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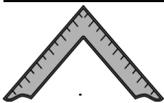
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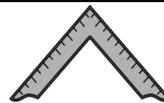
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From The East



Brethren,

I mentioned in a previous Trestle board article how Masonry has become indelible with my psyche. That I am constantly reminded of Freemasonry and consciously attempt to live my life as a good man and a Mason, but I repeat myself. It is mostly during the time that the lodge is dark, but especially now during this COVID-19 pandemic that I become more melancholy and realize how much I miss my brothers and all our activities and rituals. I am sure that each and every one of you feel much the same and I do not have to remind any of my brothers that now is definitely not the time to take a break from the fraternity or our Masonic obligations. I am reminded of a meme that I recently saw online that said, "Also highly contagious – Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others. Be the Carrier". This is exactly what our brothers, families, friends and community need to see from us at this critical time.

Enough said about that, but as long as we are talking memes, here are a few more that inspired and reminded me of what it is to be a Mason:

At the end of the day what really matters is that your loved ones are well, you've done your best and that you're thankful for all that you have.

As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at a passerby. Why? Because I will not stand idly by and live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing kindness, understanding, and judging less. Be kind to a stranger, give grace to friends who are having a bad day, be forgiving of yourself – today and every day. Be the change, be the light, start today and never stop.

MAY 2020 Calendar

NOTICE

The 2020 Grand Communication has been cancelled, due to the Covid-19 situation (including the fact that the venue will not yet be open). As of now no details regarding refunds etc. are known. For more detailed information go to the Grand Lodge website. Our secretary also will send out emails; if you want to receive those, contact him (see below).

Regarding other events, in these uncertain times it is futile to list anything that, at the time of writing this, lies more than two weeks ahead of us.

Our Worshipful Master and our secretary regularly send out emails that list upcoming (on-line) events. If you wish to receive those, contact the secretary at psimpson130@gmail.com

From The East continued...

Remember whenever you're in a position to help someone, be glad and always do it because that's God answering someone else's prayers through you.

If you rearrange the letters of DEPRESSION you'll get, "I PRESSED ON". Your current situation is NOT your final destination.

And finally: Not to brag or anything, but I used hand soap and toilet paper before it was trending.

Ok, that last one was a joke.

Stay safe and healthy my brothers,

Richard Vaughn, Worshipful Master

MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
MICHAEL EUGENE NORVELLE	3	4
LYLE STANLEY WILCOX	7	40
ARIF EMRE ERKOCA	10	16
IVAN ELMER ACUNA	13	5
BRUCE DANIEL PYLES	16	8
MIKE RAY SUBA	16	19
LUIS IGNACIO AGUIRRE JR	18	9
BRUCE EDWARD FULTZ	18	16
JERRY LEE BECK	20	56
ANDREW JOSEPH GUZMAN	20	5
DESMOND LEWIS HOOEY	20	57
JOHN EDWARD THOMPSON	22	35
PETER GOLDEN WILLIAMSON	23	57
JOHN PHILLIPS MATTHEWS	26	58
DONALD ALLAN KOLBE	27	51
DON LEE REDMAN	27	53
ROBERT LEE RIBBECK	27	5
RANDY PAUL PRINTZ	29	29
NICHOLAS JOHN POSUNIAK	30	5



From The West

Greetings,

As we are currently in lock down or self quarantine due to the coronavirus, I hope that you are all staying safe and following the guidelines such as washing your hands often, wearing a mask when traveling out for essential items and keeping that 6ft. distance. Also our brother secretary is collating the member list, so that we can contact those brothers who are not able to get out, and let them know that we are thinking of them and have masonic conversations with them to give them a sense of normalcy. We have had some success communicating with the lodge members utilizing certain media platforms while following the MWGM's edict regarding the use of this form of communication. We will continue to use this platform for as long as necessary until the day we can meet in person again, to share our fellowship and brotherly love. Stay safe, take care until we meet again.

Robert Ribbeck, Senior Warden

From The South

We have been separated for over a month now, yet that brotherly love is still among us. I miss all of you dearly, my friends, my brothers. We share something that is beyond this world.

