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From the East . . .



Brethren,

We are well into the 2019-2020 Masonic year now, and I'm very thankful for all of the help and guidance.

As stated in the last newsletter, we will begin a 3 month test run for what I'm calling "Masonic conversations" at our stated meetings. This month's topic is The History of Masonry in Texas. We will conduct all of our lodge business and then go to refreshment. At that time, we will allow anyone who wishes to come in and join in the conversation. This includes EA, FC, DeMolay, Rainbow, OES and anyone desirous of learning and discussing the topic of the month. These discussions will continue until we are satisfied. We will then resume labor after the visitors exit. The goal is to facilitate growth in Masonry as well as learn a thing or two along the way.

We will have an EA degree on Tuesday October 1, 2019. We will have sandwiches at 6:00pm, a quick MM proficiency exam and then the EA conferral. Please plan on coming out to support this new Mason as well as congratulate the 3 newest Master Masons on their esoteric work.

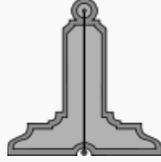
We will also be recognizing our Grand Lodge Service Awards (50-60-75 year) on October 22, 2019. Mark your calendar for a special night honoring our most dedicated members.

God Bless,

Joey Powers

Floor Practice is the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Come and take part.

From the West . . .



Greetings Brethren,

I hope October is treating you well. For those of you who were unable to make it, Yellowhouse held a very nice Past Masters Night on September 17. During the program, Worshipful Master Joey Powers asked the Past Masters that were in attendance what they would do differently if they were back in the East now. A recurring answer, in one form or another, was that they would relax and enjoy it more, maybe not stress about it as much. That's not to say that they wouldn't have taken it just as serious.

This sounds like sound advice. Not just for one's time in the East, but for life in general. In an age where we have unlimited information in the palm of our hands (except those of you still carrying a flip phone) you would think life would be less stressful. However, it is my observation that for a large number of folks, it's quite the opposite. We've grown accustomed to having what we want at our fingertips whenever we want it. So accustomed, that when things don't go as planned or progress as fast as we think they should, we stress way too much.

One of the things I like the most about Masonry is that it isn't something you become a part of instantly, it requires some work. You don't just jump in as a primary officer, you have to work your way through the line. All of this teaches us patience and that good things come with time. As I near the East, after having worked my way through every chair, I know for a fact that I already stress about the prospect of sitting in the big chair. Perhaps I can remember this advice from so many voices of wisdom.

Fraternally,

Nathan Shrode
Senior Warden

From the South . . .



Brethren,

In Psalm 133 I've often wondered who Hermon was and who was Aaron? Anyone ever wondered the same? Well after some clicking and reading I have solved the mystery...

Psalm 133

Verse 1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren
to dwell together in unity!"

Verse 2: It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that
ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that
went down to the skirts of his garments;

Verse 3: As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that
descended upon the mountains of Zion:
for there the
LORD
commanded the blessing, even life forever more."

Who was Aaron? Aaron was Moses' brother, and the first High Priest under the Mosaic covenant.

Who was Hermon? Well,... Hermon isn't a he.

Hermon is a mountain (or technically, a range of high mountains on the northern boundary of Israel. Mt. Hermon's snowcapped peaks were a source of ice, aka (also known as) "*Ice mountain*". The Six-Day War not only gave Israel control of Jerusalem, but also of the Mount Hermon area (Golan Heights).

The Masonic degree verse of the Entered Apprentice Degree represents Youth, when the body is strong. Those who walk in the ways of the LORD are rewarded the blessing of eternal life.

Sincerely,

Steve Sperry
Junior Warden



Steward's Corner:

Meal: Something Delicious!

Sickness and Distress: