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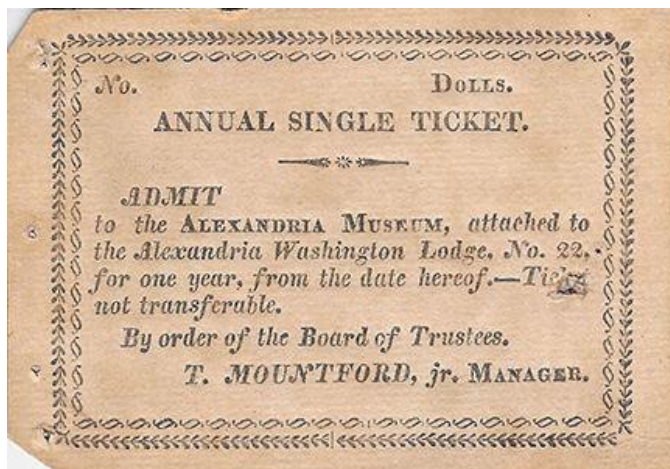
27 June 2018: 7:00 PM if guests want to go up to the Observation Deck, otherwise the program begins at 7:30 PM

Location: **George Washington Masonic National Memorial**, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301

Directions on the evening of the event: Guests may enter the side entrance starting at 7:00 PM and will be escorted to the Grand Hall and up to the Observation Deck for the great view offered by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The lecture begins at 7:30 PM. Afterwards, Tim Winkle will be staying in one of the museum's rooms with artifacts to answer questions.

“The stupendous works of the Great Architect”: Exploring the History of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

**Tim Winkle, Curator, National Museum of American History,
Smithsonian Institution**



Under the auspices of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, the Alexandria Museum was established in 1812 and became a public venue for the preservation and display of a range of artifacts, from natural history specimens and ethnographic collections to material related to George Washington and the young Republic. The presentation will explore the origins of the collection, its history through the nineteenth century

and its unique place in the history of American museums.

Tim Winkle is the Archivist for the collections held by Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22 and serves as Curator with the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, where he specializes in the history of firefighting and community organizations, including fraternal groups. Prior to joining the Smithsonian in 2005, he worked at the Library and Museum of Freemasonry at the United Grand Lodge of England. Tim holds an MA in Museum Studies from University College London (2002) as well as an MA in Popular Culture Studies from Bowling Green State University (1998). He is currently researching the role of fraternal organizations in the establishment and growth of museums in the early Republic.



2018 – 2019 Program and Board Updates

The AHS Board is working on its program ideas and publications for Fall and Spring 2018 - 2019. We are happy to hear from AHS members about any ideas you may have for programs. Your idea does not need to be fully developed, so send us an email if you would like.

Board elections were held during the Society's May meeting. Below, see the 2018 – 2019 Board. New Board members are identified. As new Board members arrive, others cycle off. We acknowledge and thank Jackie Cohan, Patrick Ladden and Mark Whatford, who cumulatively served a total of sixteen years.

Officers

President – Krystyn Moon (elected May 2018)

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Julia Randle

Society Membership Renewal and Website Changes

The end of June is the end of AHS's fiscal year. AHS membership expires at the end of June as well. We deeply appreciate and are proud of the Alexandria Historical Society and our members. We literally cannot promote an interest in Alexandria and American history without your participation. An email note and invoice will prompt you to renew. Please renew your membership.

Members of the Board are working on crafting a new website. We plan for this website to be easier for members to use. The phase-in of the website will occur over the summer months and should not affect normal operations and membership renewals.

Selected History Exhibitions

National Portrait Gallery, 8th and F Streets NW, Washington, DC 20001

One Year: 1968, An American Odyssey, opens June 29

In 1968, the Vietnam War reached a turning point, the Civil Rights Act was signed into law and television sets displayed everything from the Olympic Games to the first manned orbit of the moon. It was also the year that the National Portrait Gallery opened its doors. Take an in-depth look at an extraordinarily important year through representations of the cultural icons who shaped it.

National Museum of American History, 1300 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20560

City of Hope: Resurrection City and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign

An exhibition from the National Museum of African American History and Culture, *City of Hope* commemorates the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's daring vision to end poverty in the United States. With newly discovered photographs and videos, the exhibition encourages visitors to explore this important chapter in U.S. history.

Freedom House Museum, open Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

1315 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. \$5.00 suggested donation.

See a powerful exhibit in the basement of the building, which was once part of a larger complex used by the slave trading firm Franklin and Armfield. Through first-person accounts of enslaved men and women and details from the business, encounter the harsh reality of the domestic slave trade and Alexandria's role. Please note that most of the exhibit is down a flight of stairs in the basement of this historic building.

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The purpose of the Society shall be to promote an active interest in American history and particularly in the history of Alexandria and of Virginia.

The Society is organized exclusively for educational purposes.

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