazing job cleaning the pantry room and getting rid of items no longer in use. I want to also thank the following brothers that volunteered their time to assist in the cleaning: Wor. John Aakesson, Wor. Glen Amodeo, Wor. Pablo Rocha, Travis Miller, Mark Hoffman, Bob Williams, Al Waite and Joe Bradley.

On March 6th, I had the honor and privilege of bringing two candidates to Masonic Light. These two gentlemen have been attending and participating in lodge events over the past year, and it was a pleasure bestowing the first degree upon them. Thank you to all those who participated in the degree and Congratulations to our new brothers.

Another highlight of the month was our annual Table Lodge, where we were pleased to welcome our special guest Right Worshipful Jason W. Lotz, DDGM 1A – 2025. I want to especially thank our Junior Warden, Frank Girgenti for rewriting and reformatting our Table Lodge booklet, it looks great! I also want to thank Brother Frank for all the coordination with the toasts and responses. Thank you to all the brothers that made the toasts and responded to the toasts.



I would also like to recognize Wor. Bob Tallent for his presentation during the Table Lodge.

Lastly, the new lodge pins with rubber backings and Table Lodge Firing Glasses (shot glasses) have arrived (Pictured Below). All who attended the Table Lodge received a shot glass. I encourage all brothers of Andrew Jackson #120 to attend future Stated Communications to receive your shot glass and new lodge pin.



Please let me know when you see me at the lodge if you have not received both items and I will make sure you receive them.

EVENTS SCHEDULE – April

Business Meetings: Officers Meeting to be held on April 3rd, at 6pm in person at the memorial. Stated Communication is scheduled for April 17th to be held at the memorial.

IN REVIEW – March

Official Activities by AJ120: Conducted the annual Table Lodge with over 35 brothers in attendance to include the DDGM RW. Jason Lotz. On March 6th, 2025, conferred the EA degree on two candidates.

Masonic Youth Fraternal Visit: TBD

Fraternal Visits: Visit to Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge #4, the mother lodge of George Washington, Date TBD.

Charitable Contributions:

Brethren, thank you to those of you who have contributed food donations during our previous stated meetings and especially Brother Mark Hoffman who has been leading this generous charitable endeavor in support of Grace Episcopal Church. Let's keep up the great work on this front and remember to bring non-perishable food items to our April 2025 Stated Communication, giving as generously as your means permit.

Sincerely and fraternally,

WM Walter De La Vega

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

04/02/2025 – 6:30 PM M&W Association Meeting: Kemper Macon Ware #64, 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Meeting.

04/03/2025 – 6:00 PM Monthly Officers Meeting: In person meeting at the memorial. Sandwiches and drinks will be available.

04/12/2025 – 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM William Hiram Wood Area Ritual School: Andrew Jackson #120 will be hosting. Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are welcome to join.

04/12/2025 – 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Royal Arch District No. 1 Chili Cook Off: Alexandria Scottish Rite, 1430 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302. In support of the Rainbow for Girls and Alzheimer's.

04/17/2025 – 6:00 PM Stated Communication: Dinner at 6:00 PM, Open presentation at 7:00 PM.

05/01/2025 – 6:00 PM Monthly Officers Meeting: In person meeting at the memorial. Sandwiches and drinks will be available.

STATED COMMUNICATION

- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Open Presentation (Wor. Clayton Mitchell presenting the annual District Education Officer Presentation)
- 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.

- Saturday, 6/14/2025 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Kemper Macon Ware Lodge #64 located at 411 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, VA 22046
- Saturday, 6/28/2025 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Arlington Centennial Glebe Lodge #81 located at 1 S. George Mason Dr, Arlington, VA 22204 *****Please note that AJ #120 is signed up to run the Canteen for this event. Please contact our Lodge Blood Drive Coordinator, Gary Orsborn directly to volunteer to serve refreshments*****

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 2025. Andrew Jackson Lodge dues for 2025 are \$272.00 if paying by check, or \$281.00 if paying using PayPal, and are due by January 1, 2025. Please note that AJ #120 now has a COLA adjustment per our By Laws to increase dues on an annual basis.

The Lodge currently has two 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 \$281.00. The Lodge receives a receipt of this transaction.

<http://www.andrewjackson120.org/#DONATIONS>

2) Make a check payable to "Andrew Jackson Lodge # 120" for \$272.00 and send to the following address:

Attn: Secretary
Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120
101 Callahan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22301

Sincerely and fraternally,

Richard K. Krewson
Secretary

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

B. Richard Laaken
PDDGM 12/2025

Adam Duncan
PDDGM 12/2028

Sheldon Richman
PDDGM 12/2026

David "Ben" Browning
PDDGM 12/2029

Edmund Cohen
PGM 12/2027

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Lodge Instructor of Work

David Williams, PM

Lodge Education Officer

Robert Tallent, PM

Widows & Orphans

Mark Hoffman

Photographer

Dennis Dunston, PM

Investigation Committee

Travis Miller

Degree Coordinator

Frank Girgenti

Blood Drive Coordinator

Gary Orsborn

Benevolence Committee

Mark Hoffman; Gary Orsborn

Archivists

Pablo Rocha, PM; Kelly Cochran;
Rick Cady, PM; Sid Gerson, PM

LIVING PAST MASTERS

Aakesson, John Torstan George
Amodeo, Glenn Joseph
Adcock, Carl Blane
Bernabucci, David Christian
Hayes, James Harold
Browning, David Benjamin Jr.
Cady, Rick Allen
Charles, Antoine Kerving
Cross, Glenn Alden

Duncan, Adam Christopher
Dunston, Dennis Ronald
Franklin, Mark Raymond
Gerson, Sidney Joseph
Krewson, Richard Keith
Lynch, James Michael
McFerran, Jace Lee
Richman, Sheldon Barnett
Rocha, Pablo Alejandro

Ritenour, Paul Forrest Sr.
Routzohn, Grant Philip
Shaffer, Harry Paul Jr.
Shlikas, Joseph Edward
Silver, David Nathan
Solsman, Mark Harold
Tallent, Robert Glenn
Williams, David Winston

APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Wor. John Aakesson 4/3/2003
David Bobcock 4/13/1978
Emerson Bennett 4/23/1985
Wor. David Bernabucci 4/4/1995
MW George Chapin 4/21/1969

Philip Hardiman 4/14/1977
MW Douglas Jones 4/6/2002
Jacob Kassim 4/29/2023
MW Jack Lewis 4/29/1980
Ryan Lynch 4/20/2006

Matthew Myers 4/16/2012
Matthew Powers 4/29/2023
Michael Seibert 4/25/2009
Wor. Bob Tallent 4/5/2011

LODGE OFFICERS

Master

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Musician

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