

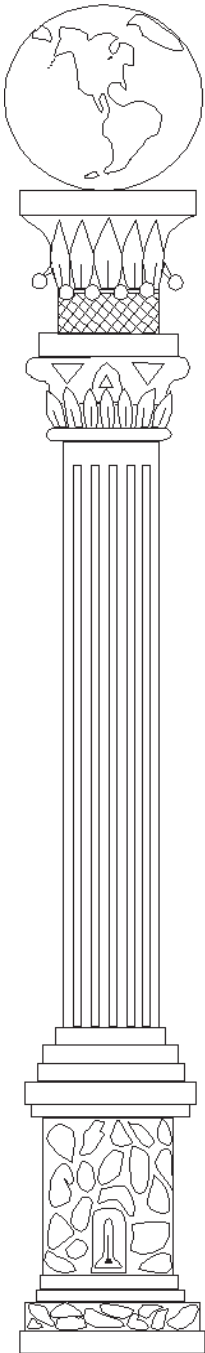
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From The East



I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and had a chance to spend time with the people who are important to you. Life can be so busy sometimes between work, hobbies, and even Freemasonry that sometimes the people that mean the world to us can sometimes be neglected. Sometimes I can be guilty of this as well, which is one of the reasons why I enjoy this time of the year so much. I spent a lot of time with my family, and because of this I had one of the best holidays ever. In fact, one of my resolutions this year is to spend more time with my family. Balance is very important to a happy and successful life, and this is one of the areas where I need some improvement.

Our Holiday Party was wonderful. Thanks to Brothers French and Thomas and their wives for putting it together, and for Brothers Brengle and Harrison for leading us in song.

The next couple of months we are going to be extremely busy. First of all, before our Stated Meeting this month Brother Mike Jones will be making a presentation on prostate cancer. Brother Jones is a prostate cancer survivor, and now works in the field helping other survivors. I know this isn't the most pleasant subject, but is an important one, and Brother Jones' presentation is very interesting and compelling. We will also be receiving our District Deputy, Right Worshipful Jim Dougherty, this month.

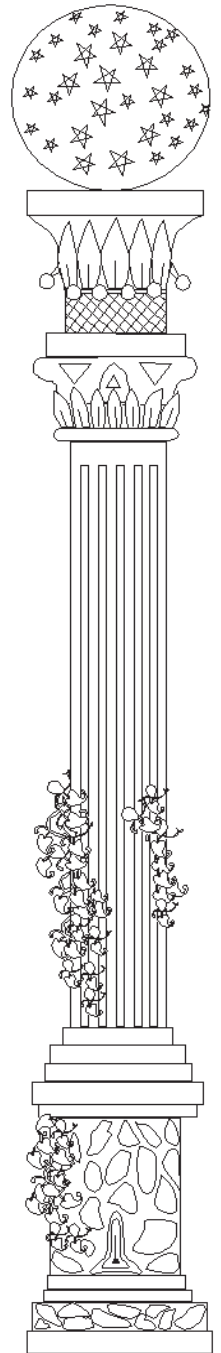
We will be having our second Date Night on Sunday February 24th. We had such a good turnout and such a good time that we decided to have another one. Please contact our Senior Warden, Brother Brengle, if you are interested in attending.

Finally, please note that we will be having our Stated Meeting in February on February 11, which is the second Monday. We are doing this so that we can visit Colorado Lodge, who shares the same Stated Meeting date.

We have quite a few degrees coming up over the next couple of months. Please see the calendar for details. Please try and make an effort to attend and help make the night special.

Take care of yourselves and I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Fraternally,
Jeff Goldman, Worshipful Master



Next Stated Meeting: Monday, January 21, 2007

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From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

Half of our Masonic year has come and gone. The vitality and interest of our newer and younger members does an old Mason's heart good. We continue to have degree work, initiating, passing, and raising the next generation of our craft. The interest in Masonry from young men this past year still amazes me.

If you have not paid your dues, they are, as of the first of the year, past due. Please write the check and send it in. There are still over 40 of our dues paying members who have not yet paid. Now is the time.

Email addresses are still one of our priorities. If you are not receiving information concerning the Lodge, we probably don't have your address. Just send an email to lodge12@austin.rr.com and we will get you on the list.

Hope to see you at Lodge.....

