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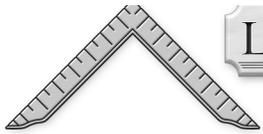


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LOOK TO THE EAST

The Kids are Alright

I'm of the opinion that there has never been a "Golden Age" in Freemasonry. If you read Wilmshurst you'll see that even back in the 1920's Masons were complaining about the superficial approach to ritual. A Mason could memorize it all, and understand none of it, let alone apply its teachings to their daily lives. Furthermore, new members coming to the Fraternity for light are left wanting. Their Lodge leadership fails in giving good instruction. The new member finds themselves stuck in the vicious cycle of approving minutes and casting ballots. They learn nothing of real value. It isn't long before they believe they've been ripped off before going right back out the door. I tend to agree. We are ripping off our new members. We sell light and give them bureaucracy, pomp, and ridiculous titles. We hold membership seminars and lament the dropping membership. We hear net losses at every Grand Communication. To be honest, it doesn't bother me at all.

The Golden Age of Freemasonry is ahead of us, not behind us. It will not be measured by rising numbers but the result of a young man coming into the Fraternity for the right reasons, receiving substantial education, and coming out better than he was before. This is already happening. Millennials are joining not for fellowship, not to do charity work, but for enlightenment. The social events, the charity, the flashiness of it all are the icing and it tastes great, but it is education that is the actual cake. We can have education programs centered on Masonic history, but that is not esoteric knowledge. You can look that up anywhere. I'm talking about education that teaches Masons how to live in accordance with nature and nature's God. It's all there in the ritual, safely deposited and waiting to be discovered and shared in a tiled Lodge.

Our October Stated Meeting on the 12th includes Awards and Ladies' Night. Please be sure to RSVP for Worshipful Brother Todd Henderson's Hiram Award presentation on Friday the 13th, and come to our Fellowcraft Degree on the 26th.

Also be aware of our 24 hour gaming marathon on November 4th. We are currently raising money for Gillette Children's Hospital by pledging to attempt to play games for 24 hours at the Masonic Center. There will be no shortage of things to do on that day. If you are interested in joining the effort, contact me at johnnietimm@gmail.com. You should have also received an email providing details on joining as well, so check your inbox.

Johnnie Timm
Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

Back from Summer Darkness

I hope everyone has had a great summer. We are now back in the swing of meetings and degrees with the first degree in the books for the fall class.

Although I spent a part of mine in a recliner with a new hip, I did get out and get a few things done. I got a few parades in with the Shrine although the brothers (nobles) generally had me in vehicles instead of marching. It is always fun being in the parades and helping the brothers however I can. At about 4 weeks after my surgery I spent a weekend working with Minnesota DeMolay at their Conclave. What is this you ask? Well it is the equivalent of grand lodge for our youth boys organization. I not only enjoy working with them because this is where my Masonic journey started but also because I see our future in these young men as the majority become masons. At five weeks after surgery I got to return to work and therefore did not get to attend Josie camp with the young ladies in brainard, MN.

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I have promised my daughters I will make it one of these years. I got to finish my summer off with a trip to the state fair with my girls and be in the Dailey parade with Osman shrine.

I do enjoy working with the all the Masonic bodies I am in with constant reminders from these bodies that it all starts with the first three degrees and that is the building foundation of them all. Until I see you at lodge, Rique Beslin Jr. SW

Fraternally,

Rique Beslin
Senior Warden, AL5

Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 12th - Stated Communication

Friday, Oct. 13th - Hiram Award Presentation

Thursday, Oct. 26th - Fellowcraft Degree

Saturday, Nov. 4th - 24 Hour Gaming Marathon

June Birthdays

John Stallard	Michael Bardwell
David Toushin	John Fox
George Nick	Charles Burbach
Paul Bibeau	Peter Magnuson
Madison Overmoen	Tamer Azzazi
Joseph Saad	Aaron Guetter
David Tabor	John Fortney
Richard O'Neil	Sean Mertes
Bruce Sherman	Gregory Sailer
Michael McDole	Denis Lorteau
Gordon Fardoe	Shawn Hunter

July Birthdays

Jerome Levenson	Christopher Skoog
James Limoseth	Jerry Johnson
David McKinnon	Kolmellen Monroe
Earl Wolford	Anthony Nelson
Alan Peterson	Kevin Morrison
Dennis Crawford	Alexander Wainberg
Kenneth Yarborough	Matt Vanick
Mark Kerfeld	Kevin Tijerina
David Thune	Hunter Cantrell

Dale Johnson

August Birthdays

Bill Everling	Norm Coleman
Neil Gitlin	Alexei Vassilev
William Peter	Barnes Sharitt
Conway Villars	Terry Mallberg
Madison Overmoen	Dave Boyles
Peter Colas	Martin Hoven
Roger Firestone	Danny Bickham
George Machesney	Robert Hoven
Lloyd Rogers	Brady McAdams
Stephen Treanor	Jeff Knudsen
Robert Wood	Gregory DeKeuster
James Wolford	Wiley Davis
Dell Hederman	Michael DeBough
Paul Snyder	Roger Hanson

