

TRESTLEBOARD

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

Recent Success

- Fraternal Visit to Springfield DeMolay
- Job's Daughters Presentation
- 2024 Scholarship Presentations



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

Greetings Brethren,

During the past month, the Brethren of AJ120 participated in wonderful examples of brotherhood and commitment to the craft in the support of our Masonic Youth, from our welcoming of Bethel 1 Job's Daughters who provided our stated communication's open presentation, your attendance of The Woodlawn Chapter of DeMolay's installation for a fraternal visit and in celebration of the talented youths who received our annual Lodge Scholarship awards. Each event was a success because of your willingness to contribute your time, energy, and resources. Thank you once again for your active contributions and for the spirit of brotherhood that you bring to every gathering.

In this month of May, we hold a special place in our hearts for a celebration that transcends the bounds of our fraternity and touches the very core of our being—Mother's Day. Mother's Day is a time to reflect on the strength, sacrifice, and unconditional love that our mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters provide to our families and communities. Their enduring spirit and resilience form the cornerstone of our homes and societies, much like the fundamental principles upon which our Masonic values are built. In many ways, the strength of our fraternity is mirrored in the strength of the bonds we cherish with the influential women in our lives. This Mother's Day, let us remember to express our gratitude and love towards the maternal figures in our lives. Whether it is through acts of kindness, expressions of love, or simply spending quality time. Let us use this special occasion to show our appreciation for the countless ways they uplift and support us and continue to inspire and guide us in all our endeavors. Wishing you all a heartfelt and joyous Mother's Day with spending time with your Mother and the other influential women in your lives if possible.

Business Meetings: On Thursday, May 16th we will have our monthly Stated Communication. The Open Program for our May Stated Communication will be a presentation on "The Work of the Zero Prostate Cancer Organization" by Lishey Dent, Manager, Mid-Atlantic Development.

District Education & Instruction: The monthly District Instructor of Work (DIW) School will be held on Tuesday, May 28th at 6:15 pm (Location: Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge #42). Refreshments will be served at 6:15 pm followed by instruction at 7:00 pm. Additionally, the brothers of Kemper-Macon Ware are holding a Wardens school on Wednesday evenings to assist with Wardens seeking to pass their Warden's exam. This school is open to Wardens Only. Please see their webpage for further information.

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Fraternal Visits: On May 14th Most Worshipful David A. Schantz, Grand Master of Montana will be visiting the GW Memorial and will conduct a meeting in AJ120's North Lodge Room at 1:00 pm. Additionally, Bethel 22 will be conducting a Mock Lodge ceremony and hosting a lunch on Sunday, May 19 from 11a.m. - 1 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Lodge in Alexandria. This meeting is their official visit by the head of their organization, the Grand Guardian. They need your help to fill seats! You are cordially invited to attend their meeting and lunch. This is an open event! Families are welcome.

Grand Master's Official Visit: Save the date for Most Worshipful Jack Kayle Lewis' official visit to District 1a on July 26th, 2024. More information to come regarding tickets & location.

Visit to Washington's Distillery: Brethren, you are all invited to a social gathering at the distillery once operated by our Illustrious Brother George Washington on his estate at Mount Vernon at five o' clock in the evening of Saturday, 18 May. The cost is \$100 per person: spouses, family, friends, prospects, and anyone 21+ invited. All costs are a personal expense. Please RSVP by 08 May using the form located at the following web address: <https://forms.gle/TVWBVcsavJnGQnu56>.

Following our exclusive tour of the distillery, Mount Vernon is hosting an annual wine festival on the main estate grounds from 6-9pm. This event includes tastings of Virginia-produced wines.

All Brothers are also invited to learn more about the wine festival at Mount Vernon and purchase your individual admission tickets at <https://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/spring-wine-festival-sunset-tour/>. These tickets are also at your own expense and not furnished by the Lodge.

AW22 Spring Cookout: The brothers of AW22 have invited us to join them for their Annual Spring Cookout on Saturday, May 25th at 11:00 AM at the GWMNM Parking Lot. This event is open to prospects, friends and family!

Additional details will be coming from their Junior Warden but in the meantime, they've asked that we submit our RSVP to the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfy1z7rJvjhO4qCQ5v5EysXtWbWrWtkKk36IF45jrzsO5e3Cg/viewform>

AW22 Table Lodge: The brothers of AW22 will be holding their annual Feast of Saint John the Baptist Table Lodge on Monday, June 24 at 6:30 PM at Gadsby's Tavern in Old Town Alexandria. Tickets are \$55 per person and space is limited so please reserve your spot as soon as possible! Over the years many brothers of AJ120 have participated in this event to commemorate the Feast of Saint John and enjoy an evening of fellowship with the brothers of AW22. This year promises to be an equally excellent evening and I highly recommend attending booking ASAP at the following link <https://aw22.org/events/st-johns-day-table-lodge/>

Sporting Clays Event: Saturday, June 15th & Wednesday, June 19th, 2024. This is a District 1A & 1B fundraiser of shooting Sporting Clays. The goal is to have fun and raise some funds so that we may present a check to Most Worshipful Jack Kayle Lewis for his and Lady Barbara's charities at the Grand Master's Official Visits to our districts at the Alexandria Scottish Rite on July 26th. Event RSVPs are requested NLT 17 May. You should have received an email with subject "Sporting Clays Fund Raiser" containing details with links to flyers for registration. Locations: Remington / Shady Grove Sporting Clays, 11986 Lucky Hill Road, Remington, VA 22734 & Bull Run Shooting Center, 7700 Bull Run Road, Centerville, VA 20121).

