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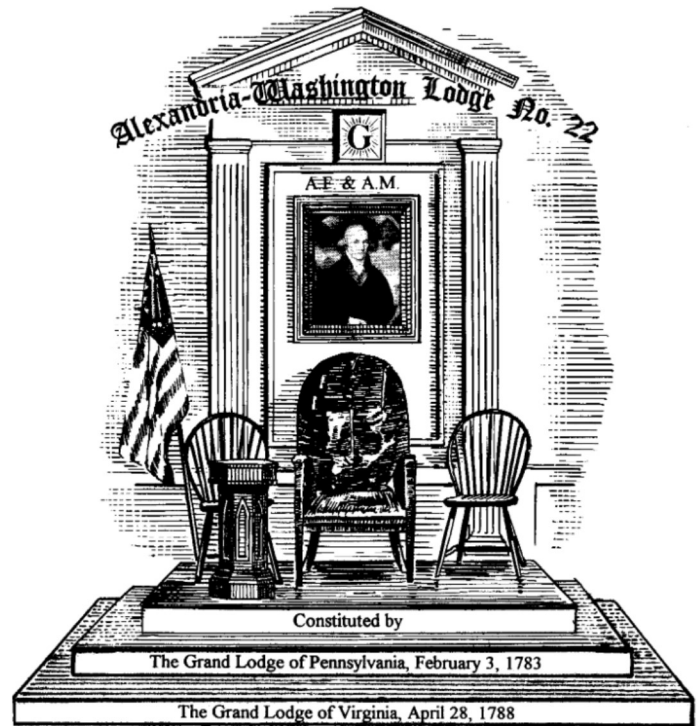
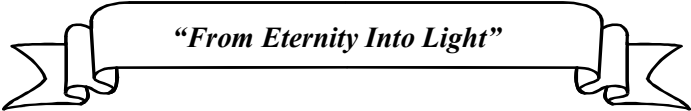
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LODGE TRESTLEBOARD



March 2013

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

My Dear Brethren-

So here we are at March already. The new Masonic year is really picking up momentum. If you were able to join us for any of our events in February, you know just how busy we have been. March will see us slow down the pace a bit, but really get the core of what I hope we as Masons will learn this year.

On the 14th of March, at our Stated Communication, we will welcome noted author and Masonic scholar Rabbi Rami Shapiro. Bro Shapiro is traveling all the way from Nashville to present a paper he has written especially for our Lodge.

Bro Shapiro's talk will focus specifically on "alternative" explanations of mysticism and symbolism in the Master Mason Degree. It is very easy to think about the Master Mason degree and ascribe a Christian lens to the goings on and meanings of that degree. Although it is not necessarily inappropriate for a Brother to filter the meanings of the degree through the religious system that he knows, there is a rich world of symbolism in our degrees beyond the seemingly obvious (to some) Christian meanings.

In fact, the early Brethren of our Speculative Craft likely did not mean for overtly Christian images (e.g. the Holy Sts. John) to appear so prominently in Masonic ritual. The early Masonic founders were Enlightenment Era men, devoted to the discovery and sometimes rediscovery of biblical teachings of the Old Testament. They would have been conversant in early Jewish writings and scholars.

The Enlightenment was an era of personal discovery, and many of these men would have been intimately familiar with reading biblical Hebrew and Aramaic. That the early founders of our Gentle Craft inserted many Jewish symbols and discussions into our ritual is not a very far fetched notion at all. Masonry teaches us that there are many varied paths to the truth that is the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth. I hope that this presentation will provide for interesting discussion and lively debate.

Copies of Rabbi Shapiro's latest books will be on sale at the Festive Board following the meeting.

As always, if you plan to stay for the Festive Board following the Stated, you **must** email the Stewards (reservations@aw22.org) no later than one week before the meeting. Having accurate headcounts assures that we have enough food for all Brethren in attendance, and that we aren't habitually wasting food.

