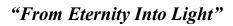
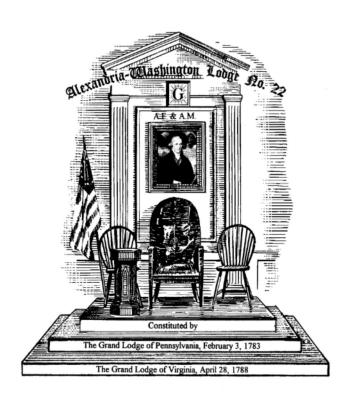
LODGE TRESTLEBOARD





OCTOBER 2013

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

Greetings from the West! As this year approaches its close I wanted to share with you at least a few of my thoughts and ideas as I make preparations for the next year should I be elected to serve as your next Worshipful Master. I sincerely appreciate this opportunity and am confident in my ability to perform admirably.

First and foremost I plan on maintaining and upholding the traditions which those before me have put in place with an emphasis on excellence in ritual. In particular, over the past couple of years we have established a working core of Brothers (both officers and a few members) who meet on Sundays at 5pm for "Lodge Ritual School" to learn and participate in various aspects of degree and ritual work. I wish for this to continue to grow further outside of the officers' line and gain better traction within the membership. In addition, work in the degrees will continue to be held firmly on the last Thursday of every month should we should not be affected by holidays or special events.

Our lodge also has a history of fine, relevant, and quality programs. The next year should continue that trend with presentations ranging from specific lodge environment, decorum, to Freemasonry worldwide, not to mention notable Masonic authors. The devil is in the details so stay tuned.

Finally Brethren, I will leave you with food for thought. Never lose sight of your personal journey in this and any endeavor. Internal and external questions always abound but education and dedication to improving ourselves continue to be our ally as we travel together always through trials and afflictions. How will you be tried?

Sincerely and fraternally,

Rob Weston Senior Warden

THE MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

NOTE: All events, dates, and times are subject to change. The official notification of Lodge activities can be found in the Lodge Trestleboard at the Lodge website:

www.aw22.org

<u>OCT</u>		
10 THU 20 SUN 24 THU	7:30 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	STATED COMMUNICATION: WARDEN'S NIGHT DEGREE REHEARSAL CALLED COMMUNICATION: WORK IN THE DEGREES
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03 SUN 07 THU 14 THU <u>DEC</u>	5:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	OFFICER'S MEETING & DEGREE REHEARSAL CALLED COMMUNICATION: WORK IN THE DEGREES STATED COMMUNICATION: "FIAT LUX LODGE: ENGLISH EMULATION OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE."
07 SAT	5:00 PM	LADIES' NIGHT – MOZART'S VIOLIN CONCERTO NO. 4 / BRAHM'S SYMPHONY NO. 1; NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
12 THU	7:00 PM	STATED COMMUNICATION: REFLECTIONS OF THE YEAR AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
13 Fri	7:15 AM	WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT WASHINGTON'S TOMB; MOUNT VERNON



19 THU 7:00 PM INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

STATED COMMUNICATIONS: The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia on the second Thursday of each month.

A MOMENT OF LIGHT

What is the Masonic Mission?

It is said each brother should take such a question, alongside his objectives in petitioning, and formulate an individual answer. One seeking an answer would be well served initially in defining terms. A *mission* may be defined as an important goal or purpose that is accompanied by strong conviction. This brother's belief is that Freemasonry's mission is to elevate the consciousness of its adepts by providing a framework to do so that has evolved out of several religio-philosophical traditions. As we know, the symbolism of an operative building trade is used to adorn and give structure to this framework. In further defining terms, an *adept* is one who is skilled and knowledgeable, who displays aptitude. It is from the Latin *adeptus* meaning "having reached, attained or attain to or acquire." (The antomym to adept, of coruse is inept.)

The aspiring adept can make use of a simple, yet elegant, acronym (MISS), coming from the word mission, to give form to and apply his Masonic framework. Call it the Masonic MISS-ion. One can think of each letter as being one piece in a four legged stool, each ideally being of equivalent length and sturdiness, and thus of equal reliance and usefulness. The four parts make the whole complete. M stands for moral, I for intellectual, S for social and the second S for Spiritual instruction, improvement and advancement. The Craft degrees within the Symbolic Lodge can be seen as addressing each of these four fundamentals in a progressive way. Even the working tools and symbols as presented in degree order show a progression from purification and preparation through testing and fitting on their way ultimately to synthesis, integration and regeneration.

The four legs of this Masonic stool or chair; Moral, Intellectual, Social and Spiritual are focused upon unevenly across jurisdictions, between and within Lodges and individual brethren. But, they are all there within the overall rubric of Craft Freemasonry. Each is a deep pool within which a student of Freemasonry may steep for some time in cultivating and developing his character and consciousness. Perhaps it can be said that one is not a true adept without developed skill and aptitude in each area. Whether this is so, it is nevertheless our collective charge to be aware of all four and to make best use of the breadth and depth of the Royal Art handed down to us. It is likewise our charge to be the best stewards and maintainers of this framework for the highest and best use of the tradition that is our Craft.

--Brother Kerry D. Kirk Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22 September 2013.

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