Stephen Morse

September Birthdays

Hess Kline	Brian Bergeson
James Stevenson	Christopher Goodman
Raymond Cornforth	Brian Trussell
Charles Toushin	Christopher LeBlanc
Robert Eckstrom	Russell Meister
James Karnegis	John Rouleau
Wayne Watson	Jason Knapp
Fred Perez	Dillon McBrady

Jason Bardwell

October Birthdays

Robert Oliver
Brent Willis
James Schuster
Ronald Harmon
Richard Darby
James Hockert
Dustin Kuchera
Louis Suarez
Eric Froistad
Roque Haines
Mike Mitchell
Clint Mertes
Steven Sauvageau
Sean Gardiner
Carlos Scott



A Lesson For Freemasons

From "The Spirit of Masonry" - 1843

The various instruments which we of this profession make use of, are all emblematical or picturesque of the conduct of life we ought to persevere in.

The RULE directs us to observe punctually every gospel duty; to press forward in the right path, neither inclining to the right nor left hand, for the sake of any transient amusement or gratification whatsoever; it forbids us to give into the least inclination or propensity into the curve of life, and reminds us to beware of the least tendency to a circle, either in religion or morals! - not to mind (because they have seldom any other than selfish views) neither outs, or ins in politics; and to have in all our conduct eternity in view.

The PLUM-LINE admonishes us to walk erect and upright in our vocation; not to lean to a side, but to hold the scale of justice in equal poise; to observe the just medium between temperance and voluptuousness; to fathom the depth of our limited capacities, and to make our several passions and prejudices of education fall plumb in, or coincide with, our line of duty.

The SQUARE will teach us to square all our actions by this gospel rule and line, and to make our whole conduct harmonise with this most salutary scheme. Our behaviour will be regular and uniform, not aspiring at things above our reach, nor pretending to things above our finite capacities, nor to affect things above what our circumstances can possibly bear. In our expenses, therefore, we shall neither ape those that are placed in a more exalted sphere, nor attend so much to the glitter of gold as to sink beneath our proper station; but we shall observe the golden mean,

"And always to our acres join our sense,
Because 'tis use that sanctifies expense."

The COMPASSES will inform us that we should in every station learn to live within proper bounds, that we may, therefore, be enabled to contribute freely and cheerfully to the relief of the necessities and indigencies of our fellow-creatures. Hence we shall rise to notice, live with honour, and make our exit in humble hopes of compassing what ought to be the main pursuit of the most aspiring genius, a crown of glory.

The LEVEL should advise us that, since we are all descended from the same common stock, partake of the like nature, have the same faith and the same hope through the redemption, which render us naturally upon a level with one another, that we ought not to divest ourselves of the feelings of humanity.

And though distinctions necessarily make a subordination among mankind, yet eminence of station should not make us forget that we are men, nor cause us to treat our brethren, because placed on the lowest spoke of the wheel of fortune, with contempt; because a time will come, and the wisest of men know not how soon, when all distinctions, except in goodness, will cease, and when death - that grand leveller of all human greatness - will bring us to a level at the last. From hence, too, the sceptic, the shallow reasoner, and babbling disputer of this world, may learn to forbear the measuring of infinity by the dull level of his own grovelling capacity, and endeavour, by way of atonement for his insults upon every thing that tends to mankind, either good or great, to vindicate the ways of God to man.

From your MALLET and CHISEL, you may likewise know what advantages accrue from a proper education. The human and unpolished mind, like a diamond surrounded with a dense crust, discovers neither its sparkling nor different powers, till the rough external is smoothed off, and beauties, till then unknown, rise full to our view. Education gives, what a chisel does to the stone, not only an external polish and smoothness, but discovers all the inward beauties latent under the roughest surfaces. By education our minds are enlarged, and they not only range through the large fields of matter and space, but also learn with greater perspicuity - what is above all other knowledge - our real duty to God and man.

Your TROWEL will teach you that nothing is united together without proper cement: no strict union, nor external polish can be made without it. And, as the Trowel connects each stone together by a proper disposition of the cement, so charity, that bond of perfection and of all social union (which I earnestly recommend to you all), links separate minds and various interests together; and, like the radii of a circle, that extend from the centre to every part of the circumference, makes each member have a tender regard for the real welfare of the whole community. But as some members will be refractory in every society, your Hammer will likewise teach you how to use becoming discipline and correction towards such like offenders. If they will not submit to rule, you may strike off the excrescences of their swelling pride, till they sink into a modest deportment. Are they irregular in their practices? Your Hammer will instruct you to strike off each irregularity, and fit them to act a decent part on the stage of life. Do any affect things above their stations? Your Hammer will teach you to press them down to their proper level, that they may learn, in the school of discipline, that necessary knowledge - to be courteous.



LODGE of SORROW 2017



And we shall become immortal by our deeds which will live on after us.

Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
Alvin Franklin Bohne	5/7/1925	4/18/1948	5/6/1948	5/27/1948	12/19/2016
Norman Espersen	12/3/1928			10/9/1956	1/4/2017
Everett O'Reilly	11/11/1929	8/8/1955	9/19/1955	10/1/1955	6/20/2017
Ron Harmon Sr.	1/15/1951	9/19/1974	10/24/1974	11/30/1974	6/24/2017



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