

The Trestleboard



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From The East

Brethren

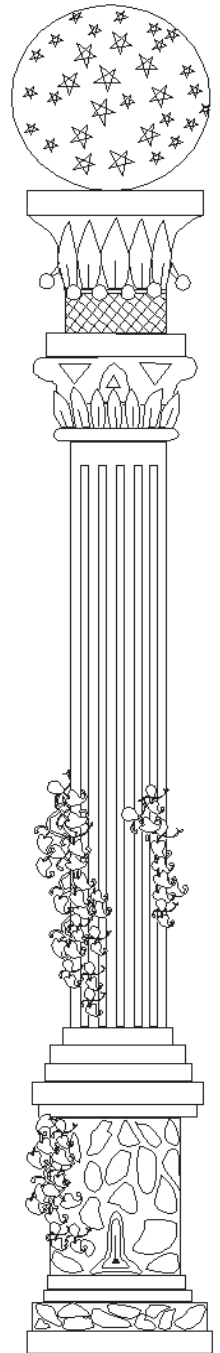
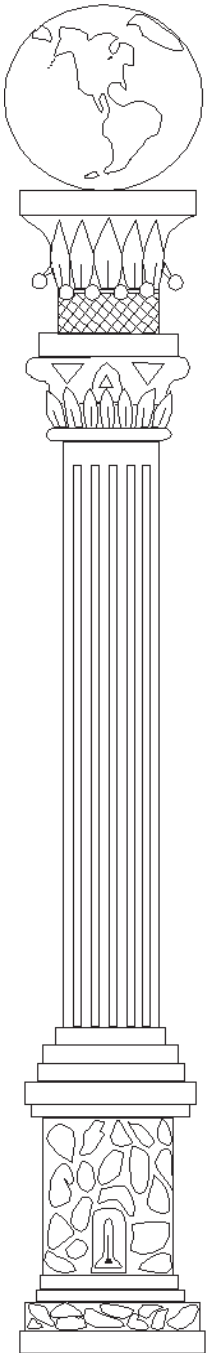
This past month was a great month at Lodge 12. We had our first of two Widows' Nights of the year, and we had a great turnout. There was a Grand Master's Workshop at Colorado 96 which was hosted by Dr. Bob Northcutt, and, like always, was very informative. Lodge 12 hosted the District 50 Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association meeting where we were able to spend time with our brethren from other lodges, talk about what is happening at our respective lodges, and exchange ideas. We also initiated a new Brother into the Craft. This was extra special for me for two reasons. First of all, our new Brother is a personal friend and has been for the past ten years. Secondly, our District Deputy, David Smith was in attendance. I have never seen a District Deputy as engaged as Right Worshipful Smith has been this past year, and I sure have enjoyed all the time I have spent with him. Right Worshipful, if you are reading this, on behalf of Lodge 12 and me, I thank you for playing such a big role in Lodge 12. You have done a wonderful job this year, and Lodge 12, the District, and I will miss you.

This stated meeting we will be injecting a little fun into Masonry. It will be our First Annual Comedy Night. The rules are as follows – each entrant will be given three minutes, and anything other than profanity goes. Jay McKis-sick, John Brengle, and I will be the judges, and the winner will receive a \$20 gift card. This contest is open to all Masons and to all prospective Masons. Come on down and let's see what you've got!

During the Stated Meeting we will talk about the items to be voted on at Grand Lodge. I will be voting for you, so I need guidance from you so I know how to vote. Please come, share your opinion, and help shape the way your Grand Lodge is run.

I look forward to catching up with you shortly.

Fraternally,
Jeff Goldman, Worshipful Master



Next Stated Meeting: Monday, November 19, 2007

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From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

I am writing this on Friday, Oct 26th. This morning I put the dues cards in the mail that go to our 50yr+ and Endowed Member brethren. In getting these cards ready to mail I was reminded of the many members that we have so little contact with. The communications committee gives you a call, you receive the newsletter each month, a birthday card and a dues card or notice to pay. I know many names, some residences and even a few Grand Lodge ID numbers, but only about twenty five percent of your faces.

This is not another plea to come and attend Lodge (which your officers wish you would and could do). This is a reminder that you know a number of names and faces in the Lodge, and you probably wonder how they are doing. You haven't seen or talked to them for too long. Pick up the phone, give you brothers a call. If you don't have the number call the Lodge, I probably have it. It is the perfect time to renew old friendships. Who knows, you might even get together and come to Lodge.

