



Lodge Bulletin

July 2024

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Master's Message

Dear Brethren,

A very special thank you to those who attended the annual Feast of Saint John the Baptist Table Lodge! It was indeed a memorable evening of fellowship. To me, our table lodge serves as a time to reset. A time to celebrate with each other but also to challenge each other to live into the principles of our Craft. The following quote from our ritual sums it up nicely, “Brethren in this solemn hour I charge each of you to rededicate yourself as a Freemason to the noble and glorious purpose of bringing light to dispel darkness...”

In my remarks, I expressed that I am hopeful for Masonry's future, but only if we embrace the opportunity Providence has provided to be the beacon of light in today's world. So that we may do that, I am asking for your input and ideas for strengthening our Lodge in a survey that will be sent out to members. Be thinking about what motivates you to participate and what changes might encourage greater involvement. The feedback you provide will be used as the officers engage in several strategic planning sessions in the coming months.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your Worshipful Master.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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Worshipful Master
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July 2024

July 11

6:30 PM | Fellowship Dinner

7:30 PM | Stated Communication

Closed Program by Wor. Jaime Paul Lamb

Archetypal Temple

GWMNM

July 13

8:00 AM | William Hiram Wood School

Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54

July 15

7:00 PM | Esoteric Corner

Program by Wor. Daniel Froggett,

*Esoteric Leadership Lessons, and how
we can learn from the Past Masters of AW22*

Virtual via Google Meet

July 20

10:00 AM | Master Masons Degree

GWMNM

July 25

6:30 PM | Entered Apprentice Degree

GWMNM

July 26

6:00 PM | Grand Master's Official Visit to District 1A

Alexandria Scottish Rite

- Catechism Schools are every Thursday night at 6:30 PM and Saturday morning at 10:00 AM unless otherwise noted. Ritual Schools are every Thursday night at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted. All masons are welcome.
- To follow the Master's personal Masonic schedule. Please view the Master@AW22.org shared Google Calendar.

The Lambskin Apron

By Bro. Robert Swanson, Lodge Education Officer, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

What is the lambskin apron, where did it originate from and why do we as Mason's wear them? As our presentation volume states, and as our EAs learn in their catechism:

“It is an emblem of innocence and badge of a free and accepted mason, more ancient than the golden fleece or roman eagle, more honorable than the star and garter, or any other order that can be conferred upon you at this or any future period, by King, Prince, Potentate, or any other person, except he be a Mason.” [i]

But what does that mean? I am inclined to agree with Wilmshurst's interesting interpretation “Need I say that the physical form with which we have all been invested by the creator upon our entrance into this world, and of which we shall divest ourselves when we leave the lodge of this life is represented among us by our masonic apron?” [ii]

What does this mean? As Wilmshurst postulates, the Lodge is emblematical of physical reality. When we first enter the lodge, after taking our obligations and are Entered as Apprentices we are invested with that first honor, the Lambskin Apron, which is spotless, and so we are charged to keep it spotless. Allegorically we as Masons are first invested with our Aprons upon entering Freemasonry, and when we pass to the celestial lodge above our physical remains are buried with that badge as well. Also, too every time we enter lodge, we invest ourselves with our aprons, and divest them after our sacred retreat.

“Remember when your first wore it, it was a piece of pure white lambskin, an emblem of that purity and innocence which we always associate with the lamb and with the newborn child.” [iii]

Mackey notes than as an EA we wear it with the flap raised, forming a “five corner badge” which is an allusion to our five senses that we use in relation to this physical world. When we combine the triangular flap with the quadrangular portion below it, it symbolizes a connection between the soul and body. Wilmshurst continues to note that the triangle with its 3 points, and the quadrangular with 4 together forms the “perfect number 7” as according to ancient Jewish tradition, “which masonry is closely allied, “God blessed and loved the number seven more than all things under His throne,” “by which is meant that man, the seven fold being, is the most cherished of all the Creators works. Dividing it by the triangle above in conjunction with the quadrangular portal below. Mans nature is a combination of the soul and body.”[iv]

i.e. the Quadrangular portion below represents physical man, and the triangular portion above represents the heavens this interestingly mirrors Albert Pikes explanation of the Square and compasses in Esoterika.