I'm going to tell you a little something about me. I am a DeMolay, what we call a senior DeMolay now. Too much senior for my liking. But, being a DeMolay, I thought I had a good idea what Masonry was all about. I was wrong. And at the same time, I was right.

I thought DeMolay was much along the lines of Freemasonry. It is, yet it isn't. We both share the fellowship, and yet I find that I care much more about my brethren in Masonry, than I did in DeMolay. Not to say I didn't like, or even love, those young men, I did. But you men have shown me much more than I ever could have known. Your logic, reasoning, and knowledge have been very helpful to me.

I have spoken to a few of you and asked what you find is the best thing about Masonry? All those I asked gave great answers. Some answers I got, I

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From The South continued...

thought I would get, and some surprised me. I also told a few of you what I thought it meant to me. I love how, for the most part, when you take part in the ritual and then at the end of the meeting, not too many tell you what you did wrong. Instead, they tell you how they thought you did so well. Personally, I do like it when I'm told where I made a mistake. That's me. So, what I find great about the craft is the fellowship and love that we all share. We only look down at each other in order to pick them up when they are down. Never to judge.

In being apart, I have really found out how much you all mean to me. Your firm, warm handshake and the look in your eye to let me know I am welcome here. I dearly miss you all and will until this thing has passed and we can again meet in person and share our love for each other and our fraternal craft.

So here we are in May. The sun is shining, and the birds are singing, and hopefully we aren't sitting at home anymore. I long to see you all again. Be it at a Stated Meeting or a Degree or a meal. Doesn't matter where to me, I am looking forward to seeing each of you again. If we aren't under "at home orders" please come and see us at the next breakfast. I look forward to that too!

Fraternally,

Carl Erdman, Junior Warden

Louisiana Muddy Creek Lodge 75, and affectionally known as The Master Mason. Not only by his brethren, but by all Standing Piners ('SPears' as they are sometimes called). His wisdom and kindness was almost legendary in those parts.

I mention this all because Uncle George recently passed away, and I was sent his diaries, as I was the only living Mason left in our family.

Boy, I mean Brother, wat a gift! Masonic wisdom dripped from the pages! I read all 20 volumes almost without stopping over the next two weeks. As the editor of our Lodge's newsletter I could not have hit a richer mother lode. Whenever my own brethren would have found themselves in a writing lull and the specter of a blank page loomed over me, I would from now on be prepared!

So for this edition I picked an episode from Volume 14, which was primarily dedicated to the subject of Brotherly Love.

One day my Uncle was visited by a brother of his Lodge, named Chris. Chris was a regular, always helpful with the degrees, an expert in the rituals, friendly and always willing to listen to another brother. But now he was morose, and seemingly unhappy. After the mandatory chit-chat Chris finally came to the point:

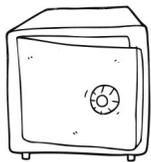
'George, I have an issue with the tenet of Brotherly Love. I understand the concept, of course, but in my own daily life I have failed miserably'.

He then told Uncle George how he and his older brother Don had been the best of friends during their youth, until that fatal day when their father discovered that he was missing \$20 from his wallet. It could only have been Don or Chris who took the money, because they were the only ones with access to the wallet their dad had left on the kitchen table. But both brothers vehemently denied doing it. And as Chris knew that he had not taken the money he knew it had been Don. Their father punished them both and Chris from then on avoided his brother. After they left home and started their own lives they hardly saw each other anymore.

Lately Chris, getting older, had started to miss his brother and resented their time apart. But he could not set himself to making the first step; that was up to Don in his opinion. But here lay his dilemma: as a true Mason, should he not be able to forgive him? But then again, Don was also a Mason, so he definitely should make the first step.