Lady's Ladies Night at La Chaumiere: This Lady's Night is an exclusive Andrew Jackson #120 event to be held on Saturday, June 1st at 6:30PM. Our Worshipful Secretary Richard Krewson will be handling RSVPs for attendance as well as collecting deposits from Brethren planning to attend. Please email Worshipful Krew at aj120secretary@gmail.com if you plan on attending. Look for an email with the subject "AJ120 Lady's Night at La Chaumiere" containing information regarding deposits and menu for the evening. The restaurant is located at 2813 M St NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Zero Prostate Cancer Run/Walk: On Saturday, June 15th AJ 120 will once again be participating in the Zero Prostate Cancer Run/Walk taking place at Pentagon Row Courtyard, 1101 S. Joyce Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

NOTE: We are registered as “**Team Masons of District 1A**”. Use the following link to sign-up for the team or to make a donation:

https://support.zerocancer.org/site/TR/RunWalk/RunWalk24?pg=team&fr_id=3184&team_id=29817

This event is a fundraiser in support of ZERO. The ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk is the largest men's health event series in America. Our sponsorship support helps provide critical support to the many amazing prostate cancer patients, survivors, and families nationwide who are fighting this awful disease. I'll be providing additional information throughout April and May regarding our Team & District participation as well as links to our team page for registration.

Fraternal Visit to Shakespeare Lodge: AJ120 is organizing a trip to New York to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Shakespeare lodge on June 27th. Details for this event are in the process of being finalized. However, we are currently in need of a brother to chair the committee for this event. Please contact me if you are interested in chairing this committee. I can provide you with all information that has been collected thus far.

Blood Drives: The next District 1A Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge # 64, 411 Little Falls St, Falls Church, VA 22046. Please contact Brother Gary Orsborn for additional details if necessary. Family and friends are welcome.

Sign up online: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=54THMASONICVA>

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 February's Stated Communication, giving as generously as your means permit.

Passing of Brother Charles S. Yates: Finally, Brethren I am deeply saddened to announce the passing of Brother Charles Singhas Yates. Brother Yates was born November 16th, 1934, and laid down his working tools on April 9th, 2024, in the eighty-ninth year of his life. The Lodge extends its deepest condolences to his family and asks that you keep them in your prayers. A Service will be held on May 18th, 2 p.m., at Wilderness Community Church (10501 Plank Rd., Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA, 22553). Details can be found at the following site:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/fredericksburg/name/charles-yates-obituary?id=54980444>

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brother Joseph E. Shlikas

IN REVIEW – APRIL

Stated Communication: On Thursday, April 18th the brothers of AJ120 had the pleasure of listening to an inspiring presentation titled "What is Jobs Daughters and the Book of Job" presented by Job's Daughters of Bethel 1. We sincerely thank the members of Bethel 1 for joining us for dinner and educating the brothers of AJ120 regarding all the excellent work performed by their order. Additional dinner and open program guests that evening included our two annual scholarship recipients. We greatly appreciate your attendance as well and wish you well in all your academic endeavors.

Fraternal Visit: On Sunday, April 21st six brothers of AJ #120 attended the installation ceremony and dinner for the officers of the Woodlawn Chapter of DeMolay. The brothers of AJ120 thank your hospitality and the excellent dinner and extend our best wishes and support during your year in office.

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

05/14/2024 – 1:00PM – Grand Master of Montana Visiting

05/16/2024 – 6:00 PM Monthly Stated Communication

05/18/2024 – 5:00PM - Visit to Washington's Distillery

05/25/2024 – 11:00AM - AW22 Spring Cookout

05/28/2024 – 6:15 - District Instructor of Work (DIW) School

06/01/2024 – 6:30PM - Lady's Ladies Night at La Chaumiere

06/15/2024 – Zero Prostate Cancer Run/Walk

06/15/2024 & 06/19/2024 – Sporting Clays Event

06/15/2024 – 10:00AM - 4:00PM District Blood Drive

06/22/2024 – 8:30AM - Noon - Secretaries and Treasurers Conference: Location: Alexandria: Alexandria Scottish Rite, 1430 W Braddock Road.

06/24/2024 – 6:30PM – AW22 Table Lodge

07/26/2024 – Grand Master's Official Visit

(TBD) 2024 – 9:00 AM William Hiram Wood Area Ritual School

STATED COMMUNICATION

- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Open Presentation. "Zero Cancer"
- 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, 6/15/2024 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.

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.

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Lodge Instructor of Work
David W. Williams, PM

Lodge Education Officer
Robert Tallent, PM

Widows & Orphans
Mark Hoffman

Photographer
Dennis Dunston, PM

Investigation Committee
Walter De La Vega

Degree Coordinator
Travis Miller

Blood Drive Coordinator
Gary Orsborn

Benevolence Committee
Mark Hoffman; Gary Orsborn

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

Scholarship Committee

B. Richard Laaken, PDDGM; David Benjamin Browning, PDDGM; Gary Orsborn; George Faustino; Bob Williams

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

Duncan, Adam Christopher
Dunston, Dennis Ronald
Franklin, Mark Raymond
Gerson, Sidney Joseph
Krewson, Richard Keith
Lynch, James Michael
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

MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Nasr, Raja 5/8/1952
Horstman, John 5/25/1963
Chambliss Jr., John 5/2/1977
Routzohn, Grant 7/20/2002

Amodeo, Glenn 5/16/2007
Foulkes, John 5/17/2008
Senter, Scott 9/12/2009
Mabbett, Arthur 5/16/2011

Foshee, John 5/24/2016
Franklin, Mark 5/24/2016
Pettengill, Jason 5/24/2016
McAfee, Patrick 5/15/2019

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