But shall we rely solely on Wilmshurst? Let us look further as what Mackey says:

He reiterates that it is THE Badge of a Mason.

“At the formation, as now, the apron was white...in all ancient mysteries the apron, or vestments were white...Jewish priests, roman priests... the Scandinavian Rites were

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presented with a white shield... White was the color of the last degree for a Druid. From these we learn that white apparel was used as an emblem of Purity. The Order of Mithras in Persia they were invested with a white apron and many, many others.”[v]

A point of great interest to the Brothers of AW22 Lodge I learned from Coil and Mackey’s encyclopedias that in our possession is one of George Washington’s Aprons, they also describe the size and dimensions of it.

Coil further states the more practical explanation of the Apron thus: “It is of general application to describe any sort of shield – from a piece of cloth to protect the clothing or on which to wipe the hands to a sheet of steel to protect the foot of a structure or a layer of concrete or rock on the face of a dam” [vi]

Coil in his encyclopedia even provides several Lectures on the apron from various jurisdictions. The one that stood out most to me was from the Kentucky monitor, and I highly encourage you to read it!

Is it as old as we are told? The tale of the Golden Fleece is said to have taken place in the 5th Century BC, The Romans incorporated the Roman Eagle into their culture in 107 BC, and the order of Mithras, or Cult of Mithras operated from the 1st through the 4th century CE. The first reference to an apron can be found in the bible Genesis 3:7 “and the eyes of them both were opened, and they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons” KJV

As we grow in our craft, we are charged to keep it spotless. As we labor to hew the rough ashlar in the quarries of life pursuing the admirable goal of the perfect Ashlar. It exemplifies our journey to rejoin that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. It is also the first gift from our Brothers to help protect us from the untampered mortar of this world.

[i] Presentation Volume Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepts Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia page 61.

[ii] Wilmshurst “Meaning of Masonry” page 30.

[iii] Wilmshurst “Meaning of Masonry” Page 31

[iv] Wilmshurst “Meaning of Masonry” Page 31 and 32

[v] Albert Mackey’s Revised Encyclopedia Vol I on page 92.

[vi] Coils Encyclopedia page 63

MOUNT VERNON CORNERSTONE DEDICATION

Alexandria, VA

October 14, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM



Alexandria - Washington Lodge No. 22
A.F.&A.M.



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Happy Masonic Birthday



Bro. Mauricio Alberto Ambriz, July 29, 22 years

Rt. Wor. Michael Robert Aulicino, July 7, 26 years

Bro. Mark Edward Brown, July 15, 16 years

Mt. Wor. Robert Patrick Conley, July 12, 42 years

Bro. Ronald Earl Craft, July 7, 6 years

Bro. Jeremy Jacob James, July 19, 23 years

Bro. Christopher Janik, July 14, 9 years

Bro. David Lloyd Jobes, July 1, 39 years

Bro. Jeffrey James Mayle, July 12, 20 years

Bro. Michael Brian Mosteller, July 25, 18 years

Bro. Steven Joseph Nace, July 20, 35 years

Bro. Jorge Ignacio Ortiz, July 15, 16 years

Bro. Ebenezer Kamakeelanilehua Paikai, July 16, 15 years

Bro. Michael Thomas Phillips, July 15, 16 years

Bro. Jeffrey Allan Shockey, July 7, 36 years

Wor. Frank Stanley Skwirut, July 17, 24 years

Bro. Evgueniy Georgiev Todorov, July 17, 9 years

Mt. Wor. Jules Frederick Webb, July 3, 46 years

Wor. Robert Thomas Weston, July 16, 15 years

Wor. Heber Charles Willis, July 28, 21 year

Bro. Christohper Michael Woychak, July 27, 3 years





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2021 - Michael T. Huff

2022 - Denislav V. Dantev

2023 - David G. Bella