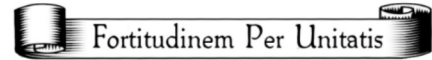


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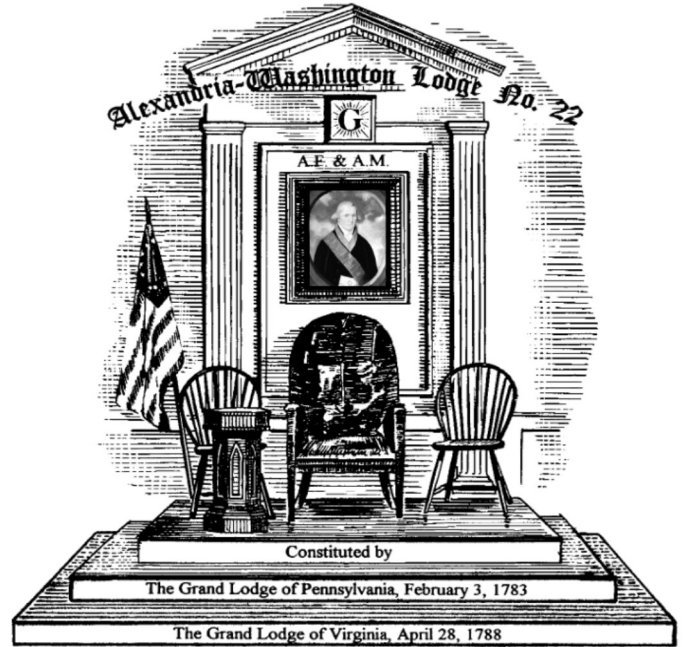
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DECEMBER 2019

The Master's Message

My Brethren –

I want to thank you for the great privilege you bestowed upon me when you elected me to serve as your Worshipful Master for the Masonic Year 6019. What I have repeated the most this year is that I've had the easiest of jobs thanks to the dedicated work and leadership of many members of our historic Lodge – from a Past Master in 1976 who stepped up to help on countless occasions this year to the youngest Entered Apprentice who will be helping with the music for our installation night. We have accomplished much this year, but our work does not stop here, as we have much more to accomplish in the years to come. Looking at the line of officers behind, I have no hesitation that AW22 will continue to thrive.

I hope you can attend our last stated communication this year, which will take place on December 12. At that meeting, we will go over the very important business of electing the officers for next year. I will also give you a brief overview of the things that we have accomplished this year and areas where we could improve.

On December 14, we will be at Mount Vernon to observe the 220th anniversary of the death of Worshipful Brother George Washington. We will assemble at the traffic circle of the Mount Vernon Estate at 7:30 a.m. Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, will be in attendance and assisting us in this time-honored event. After the ceremony, we will enjoy a reception and a tour of the estate. This is a public event, so please invite your family and friends. These December mornings could get quite cold by the river, so please wear layers. The dress code is suit and tie.

On December 27, which is also Saint John the Evangelist Day, we will conduct our Installation of Officers for the Masonic Year 6020. This will also be a public ceremony. Please RSVP to reservations@aw.22.org if you plan to attend.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays and may God bless you, my Brethren. May the New Year bring health, joy, prosperity and gladness to you and to the ones around you.

With Fraternal Best Regards,
Nikola Nikolov
Master

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MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

DECEMBER 2019

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| 12 THU | 7:30 PM | <u>STATED COMMUNICATION</u>
ELECTIONS NIGHT
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Tiled Meeting
RSVP: reservations@aw22.org |
| 14 SAT | | <u>220TH COMMEMORATION OF WASHINGTON'S DEATH</u>
7:30 AM Assemble at the Entrance to the Mount Vernon Estate
8:00 AM Wreath Laying at Tomb of Wor. Bro. Washington
8:45 AM Reception at the Visitors Center
9:15 AM Tour of Washington's Home |
| 27 FRI | 7:30 PM | <u>PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2019</u>
RSVP: reservations@aw22.org |



STATED COMMUNICATIONS: The stated communications shall be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (GWMNM), Alexandria, Virginia on the second Thursday of each month with the additional stated communications for the observance of George Washington's birthday on February 22, Saint John the Baptist Day on June 24, and the Installation of Officers on December 27.

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS: As announced herein with the trestleboard.

LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL: Conducted every Thursday at 7:30 PM, excluding our stated communication. All members are encouraged to attend.

CATECHISM & EDUCATION SCHOOL: Every Thursday at 7:30 PM and every Saturday at 10 AM unless otherwise noted in the trestleboard. Ritual school is cancelled on November 7, November 9, November 28 and November 30.



Above: Enjoying fellowship after our November stated meeting.

Below: WB Gavin Collinson presenting AW22's gift to WB Andrew Nicholson, current WM of Constitutional Lodge No. 294 in Beverly, England.



From the Secretary's Desk –

As we approach the end of the year, we raised 7 new members this year and had 7 members affiliate with our Lodge from other Lodges, resulting in an increase of 14 members. We have lost 9 members to deaths, 3 members to Demits and 2 members to Suspension for non-payment of dues, resulting in a loss of 14 members. We will finish the year with the same number as we started.

We have 161 members of the Lodge who pay dues. As of this writing 47 have paid their 2020 dues leaving a balance of 114 members who still owe their dues. The dues for the 2020 Masonic Year are \$191.00. The dues will go up to \$215.00 next year. The 2020 dues are payable and due by January 1, 2020. Once your dues are paid, you will receive your 2020 dues card in the mail.

