

One thought: you state that we are the only lodge housed within the Memorial. Is Andrew Jackson No. 120 not housed there as well (I refer to your first paragraph)?

Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 has a special position, as do all Masonic bodies that formally met in the City Hall of Alexandria including: the Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies (they have now moved out of the memorial having constructed their own temple), Old Dominion Commandery, Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, Alexandria-Washington Chapter of DeMolay and the Martha Washington Chapter, O.E.S. Please refer to the 1942 Agreement § 10: "The Association covenants, when funds are available, to complete, decorate and furnish a room, with suitable ante-room, on the north side of the main floor of the Memorial Temple for the use of the other recognized Masonic bodies of the City of Alexandria, including the York and Scottish Rite bodies, and to permit the said bodies to use the same without charge, except for the light, heat, water and janitor service required when it is occupied by the said bodies." Thus, the association must allow these particular Masonic bodies to meet in the north lodge room and only charge for utilities used during their meetings (not the case with other Masonic bodies from Virginia or other states). But none of these bodies have quarters constructed to house them on a permanent basis in the memorial like AW22. Take the Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies for example; they met for many years first in city hall and then in the memorial's north lodge room. After they constructed their own temple, they moved out of the memorial, which they were free to do. Not the case with Lodge No. 22; we have quarters specifically created to house our lodge and through the 1942 Agreement are required to "reside" in the rooms provided us. One should note for many years AJ had put together a substantial building fund to construct their own temple and move out of the memorial --- an idea that comes back from time to time even today. But also note Andrew Jackson Lodge has been a staunch supporter of the GWMNM and has given substantially over the years. We will have an upcoming anecdote on the important and special relationship we have with our sister lodge: Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120.

Fraternally yours,

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