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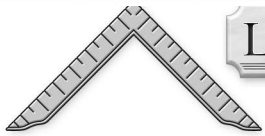


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LOOK TO THE EAST

Upcoming Changes

First of all, I would like to thank you for the overwhelming support of our by-laws change. I am glad we collectively concluded that membership in our fraternity is worth the change. I hope we were able to assuage the concerns about members being dropped for inability to pay. For those that were not present, our secretary looked into his time in our lodge and could find no example of a brother who was dropped for non-payment of dues if they informed us it was due to financial hardship. One thing that was not clear was that the lodge officers also make every effort to contact brothers who have not paid to find out the reason. I know pride may be an issue, but we have all pledge to help out a distressed, worthy brother.

Secondly, I touched on this briefly during the meeting but it seems like there have been some rumors floating around about our lodge's real estate situation. First, we have made no decisions related to fate or our lodge's location. So far, we have engaged with some commercial real estate professionals to get their proposals about what to expect if we were to try to sell the building. We are only a partial owner of the building and will be meeting with the Saint Paul Valley Scottish Rite, the other owner, as soon as scheduling allows to discuss.

Thirdly, we have some brothers that are actively looking at suitable locations in the Saint Paul should we decide to change venues. There is one interesting building, but it may move faster than the speed of Masonry. We fully intend to engage with the other Masonic bodies that meet at 200 Plato to find out if we change locations whether they would like to come with. The bodies that express interest will be invited to join a committee to vet the different options. No matter the committee's recommendations, we will need to consent of our lodge to take any action.

Finally, I would like to inform everyone that November's stated meeting will be a ladies night. My wife and I are still deciding between a couple of options, so I will send out an email blast and update the website and calendar by the time this newsletter should be delivered.

Sincerely,
Terry Mallberg
Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

2017 Committees

A Lodge cannot look forward to a robust and active year without the participation of its members. Activities and projects cannot be effectively planned and implemented solely by officers. This is a call to serve as chairman or member of a committee in 2017. Committees will be expected to set and document realistic goals, meet on a regular basis, and to provide a report at our Stated Meetings regarding the status of reaching those goals. If you are looking for more than attending Stated Meetings or doing degree work, this is your opportunity.

Fundraising Committee: Plan fundraising events to help offset Lodge operating costs as well as our Canadian visitation set for next year.

Community Service Committee: Plan and community service projects. These projects must involve actual volunteer work, and not simply writing a check.

Social Event Committee: Plan fun and/or educational events for our members to attend for the purposes of promoting camaraderie and strengthening the bonds between our members.

Canadian Visitation Committee: Plan the details of our Canadian visitation to our sister Lodge in Winnipeg over the 2017 Labor Day Weekend.

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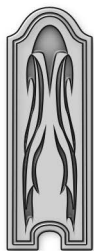


Mentorship Committee: Provide coaching and mentorship for our candidates as they make their way through the Degrees. Prepare them for prove up exams, answer their questions, introduce them to our members, and make them feel welcome.

If you are interested in either leading or participating in a committee, it is imperative that you ensure you have the time to do an effective job. If doing so will result in you being unable to fulfill your other obligations, don't volunteer. If you do have the time and resources to serve on a committee and you wish to do so, please contact me at johnnietimm@gmail.com and let me know what you are interested in, even if it's something other than what I've mentioned.

Fraternally,

Johnnie Timm
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Second Degree Lesson

With this newsletter we have completed the second degree and start preparations for the third degree. We also start our preparations for the holiday seasons and that cold, white stuff if it has not already started.

Here is a small part of a lesson I found from the second degree as written by a brother at J. J. Crowder lodge # 743 in Raleigh, NC

The importance of Geometry to a full understanding of Freemasonry becomes apparent to the candidate as he progresses through the degrees. He is unequivocally informed that Geometry is the basis or foundation of Masonry. A full explanation for this importance is not forthcoming, just that it is very important to undertake the study. We would suggest that the Masonic student might follow some of the following lines of research, that he may come to his own conclusions.

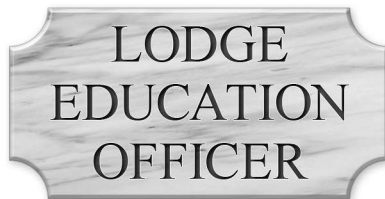
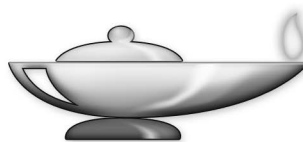
It is thought that the Egyptians became skilled at surveying because the annual flooding of the Nile obliterated boundary markers in their fields. They had to set out and calculate new boundaries each year. The Greeks named this skill Geometry, or "earth measurement." Empirical generalizations were derived, presumably, from their experience in field measurement. The Greeks, it is thought, made the advancement of using deductive logic to expand the knowledge into a theoretical science, and Pythagoras is credited with this achievement. This actually set the groundwork for the development of the sciences. So we may consider Geometry the first science.

May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Rique Beslin, Jr.
Junior Warden

Upcoming Schedule

- Thursday, Nov. 10th - Stated Communication
- Saturday, Nov. 12th - York Rite Dinner
- Thursday, Nov. 17th - Master Mason Rehearsal
- Saturday, Dec. 3rd - Master Mason Degree



Bagpipes

The bagpipe is a wind instrument that uses enclosed reeds fed from a constant reservoir of air in the form of a bag. The Scottish Great Highland bagpipes are the best known in the Anglophone (English-speaking) world. In Freemasonry, we use pipers on special occasions, mostly Grand Lodge ceremonies.

Specifically, the cornerstone ritual is probably the only Masonic ritual other than a Masonic funeral that the public (masonically known as "Profane") will ever see conducted. When brethren are sharply dressed and well-rehearsed, it's an awesome sight to behold. The dedication to the ceremony is symbolic: laying of the cornerstone, that which supports the entire structure, is referred to as the entire building as a whole.

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The officers conducting the ceremony are usually officers of the State Grand Lodge and represent the square, level and plumb, assuring that the cornerstone is set correctly and that the craftsmen have done their duty. After the Grand Lodge officers have assured that the work is done correctly, the Grand Master finishes the work.

There are few occasions when Freemasons may perform their public ceremonies, but they are truly worth seeing if you ever get the chance.

Have a blessed day!

James Beavers
Lodge Education Officer



Fall Stated Meeting



York Rite Dinner

November 12th, 2016

Mancini's
531 7th St W
St Paul, MN 55102

All Brothers Welcome!



LODGE of SORROW 2016



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

Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
Robert A Bardwell	12/13/1925	5/7/1953	11/19/1953	12/3/1953	2/8/2016
Edwin Smith	9/25/1924	10/6/1960	11/3/1960	12/1/1960	2/15/2016
Mervin Carll	5/17/1928	12/20/1962	1/17/1963	4/4/1963	3/22/2016



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