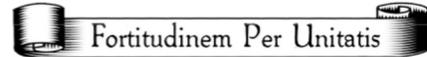


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November 2019

The Master's Message

ALEXANDRIA-WASHINGTON LODGE No. 22

My Brethren –

One of the most conscious efforts that we've made this year as a lodge has been to involve AW22 as much as possible in events in and around our district. In addition to our active participation in the Masters and Wardens Association for District 1A, we have payed fraternal visits to seven of the other eight Lodges in the district, and to five lodges outside of our district. We couldn't visit Sharon Lodge No. 327 because they hold their stated communications on the same days as us.

Continuing to strenghten the fraternal bond with other Freemasons was especially strong in October. We reignited two long time lodge connections, and established a new one on the other side of the Atlantic. At our stated communication in October, which was also Past Masters Night, Constitutional Lodge No. 294 visited us from Beverly, England. Just like in the not-too-distant-past, AW22 members hosted in their homes their English brothers, the same way Constitutional Lodge members have hosted in their homes our members. Thank you, RW Bible for leading that effort. In the meantime, Bro. Deni and I visited Sgovor Lodge Sofia No. 101 in Sofia, Bulgaria for their 100-year anniversary. The Bulgarian brothers received us magnificently. We felt a direct connection with that universal and global chain of friends and brothers, which is spread around the world and professes brotherly love, relief and truth. To close this amazing month, we visited William Elkins Lodge No. 271 in Philadelphia. Our connection with them is traditional and has continued through the ages, just like the one with Constitutional Lodge. We were therefore happy to renew our fraternal embrace with them. They had rented a beautiful private vessel that took us on a three-hour cruise of the Delaware River and we shared many wonderful memories. Our Past Master from 1976, WB Jim Stone was there and told all of us stories about the two lodges from the seventies and beyond.

In November, please join us for our stated communication, which is also Wardens Night and the night when we will be voting on changes to the bylaws. Please note that ritual school is cancelled around the dates of the Grand Annual Communication and Thanksgiving.

For a glimpse into December, please try to attend the wreath laying ceremony at Bro. George Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon on December 14, 2019, as well the installation of new officers on December 27, 2019.

With Fraternal Best Regards,
Nikola Nikolov
Master

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MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

NOVEMBER 2019

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- 2 SAT** 10:00 AM CALLED COMMUNICATION: FC + MM
 - 4 MON** 7:30 PM FRATERNAL VISIT TO: FREDERICKSBURG LODGE NO. 4
 - 6-10 WED - SUN** GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION: RICHMOND
HILTON RICHMOND HOTEL & SPA
12042 WEST BROAD STREET
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23233
 - 14 THU** 7:30 PM STATED COMMUNICATION:
WARDENS NIGHT
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Tiled Meeting
RSVP: reservations@aw22.org
 - 20 WED** 6:00 PM TRUSTEES MEETING



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.

From the Secretary's Desk –

It is that time again, I am now sending out the 2020 dues cards. The payment of 2020 dues is due on January 1, 2020. There are thirteen (13) members who still owe 2019 dues and will be billed for two years. The dues for the 2020 Masonic Year are \$191.00.

Photograph: With our good friends and Brothers from Beverly Lodge, England during Past Masters Night in October.



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

“Lodge of Washington” Medallion -

The Medallion is available to be purchased from the Lodge for \$25.00. You can get the Medallion by sending your payment to the Secretary, made payable to “Alex-Wash Lodge No. 22,” or use the PayPal link: <https://www.paypal.me/AlexWash22/26.06> (\$25.00 for the Medallion plus \$1.06 PayPal fee) If you need the Medallion mailed to you, the cost is \$30.00 which covers the postage. If paying by PayPal, (\$25.00 for the Medallion plus \$1.20 PayPal fee) the link is: <https://www.paypal.me/AlexWash22/31.20> Once your payment is received, you can pick up the Medallion at a Lodge meeting or it will be mailed to you as appropriate.

