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From the East . . .



Brethren,

This month I do get to start off with some good news. As per the Grand Master's Proclamation dated September 21, 2020, we are allowed to immediately resume Masonic degrees and proficiency examinations in both stated and called meetings. Things are about to get busy.

We will have a called meeting Tuesday, September 29 to confer an Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree. Sandwiches at 6:00 pm degree at 6:30. We will tentatively hold a called meeting Tuesday, October 6 to confer two Entered Apprentice Mason's Degrees.

We also have six brothers working on their EA proficiency, three petitions to read at the next stated meeting, and several other petitions out. That being said, if you are interested in being on an investigation committee or perhaps teaching the work please let me know.

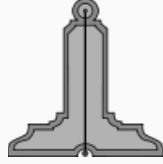
Please join us for our Stated Meeting on Friday, October 2. Dinner will be at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. Right Worshipful Terry Hitt will be in attendance for his official visit. If any brother needs assistance getting to and from lodge, please contact me and arrangements will be made. My cell number is 325-242-0057.

Fraternally,

Nathan Shrode,
Worshipful Master

Floor Practice every Tuesday except the 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm!

From the West . . .



Brethren,

Ever wondered why there are AF&AM and F&AM? I was asked by a good friend of mine very recently who happens to be a non-mason what the difference is. I did not know and it was too late in the evening to ask brother Bob (Yoda) Clemmons so I did the research and this is what I came up with. I got this information from Masonic Lodge of Education.

“From 1751 to 1813, there were actually 2 Grand Lodges in England. The difference in AF and AM vs F and AM states goes back to a disagreement between these 2 Grand Lodges in London at that time.

One group was called the “Moderns,” but was actually the older of the 2 English Grand Lodges. The other group was called the “Antients”, which became the “Ancients” in AF and AM.

Due to this disagreement, the 2 groups broke into separate Grand Lodges. The disagreement was later healed around 1880, but by that time, there were lodges and Grand Lodges all over the United States that were descended from one group or the other, and so each group kept their corresponding initials with which they were formed, (which is the reason for which there are small differences within different states’ ritual wording and Grand Lodge By-Laws and procedures).

Fraternally,

Steve Sperry

Senior Warden

From the South . . .



Brethren:

The laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas lay out the charges of a Freemason. We will begin with the first charge:

Charge I

Concerning God and religion - A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertine.

But in ancient times, Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is , to be good men and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the center of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.

Do we follow moral law in our every day activities or do we at times fall short in this endeavor?

Next month we will discuss charge two.

Fraternally,
Junior Warden
Louis Rapp

Sickness and Distress:



Steward's Corner:
Hamburgers with all the fixins
Dessert, Tea