

LODGE TRESTLEBOARD

“From Eternity Into Light”



DECEMBER 2013

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

My Brethren-

Another December has arrived, and with it the change in seasons, the change in the calendar, and the change in our Lodge stewardship. Thinking of our lectures I truly have a new understanding of the discussion of the hour glass and how amazing it is that each grain is unique, almost innumerable...but in the space of an hour they are all exhausted. Only a blink of an eye ago I stood next to the Officers of AW-22 at our installation, placed my hand over my heart, and pledged fealty to the Lodge and its Officers. I promised at that time to provide good stewardship over this Lodge, to nourish the tender shoots of knowledge, and to assist in the mission of connecting good men to their mortality...to their G-d.

My time in this unique role is almost complete. In but a few weeks we will gather once again in the Lodge room, another man will place his hand over his heart and promise to nourish the Lodge, help its members grow, and try and assist them in capturing a mere reflection of the divine spark.

At our December Stated Communication we will conduct our typical December business; closing a Lodge of Sorrow, hearing Officer and Committee reports, hearing some closing thoughts from the Master on the state of the Lodge, and perhaps most importantly, designating and voting on the next Master of Alexandria-Washington #22 and his Officers.

Brethren, I have not much more to say. I hope that in the short space of the year we have had together that you have grown as I have grown. I hope in our year together that you have learned more about Masonry and more about yourself. I hope that in the year we have had together that you have found or renewed some aspect of Masonry and AW-22 that you are passionate about.

When we started this journey together almost a year ago we set a lofty goal...to grow in true esoteric knowledge while at the same time venerating all that is so traditionally special about AW-22. I do not know yet if we have been successful in doing that. Our relative success or failure will only be revealed after a long period of time and introspection. I hope you will take my word that I have done my utmost to do right by you all, to honor this almost sacred calling, and to merit the accolades the members have given me this year.

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My friends, I hope to see you all at our Stated. It would be my honor to share one more meeting with you as your Master, to shake your hand one last time as your leader, and to enjoy with you the happy reflection of an arduous task well done.

I remain sincerely and fraternally,

Wor Joshua D Adler
Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22, AF&AM

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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

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03 TUE	7:00 PM	LODGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING; LODGE ANTE-ROOM
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

Eastbound Night

Was it chance, one 'eve, that I met
A gent who shared my train,
Which Eastward hurtled in darkness,
Way 'cross the Western plain?

In vested suit, with whiskers,
Long white with years achieved
Reclined, entranced, at first,
When, 'a sudden, he made slight heave.

O nuisance, I then thought it was
Given the burdens I did bear,
An unquiet mind, further tempest-toss'd,
By distraction presented there.

But, then! a glance made plain,
His overture I should give heed
Dare'st he hold some Secret,
It there at once did seem?

"I know, and see thou carry'st grief"
He said, "still, pardon if I may?,
Give unbid counsel to a stranger,
As, I was once the same."

"Pull close", he winked then grinned,
With features clear and kind,
"Know ye, of the Point and Circle?"
And the Quarry of the Mind?"

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Then, for hours, I sat still rapt,
While the train made stops by town,
And I learned amazed of a "building trade",
That the ancients had be-found.

I learned my burdens were self-induced,
That tools, through Symbol provided,
The means to erase my miseries
And my hopes and fears, divided.

I learned that the old gent's tribe,
Dated to a hoary, distant past
Yet, legions still dwelled among us,
Holding guard, their Secrets fast

Thro' long the night, I asked him more
Than did's't not think I should,
Yet, full rein he gave, and answered
By Riddles – This, so that I would,

Implore he guide me to the path,
That hearty Fellows chose.
At length, then placed he in my palm,
Three stones and said, "Now those,

"Are Steps, and three is key
Of the way could be thy Future
Indeed, the Past and Present as well,
By Degrees, we learn our nature"

"Take one per time, concern it well,
Only then bring forth the other,
The third, in time, and it Sublime
Full circle, makes us Brother"

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And upon my teacher's aged hand
Barely notice'd due to wear
I glanced, a ring, with symbol centered
It 'twas a Mason's square!

“Kin to all, who keep the ken,
Who work within the halls
Of lodge, of self, Interiora Vide
And grim Death dare to fall”

I moved to ever thank the gent,
For my new, mysterious charge
But whens't glancing at the gems he gave
He disappeared from within the car

I did not know yet what to make,
Of the spectacle I then had seen
Perhaps it was my next Full step
But then, perhaps a dream.

Once daybreak came, and the sun full bore
Bathed the City from above,
From the train I alighted, and strode afresh
Due East with new found Love.

A fortnight since, in Temple joined,
As my hoodwink was taken down,
Lo! Spied I there! In the Master's Chair,
My train sage sitting crowned!

**by Kerry D. Kirk
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Alexandria-Washington Lodge # 22
Written 2010**

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