You can pay your dues through the Lodge Web site at <http://aw22.org> by using a credit card. You can also pay by direct link to: <https://www.paypal.me/AlexWash22/197.01> If you decide to pay by sending the funds to the Secretary, you must pay by personal check or by Money Order. Federal Regulations do not allow you to pay dues with a company or business check. They must be paid with personal funds.

We still have a number of members for which I do not have a good mailing address. If you have changed your mailing address recently, please send an Email message, or phone call to the secretary so the records can be updated.

In Memoriam

Brother Richard Bender Abell

Born December 12, 1943

EA: September 13, 1971 - FC: October 11, 1971

MM: November 8, 1971

Died: November 21, 2019

PYTHAGORAS, SCHOOL OF The schools established by Pythagoras at Crotona and other cities, have been considered by many writers as the models after which Masonic Lodges were subsequently constructed. They undoubtedly served the Christian ascetics of the first century as a pattern for their monastic institutions, with which institutions the Freemasonry of the Middle Ages, in its operative character, was intimately connected. A brief description of the school of Crotona will not therefore be inappropriate.

The disciples of this school wore the simplest kind of clothing, and having on their entrance surrendered all their property to the common fund. they then submitted for three years to voluntary poverty, during which time they were also compelled to a rigorous silence. The doctrines of Pythagoras were always delivered as infallible propositions which admitted of no argument, and hence the Greek expression he said it, was considered as a sufficient answer to anyone who demanded a reason. Aristotle, by the way, in his accounts of Pythagorean doctrines, refers with what appears to be a studied and cautious vagueness to the Pythagoreans, not to Pythagoras. The teaching was probably, according to recent investigation, as a rule credited to the founder.

The scholars were divided into Esoterics and Exoterics. This distinction was borrowed by Pythagoras from the Egyptian priests, who practiced a similar mode of instruction. The exoteric scholars were those who attended the public assemblies, where general ethical instructions were delivered by the sage. But only the esoterics constituted the true school, and these alone Pythagoras called, says Jamblichus, his companions and friends. Before admission to the privileges of this school, the previous life and character of the candidate were rigidly scrutinized, and in the preparatory initiation secrecy was enjoined by an oath, and he was made to submit to the severest trials of his fortitude and self-command. He who after his admission was alarmed at the obstacles he had to encounter, was permitted to return to the world, and the disciples, considering him as dead, performed his funeral obsequies, and erected a monument to his memory.

The mode of living in the school of Crotona was like that of the modern Communists. The Brethren, about six hundred in number, with their wives and children, resided in one large building. Every morning the business and duties of the day were arranged, and at night an account was rendered of the day's transactions. They arose before day to pay their devotions to the sun, and recited verses from Homer, Hesiod, or some other poet. Several hours were spent in study, after which there was an interval before dinner, which was occupied in walking and in gymnastic exercises.

The meals consisted principally of bread, honey, and water, for though the table was often covered with delicacies, no one was permitted to partake of them. It was in this secret school that Pythagoras gave his instructions on his interior doctrine, and explained the hidden meaning of his symbols. There were three Degrees: the first or Mathematic, being engaged in the study of the exact sciences; and the second, or Theoretic, in the knowledge of God and the future state of man; but the

third, or highest Degree, was communicated only to a few whose intellects were capable of grasping the full fruition of the Pythagorean philosophy.

This school, after existing for thirty years, was finally dissolved through the machinations of Sylo, a wealthy inhabitant of Crotona, who, having been refused admission, in revenge excited the citizens against it, when a lawless mob attacked the scholars while assembled in the house of Milo, set fire to the building and dispersed the disciples, forty of them being burned to death. The school was never resumed, but after the death of the philosopher, summaries of his doctrines were made by some of his disciples. Still many of his symbols and his esoteric teachings have to this day remained uninterpreted and unexplained.

After this account of the Pythagorean school, the Freemason will find no difficulty in understanding that part of the so called Lowland Manuscript which is said to have so much puzzled the great metaphysician John Locke. This manuscript—the question of its authenticity is not here entered upon—has the following interesting paragraphs:

How comede ytt—Fremasonryn Engellonde? Peter Gower, a Grecian, journeyed for kunnyng ye Egypte and in Syria, and yn everyche londe whereat the Venetians hadde plauntedde Maconrye, and wynnyng entraunce yn al Lodges of Maconnes, he lerned muche and retournedde and worked yn Grecia Magna wachsynge and becommynge a myghtye wysacre and gratelyche renowned, and here he framed a grate Lodge at Groton, and maked many Maconnes, some whereoffe dyd journeye yn Fraunce, and maked manye Maconnes wherefromme, yn process of tyme, the arte passed yn Engellonde.

Locke confesses that he was at first puzzled with those strange names, Peter Gower, Groton, and the Venetians; but a little thinking taught him that they were only corruptions of Pythagoras, Crotona, and the Phenicians. It is not singular that the old Freemasons should have called Pythagoras their "ancient friend and Brother," and should have dedicated to him one of their geometrical symbols, the forty-seventh problem of Euclid; an epithet and a custom that have, by the force of habit, been retained in all the modern instructions of the Craft.

Recent conclusions ascribe to Pythagoras and his followers equal esteem to that accorded them by the old Freemasons. In their mathematical work the leading characteristic was a combination of arithmetic and geometry. The studies containing the germ of algebra were developed in the Pythagorean School into a true scientific method in its theory of proportion and in fact Pythagoras has been not only credited with a method common in value to all branches of mathematics but to be personally comparable himself with Descartes who decisively combined geometry and algebra.

Source: MACKEY'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY AND ITS KINDRED SCIENCES