Chris was obviously stuck and miserable. Uncle George felt sorry for him, so the next week he paid Don a visit. Don had left Standing Pine years ago, but he and Uncle George saw each other every now and again, at Lodge meetings. But Uncle George had

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From The Editor's Vault

The Master Mason and Brotherly Love

Any Mason, however fresh and new, will tell you that they have been introduced, either by their own actions or by those of another brother, to a list of 'Super' Masons. Depending on their place on earth that list may have included Mozart, George Washington, Roald Amundsen or Simon Bolivar. Here, in the US, brethren are particularly aware how much Masons helped shaping our country in its early days. And all of that is true and proven, but there is always someone missing on those lists: my Uncle George. My Uncle George from Standing Pine, Louisiana. Revered member of

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MM and Brotherly Love continued...

never noticed how much the two brothers looked alike and had some of the same mannerisms. When he asked Don about his broken relationship with his brother Don bowed his head and sighed deeply.

'Did he tell you about the \$20?' he asked. 'Well, I did take that money, of course. He knows it and I do too. I was home alone, Chris was out somewhere and Dad went to our walnut orchard. As usual he left his wallet on the table. There was a knock at the door; it was the son of the owner of the bike shop in Jonesboro. He wanted to talk to Dad. When I told him dad was not home he said he saw Chris steal a bike part from their shop a few days ago, worth \$19.75. His dad didn't want to get the police involved but wanted his money back. I saw the wallet, opened it and gave him the \$20. Dad hardly ever knew how much money he had in his wallet, so I thought I had settled the case nicely. But he did notice and I did not want to give my brother away. And for some silly pride or whatever I did not want to tell Chris that I knew what he had done. And I do not want you to tell him either. It's my secret.'

So Uncle George realized Don was as stubborn as his brother. His Masonic heart hurt. How could he reunite these two lost souls? It would be a simple task if he could tell Chris what really had happened, but he was sworn to secrecy by his Masonic Brother.

The next week he invited Chris to his home at noon. He also invited Don to come at 12:30. When Chris arrived he was led to the living room where another man was sitting, a man he did not know (not a SPear, obviously). Uncle George introduced them, but Chris still did not know who the man was and why he was there. Then Uncle George said 'Chris, Steve here is the owner of the bike shop in Jonesboro. He has something to tell you.'

And Steve told Chris how he saw him steal that part so many years ago and that his brother Don had paid for it. Chris' face was pale as snow. He, for a while, coming from a poor background, in his youth had occasionally 'helped himself'. He never thought it would come back to him; he had straightened his ways a long time ago.

After Steve left, the silence in the room was almost too much to bear. Then the knock on the door and Don came in. The two brothers looked at each other and both understood.

'I guess you both owe your dad \$20,' Uncle George said. And they went to the graveyard where their dad was buried and each put a bill in the vase with the discolored plastic flowers.

And that is why in the cemetery of Standing Pine there is a grave with two twenty dollar bills. And no one dares to touch them, so they should be there still.

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From The Secretary



Last month I mentioned that we were still taking reservations for the Gaslight Theatre show in May. I received word from the Gaslight that they will not be reopening until at least June 8th so our event has been cancelled. I will be getting with those who already paid for tickets to see what they want to do with the refund.

2020 dues are still coming in. I will be sending out reminders the first week of May to those who have not paid. I realize this is a difficult time for a lot of brothers, but please, if you need assistance, let either the Worshipful Master or I know. We have some ways we can work with you.

At the last Grand Communication a per capita increase was approved which included new technology for the Grand Secretary and a new membership tracking program, Grandview. Grandview is designed to make the secretary's job much easier and will be standard across the jurisdiction. It greatly simplifies reporting between the lodges and Grand Lodge as well as other refinements. At least 25-30 other jurisdictions are already using this program. I was asked by the Grand Secretary if we would be one of the first lodges to test the system and I said yes. This will continue our tradition of being on the forefront of Arizona Masonry.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Paul Simpson, PM

BREAKFAST

There will be no Fellowship Breakfast this month. Check the Tucson Lodge #4 website for updates on all our activities.

Stay Healthy

TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

Arizona Chapter #2, OES, First Tuesday.....	7:30PM
Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	7:00PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday.....	7:30PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday	7:00PM
Daughters of Scotia, Second Friday.....	7:00 PM
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First and Third Sundays.....	6:00PM
Bethel #25, Job's Daughters	For info Contact Dawn at bethel25azjdi@gmail.com
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