Victor

January Birthdays

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| Brian Arthur Vance | 1/2/1951 | Martin Cornelius Heyne | 1/22/1973 |
| Stephen Daniel Mings | 1/3/1946 | James Laurence Caldwell | 1/23/1937 |
| Erwin William Meiske | 1/5/1929 | Adrian Darell Sallee | 1/24/1931 |
| Jack Milton Carson | 1/6/1923 | Michael Wayne Weaver | 1/24/1948 |
| Ronald Gayle Wright | 1/6/1949 | Charles J Preston | 1/24/1973 |
| Edward Thomas Laine | 1/7/1944 | Earl Jeffery Combs | 1/25/1921 |
| Stephen John Mitchell | 1/8/1967 | Daniel Ralph Samuelson | 1/26/1926 |
| Durwood M. Thompson, Jr. | 1/10/1950 | Thomas William Munroe, Jr. | 1/26/1929 |
| Louis Rase | 1/11/1947 | Silas Steen Smith, Jr. | 1/27/1914 |
| Thomas Edward Riggs | 1/11/1930 | Kevin Wallace Flegal | 1/27/1951 |
| James Clifton Overcash | 1/15/1931 | Vincent Turner Crawley, Jr. | 1/29/1940 |
| Jason Earl Thomas | 1/16/1971 | Donald Curtiss Meyers, Jr. | 1/30/1926 |
| Donald Waldo Mishler | 1/18/1922 | Anthony Molin Pais | 1/30/1926 |
| Russell G. Harper | 1/22/1964 | Garrett Cooper | 1/31/1940 |
| Frederick Whitfield Howlett | 1/22/1938 | | |

A View From The West

Those of you who know me hear me espouse the wearing of Masonic emblems about our person and our vehicles. For me, having those symbols around help to remind me of my Masonic oaths and duties. At least a portion of those oaths apply not only to those within the Lodge system, but to those outside it as well. By wearing a Masonic ring on my finger and a Masonic emblem on my car, I am constantly reminded of what the outside world thinks of Masonry and Masons. Therefore, I am reminded to be kind, thoughtful, and of good counsel to all within my sphere of influence, be they Masonic or otherwise.

Of course, we should all pay strict attention to the etiquette due to our Grand Master, our Worshipful Master and those of a higher rank than we, but we must not lose sight of our general etiquette. We must use our Masonic bearing to better ourselves in all aspects of our lives, and thereby help make our community the better for it. We are, or should be, always on guard to make everyone around us aware of the inherent goodness of our Craft. We should always step up when the course seems down hill. To offer help when it grates on us to do so. To be the better person we have seen in others, and wished we were so. In other words, to be a true Mason. Use your Masonic symbols to help you be a better Mason, a better person. Use them as a reminder that you are what others see in Freemasonry. The outside world will gain for your being a Freemason if you follow the etiquette of a Mason in all your undertakings, not just when around other Masons.

Finally, whenever anyone tells you "Be good!" tell them what my father told me:

"Why be good when you can be the best!" Through your Masonic tenets, you can be the BEST!

And: May the best of the last year be the worst of the New Year to each and every one of you. Merry New Year!

John Brengle, Senior Warden

Brethren,

The following Lodge # 12 Brethren remain on our prayer list as they are either ill at home or staying in nursing facilities. I am sure they would appreciate hearing from any of you, either by phone, personal visit or a card:

John Ashby
Samuel Baker
Everett Bohls
George Davis
Marvin Feil
Bill Fogle
Herbert Jackson, Jr.
John Kavanaugh, Jr.
Gordon Kelso
Claude King
John McNamara
Robert Pugh
John Sheffield, Jr.
Dr. James Stoner
William Riley
Walter Schlueter
Russell Zears

If you know of any other Brethren that should be on our prayer list, please call the Lodge



Lodge Schedule

January, 2008

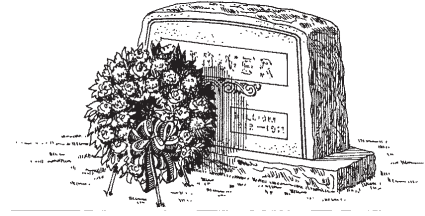


- Jan. 21:** Dinner6:30 P.M
Presentation on Prostate Cancer by Bro. Mike Jones
Stated Meeting7:30 P.M
District Deputy Official Visit
- Jan. 28:** District 50 Masters, Wardens, & Secretaries Meeting
Colorado 96
Light meal with meeting to follow 6:30 P.M
- Feb. 4:** Light Meal5:30 P.M
degree to follow
- Feb. 11:** Dinner6:30 P.M
Stated Meeting7:30 P.M
Past Master's Night – NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!
- Feb. 18: Visit Colorado 96**
Dinner6:30 P.M
Colorado's Stated Meeting to follow
- Feb. 24:** Date Night – Treehouse Grill – time to be announced

Schedule is subject to change based on the availability and schedule of candidates.

For the latest, most up-to-date information on what is scheduled to occur at the lodge, please call 454-8009. The answering machine message is updated every Monday evening. We invite all interested brethren to attend our floor work and degree work sessions! **Remember, all stated meetings are Family Night!**
We hope you will all bring a dessert for everyone to share!

In Memoriam



“Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!”

Donald O’Neal Cox
December 16, 2007

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