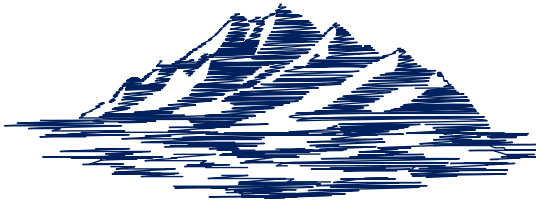


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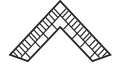
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From the East



David A. Patriarca · Worshipful Master

Summer is coming to an end and now that Masons will begin meeting again, Masters in most lodges are scrambling to lock in their year ending schedules while Lodge officers are focusing on their upcoming advancements into new roles within their lodges. Oh and ritual instructors are praying officers have not only been studying ritual over the summer but even more important have not forgotten the light they had received during the first half of the year.

This year as Master I had focused my articles mainly on a mason's obligation to the fraternity, our lodge and more importantly to society. Although I have continued to promote your attendance at lodge, and still believe it brings value to a mason's masonic journey, I don't believe lodge attendance alone will satisfy a mason's thirst for light nor is it the answer to the continued success of our fraternity.

We often hear how membership in freemasonry continues to dwindle and some even believe the answer may lie in bringing more members (warm bodies) into the fraternity, but mere numbers alone are not the criterion of the success of our fraternity. The success of our Fraternity comes when those who are not freemasons can identify a mason merely by his actions.

Making good men better. We've all heard it. When we were accepted into this great fraternity it was with the premise that we were already good men. The fraternity continues to mold use into that perfect ashlar through the many lessons taught by well-informed brothers. These lessons teach us that each of us can make a difference just by applying the principal tenants of the fraternity to our daily lives. Society will see this and so long as we continue to promote the ways of freemasonry and openly apply the many lessons taught, freemasons will be distinguished from the rest of the world.

My brothers, come out to lodge, take part in lodge events, learn the lessons taught and live your life with those lessons in mind. Remember, It was your choice to knock on your lodge's door and your lodge's choice to open that door. Don't be the dog who finally catches the car and now knows not what to do with it. You've fulfilled your desire to be a part of, not only the oldest fraternity in our world, but even more rewarding, the greatest fraternity contributing to society today. Now you have the opportunity to make a difference in the world and reaffirm the real reason why you became a freemason. When we've done all this, Freemasonry succeeds.

From the West



Michael A. Aladich, Jr. • Senior Warden

I hope that you all had a safe and enjoyable summer. It is always a welcomed break, but it is certainly nice to be back surrounded by my brothers. This summer was fairly quiet for the lodge officers, with only a couple of emergent meetings called to take care of business. As I watched the logistics of calling these unscripted meetings, I decided to do some reading and see what exactly the Constitution and By-laws lay out. By reading Title Four, Article 7, Section 2, Part 5, Emergent Communications, many of the questions I had were answered.

Please Also Note: Grand Lodge put out an updated revision of the Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws dated 07.31.2024 which can be found on Grand View.

Who has the Authority to call an Emergent Communication?

“The Master of a lodge may at any time order an emergent communication, or change the time of one already ordered; but no work may be done except such as is permissible at an emergent communication.”

What happens if the Master is absent or sick?

“The Senior Warden, in an emergency, as in the case of the death, absence or sickness of the Master, so that his order cannot be had, may call an emergent communication of the lodge; and if the Senior Warden is similarly conditioned, as well as the Master, the Junior Warden may exercise the same authority.”

We hear this all the time in our closing, but what is “Due and Timely Notice”?

“If an emergent communication is called, due and timely notice thereof must be given to each member of the lodge, if possible. The notice must contain a statement of the work to be done at such communication, which must be only such work as is permissible at an emergent communication.”

Are there any stated rules when you can NOT hold an Emergent?

“No lodge shall hold more than one emergent communication for the conferring of degrees in any one calendar day; and after having conferred any one of the three degree twenty-four hours must elapse before the same degree may be again conferred.”

and

“The holding of emergent communications on Sunday for the conferring of degrees is expressly prohibited.”