On Sunday the 24th of March, we will have a Ritual School in our Lodge room at 5pm. We will be rehearsing for the Degree we will be performing at our Called Communication on the 28th of March. All are welcomed to attend.

My Brethren, I have happily noticed that we have already had an uptick of attendance and participation in Lodge this year. It is truly wonderful to see so many of you in Lodge on a regular basis. It is my most sincere hope that we can keep this momentum up through the course of the year. I hope to see you all in Lodge as often as the length of your Cable-tow

will allow.

I remain most sincerely and fraternally,

Joshua David Adler
Master
Ab Aeterno Ad Lucem

The Following *Closing Charge* is submitted for your reflection by Worshipful Brother Claude Harris, Jr.; Past Master, 1993. It was composed by the Reverend Brother Thaddeus Mason Harris (1768-1842) and you will recognize it as the basis of the Closing Charge delivered by the Worshipful Master of Virginia Lodges.

A CHARGE At The Closing of a Lodge

Brethren:

You are now to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated, and forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Be, therefore, diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet. Remember also, that around this altar you have solemnly and repeatedly promised to befriend an relieve, with unhesitating cordiality, so far as shall be in your power, every brother who shall need your assistance: That you have promised to remind him, in the most friendly manner, of his failings, and aid his reformation. Vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced. Suggest in his behalf the most candid, favorable, and palliating circumstances, when his conduct is justly reprehended. That the world may observe how Masons love one another.

These generous principles are to extend farther. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. So that we enjoin it upon you "to do good unto all," while we recommend it more "especially to the household of the faithful."

By diligence in the duties of your respective callings, by liberal benevolence, and diffusive charity, by constancy and fidelity in your friendships, by uniformly just, amiable, and virtuous deportment, discover the beneficial and happy effects of this ancient and honorable Institution.

Let it not be supposed that you have here labored in vain, and spent your strength for nought: for your work is with the Lord, and your recompense with your God.

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be ye all of one mind. Live in peace. And may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you!

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

MARCH

05 TUE 7:00 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
14 THU 7:30 PM STATED COMMUNICATION: RABBI RAMI SHAPIRO – “MYSTICISM IN THE MASTER MASON’S DEGREE.”
24 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL
28 THU 7:00 PM CALLED COMMUNICATION: WORK IN THE DEGREES.

APRIL

07 SUN 5:00 PM OFFICER’S MEETING AND LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL
11 THU 7:00 PM CALLED COMMUNICATION: WORK IN THE DEGREES
25 THU 7:30 PM STATED COMMUNICATION: LODGE CHARTER NIGHT
DATE CHANGED BY DISPENSATION.

MAY

04 SAT 5:00 PM WASHINGTON FLOWER SHOW
09 THU 7:30 PM STATED COMMUNICATION: EMULATION OF THE SCOTTISH RITE MASTER MASON DEGREE
11 SAT 6:00 PM GRAND MASTER’S OFFICIAL VISIT TO MASONIC DISTRICT 1A
30 THU 7:00 PM CALLED COMMUNICATION: WORK IN THE DEGREES
26 SUN 5:00 PM LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL



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.

He Lived a Life by H. N. Fifer

“What was his creed?
I do not know his creed, I only know
That here below, he walked the common road
And lifted many a load, lightened the task,
Brightened the day for others toiling on a weary way:
This, his only need; but I do not know his creed.

What was his creed? I never heard him speak
Of visions rapturous, of Alpine peak,
Of doctrine, dogma, new or old;
But this I know, he was for ever bold
To stand alone, to face the challenge of each day,
And live the truth, so far as he could see—
The truth that evermore more makes free.

His creed? I care not what his creed;
Enough that never yielded he to greed;
But served a Brother in his daily need;
Plucked many a thorn and planted many a flower;
Glorified the service of each hour;
Had faith in God, himself, and fellow-man;--
Perchance he never thought in terms of creed,
I only know he lived a life, in deed.”

Submitted by Brother Kerry Kirk, Lodge Education Officer

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