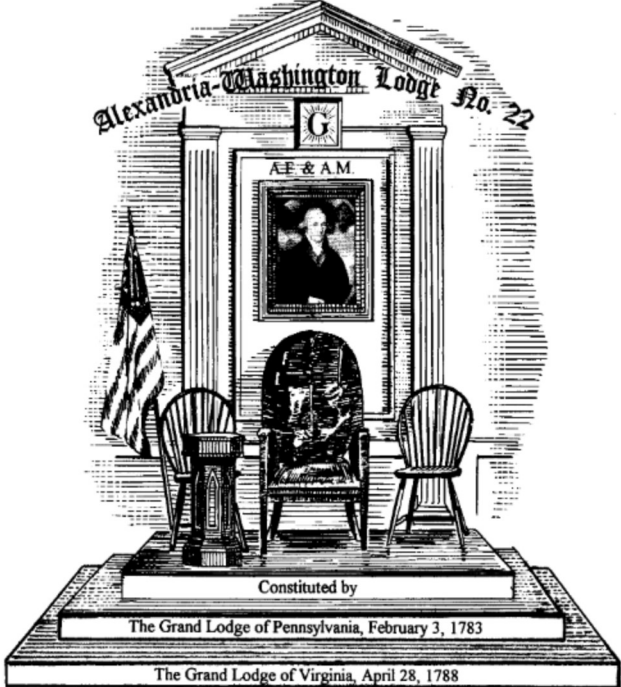


# LODGE TRESTLEBOARD

*“From Eternity Into Light”*



**NOVEMBER 2013**

## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

My Brethren-

It is my pleasure to write you this November message. With the government shutdown behind us (for now) and the Holiday season ahead of us, this is truly a great time of year. Before long our Masonic year will be at a close, with the Lodge placed in the capable hands of the next Worshipful Master.

Before we go about the business of handing over the Lodge, there is still an opportunity to squeeze in one last bit of esoteric study. For our Stated Communication this month we will be receiving a visiting degree team from Fiat Lux No.1717 of the District of Columbia.

Fiat Lux will be demonstrating the English Emulation ritual of the Master Mason Degree. If you have never seen an English Emulation before, I encourage you to turn out for this special night. English Emulation ritual is one of the 'Mother Masonic Rituals.' As one of the oldest ritual forms still being worked, it is truly inspiring and education to see Masonic ritual rendered as it would have been done so many years ago. One of the first ritual workings I ever saw other than California or Virginia was at Fiat Lux. The dedication and passion for the ritual those men had -and have- was truly awe inspiring. I vowed that if I was ever selected to be Master of a Masonic Lodge, that I would share this wonderful ritual and these dedicated men with others.

By the time you read this message, a small group of us will have traveled to the Grand Annual Communication, primarily to vote on resolutions that affect our Craft in General, and our Grand Lodge in particular. At our November Stated I will give you all an update on how these votes went.

Owing to our attendance at Grand Lodge and due to the fact that Thanksgiving occupies the end of November, there will be no Called Communications for the purposes of the Degrees in Freemasonry this month.

My Brethren; this year as Master has been one of the most amazing of my life. It is truly the honor of a lifetime to be able to share with you all that I value in Freemasonry.

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Additionally, I have been so proud to be entrusted with the stewardship and legacy of this great Lodge. At our Stated Communication this month, I will have the honor of closing a Master Mason Lodge for the last time as Worshipful Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22. I hope to see you there if your cabletow will allow.

I remain sincerely and fraternally,

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

### 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](http://www.aw22.org)

#### NOV

**14 THU 7:30 PM STATED COMMUNICATION: "FIAT LUX LODGE : ENGLISH EMULATION OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE."**

#### DEC

**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**



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**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

"Masonic secrecy has been the chief cause of the suspicion and hostility with which the order has often been regarded. For a couple of centuries the Masons and the Jesuits between them maintained a near monopoly on the multitude of supposed conspiracies that crowded the European mind. ...But if secrecy brought with it potential liabilities, these were outweighed by its assets. Among them was a partly manufactured solidarity of companionship in a shared and noble cause, as well as a sense of exclusive election that seems to be a universal appetite of human nature. Furthermore, it did provide the Masons with a least one genuine mystery that could be revealed to initiates. Nobody else had this secret knowledge, for they had thought it up themselves. Men like Pasquilly, Saint-Martin, or Cagliostro might speak of 'secret doctrines'. In actual fact there were no secret doctrines. There was instead the aspiration to seek enlightenment secretly, and for purposes of enunciating this pursuit, then of prosecuting it, they did indeed find secret words, signs, symbols and rites.

The darkest secret of the Masons was that there was no secret, a truth that Casanova, among several of his equally distinguished brethren, makes explicit. "Those who undertake to become Masons for no other reason than to learn the 'secret' can find themselves mistaken, for you can live fifty years a Master Mason without ever penetrating the secret of the brotherhood," he wrote. "The secret of Masonry is inviolable by its very nature, because the Mason who knows it knows it only by intuition. He didn't learn it from anybody. He discovered it by means of time spent at the lodge, in observing, in reasoning, in deducing...The secret will therefore remain always secret."

From "The Dark Side of the Enlightenment: Wizards, Alchemists & Spiritual Seekers of the Age of Reason" by Prof. John V. Fleming

LEO Note: This passage is submitted not as truth or 'answer' but as always, as food for individual thought and collective discussion.

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

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