In Memoriam

Bro. Charles Sidney Oakley

Born: July 7, 1923, Initiated January 27, 1958
Passed: March 10, 1958, Raised: May 29, 1958
Died: September 27, 2019

Bro. Henry Arthur Millican

Born: February 24, 1941, Initiated: May 25, 1964
Passed: January 7, 1965, Raised: April 29, 1965
Died: October 5, 2019

APRONS, GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MASONIC

Two aprons of a Masonic and historic character were owned by General George Washington. One of these was brought to this country by our Masonic Brother, the Marquis de Lafayette [*a member of AW22*], in 1784.

An object of his visit was to present to General Washington a beautiful white satin apron bearing the National colors, red, white and blue, and embroidered elaborately with Masonic emblems, the whole being the handiwork of Madame la Marquise de Lafayette.

This apron, according to Brother Julius F. Sachse in his book, *History of Brother General Lafayette's Fraternal Connections with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania* (page 5), was enclosed in a handsome rosewood box when presented to Brother George Washington.

Another apron was presented to General Washington. This gift was also made in France and the similarity of purpose and of origin has caused some confusion as to the identity of the two aprons that happily were preserved and proudly cherished by their later owners after the death of Brother Washington.

The gift of the second apron was due to the fraternal generosity of Brother Elkanah Watson and his partner, M. Cassoul, of Nantes, France. The name Cassoul in the old records is also spelled Cossouland Cosson. Watson and Cassoul acted as confidential agents abroad for the American Government during the revolutionary period, the former being also a bearer of dispatches to Dr. Benjamin Franklin.

Brother Sachse, in the above-mentioned work, quotes Brother Watson from a book *Men and Times of the Revolution, or Memoirs of Elkanah Watson*, (New York, 1856, pages 135-6), as follows: "Wishing to pay some mark of respect to our beloved Washington, I employed, in conjunction with my friend M. Cossoul, nuns in one of the convents at Nantes to prepare some elegant Masonic ornaments and gave them a plan for combining the American and French flags on the apron designed for this use.

They were executed in a superior and expensive style. We transmitted them to America, accompanied by an appropriate address."

An autograph reply to the address was written by Brother Washington and this letter was purchased from the Watson family and thus came into the possession of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Washington apron owned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was first given by the legatees of Brother George Washington to the Washington Benevolent Society on October 26, 1816, and was presented to the Grand Lodge on July 3, 1829.

The other Washington apron and sash came into the possession of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, at Alexandria, Virginia, on June 3, 1812, and as recorded in the *Lodge of Washington* (page 90), were presented, with the box made in France which contained them, by Major Lawrence Lewis, a nephew of Washington, on behalf of his son, Master Lorenzo Lewis. The pamphlet, *George Washington the Man and the Mason*, prepared by the Research Committee, Brother C. C. Hunt, Chairman, of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, 1921, raises the question as to the number of degrees conferred upon Brother Washington.

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia, where Brother Washington received his Masonic Degrees, conferred the Royal Arch Degree under the authority of its Lodge Warrant. In fact, the first known record of this degree being conferred anywhere is in the Minutes of this Lodge under date of December 22, 1753.

There is a reference to the degree by the Grand Committee of the Ancient, September 2, 1752, and the books of Vernon Lodge, No. 123, Coleraine in Ireland, show that "a Master and Royal Arch Mason" was proposed for membership, April 16, 1752, and also that a Royal Arch reception was held on March 11, 1745 (see *Miscellanea Latomorum*, volume ix, page 138). On the flap of the apron presented to Washington are the familiar letters H T W S S T K S arranged in the usual circular form. Within the circle is a beehive which may indicate the Mark selected by the wearer.

The above pamphlet points out that as this apron was made especially for Washington it is probable that he was a Mark Master Mason at least, and that it is not likely that this emblem would have been placed on the apron had the facts been otherwise. Certainly the beehive as an emblem of industry was an appropriate Mark for Washington to select.

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