I know these types of Communications are common for Funerals. Do the By-Laws specifically call out anything for Funerals?

“An emergent communication called for the purpose of conducting funeral services may, in the discretion of the Worshipful Master, be closed the same day, or on a date on which the lodge holds its next regular communication, or another emergent communication, whichever shall first occur.”

From the South



David W. King · Junior Warden

And laid his designs down upon the trestle board...

A Masonic trestle board is a design board for a Master Workman to draw his plans and designs upon to give workmen an outline of the work to be performed. Today we would call this a blueprint. It is also one of the three Movable jewels of the lodge.

Some jurisdictions around the world call it a tracing board. The “Tracing Board” may very well have preceded the trestle board. Lodges in Europe use the word “Tracing Board.”

Hiram Abif’s tracing board is believed to have been made of wood covered with a coating of wax. Each day, he would engrave his Master measurements and symbols into the wax to give the workmen instruction of the work to be accomplished. At the end of the day, he would scrape off the wax and pour a new layer onto the board in preparation for the next day’s work.

Much later, in the days where lodge was held in secret areas, once lodge was in session, the Tiler (or Tyler) would draw an oblong (rectangular) or oblong square depiction into the dirt that represented the form of the lodge. Therefore, “Squaring the Lodge” becomes a necessity so that brethren would not erase the writings and symbols drawn within this depiction of the lodge so carefully crafted by the Tyler in the dirt of the hill or vale.

Through the ages, Masonic Tracing Boards were drawn with charcoal or chalk on the floor of taverns where lodges were held in the 1700’s. Afterwards, either the Stewards or Entered Apprentice would remove all traces of these drawings. This led to the creation of cloths or rugs

which could be placed onto the floor then rolled up when the meeting was complete. As time passed, these were hung on an easel creating a trestle board.

Today, our trestle board has become an instrument for the Master to draw his designs for character and spiritual growth. It is a symbol of Instruction, Education and Law. What does the trestle board then signify? "It is the symbol of memory, of that precious faculty given to us to mold our judgment by preserving the record of all we perceive." (Palmer, A working Ritual in English)

I hope you enjoyed this brief article and hope that you are encouraged to do your own research.



Save the Date

LEGENDARY MT. MORIAH No. 28

TABLE LODGE

October 23, 2024

6:30 p.m. at Crescent Shrine

See March Trestle Board for more information



Mason's Progress



Awaiting Ballot for Membership

Mr. James Westcott Davis

Details in the July-August Trestle Board.



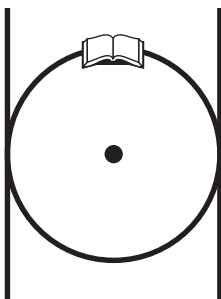
Awaiting Entered Apprentice Exam and Fellowcraft Degree

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1997	Michael A. Ramirez (Mariner's Lodge)	2016	Scott W. Daily (Beverly-Riverside Lodge)
2003	Scott Wiese (Princeton)		

In and About the Temple

Brethren, you and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to participate in the following Masonic events.

September

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| Sept. 1 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal, Entered Apprentice Degree.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Sept. 8 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal, Fellowcraft Degree.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Sept. 11 | 6:15 p.m.: | Dinner followed by |
| | 7:30 p.m.: | Regular Communication.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Sept. 15 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal, Entered Apprentice and
Fellowcraft Degrees.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Sept. 16 | 7:00 p.m.: | Emergent Communication for
Entered Apprentice Degree.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Sept. 22 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal, Fellowcraft Degree.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Sept. 25 | 7:00 p.m.: | Regular Communication.
Fellowcraft Degree.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |

October

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| Oct. 6 | All Day: | Cranberry Festival |
| | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal, Master Mason Degree.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Oct. 9 | 7:00 p.m.: | Regular Communication.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Oct. 13 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal, Master Mason Degree.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Oct. 14 | 7:00 p.m.: | Fellowship Dinner.
Venison prepared several ways. |
| Oct. 20 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal, Master Mason Degree.
<i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| Oct. 23 | 7:00 p.m.: | Table Lodge. <i>See ad.</i> |