Finally, Brethren, you have your dues notices, write that check and drop it in the mail. It is easy. Ask Brother Lee Easter. He is first to send in his dues this year. Thank you Brother Lee.

We are here every Monday evening. Masonry is at work. Come join us.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Victor

Novober Birthdays

Mark Franklin Burris	11/2/1956	George Laffone Burnett	11/19/1925
Calvin C. Benson	11/4/1924	Ray Eugene Prime	11/21/1937
Edward Maxwell Carr	11/4/1919	Edwin Glynn Hudson	11/21/1927
Walter Eugene Simms, Jr.	11/5/1917	Luther H. Fox	11/21/1944
Hollis Glenn Jay, Jr.	11/7/1928	Jacob Cordell Hull	11/22/1941
William Herbert Prather	11/8/1921	Mark Robin Steinhagen	11/22/1956
Dr. Milton Turner	11/9/1917	Wilson McVicker, Jr.	11/23/1952
Shannon Lance Hebert	11/9/1970	Robert Archie Martin	11/23/1930
James Allen King	11/10/1937	Alba Oran Wimberley	11/25/1930
Bruce Edward Brown	11/12/1946	John Brengle	11/25/1948
Garabed Ardash Harutunian	11/12/1942	Dennis B. Bohls	11/26/1960
William Dale Shaffer	11/13/1953	Steven Michael Bach	11/26/1969
Duard Desmond Linam	11/13/1919	Joe Iron Pruet	11/27/1930
Walter Leon Horton, Jr.	11/14/1938	Stephen Christopher LaRue	11/29/1968
Robert F. Lake	11/15/1946	William Uriah Fuller	11/30/1923

A View From The West

To continue with the topic of Masonic Etiquette, and quoting Brother McKissick from last month, “the Mirriam-Webster dictionary (definition of etiquette), is “the conduct or procedure required by good breeding or prescribed by authority to be observed in social or official life.” . . . Many of these (Masonic) rules and customs are not written – they are either a function of common sense and polite manners, or have been handed down ‘mouth to ear, from generation to generation.’ ”

I am going to address a few more points which are not written down. Some of these topics may be very elementary to most of you, but perhaps not to all in this audience. And at one time or another, most of us need reminding of proper protocol.

There is a bit of confusion in some of the Lodges I have attended, as to how to be recognized in Lodge when you have something to say. The “custom” is to rise and wait for the WM to recognize you, then speak, first addressing the WM, then Grand Lodge officers, then Appendent Body officers (if any are present), then Wardens, then the Brethren, in that order. Then you say your piece. In some Lodges, the WM needs reminding of his duty as moderator, to recognize speakers and control the meetings. Indeed, most of us who have sat in the East have had occasion to forget this convention.

Another point of confusion may arise when the “Brother” has a higher title, such as District Deputy Grand Master, yet he is from another District. A DDGM is always addressed as “Right Worshipful”, no matter what the circumstances, while in the Lodge.

In speaking of the public domain, however, you should not use “Brother” indiscriminately. Honorable Sir is accepted in most places while within earshot of the “profane” and you may use “Brother” when in the company of other Brothers.

If you keep proper Masonic Etiquette in your mind as much as you can, ask when not sure, and try to use the proper title, you will be honoring those who have and deserve the title. And you will be honoring our fine fraternity in doing so, for these honorifics are a part of our “Masters’ Wages”.

---John Brengle, Senior Warden, Austin Lodge #12

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
Don Cox
George Davis
Marvin Feil
Bill Fogle
Herbert Jackson, Jr.
John Kavanaugh, Jr.
Claude King
John McNamara
Robert Pugh
William Riley
Walter Schlueter
Russell Zears

If you know of any other Brethren that should be on our prayer list, please call the Lodge office at 454-8009.



Lodge Schedule

November, 2007



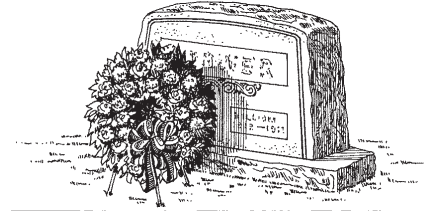
- Nov. 12: Called Meeting..... 5:30 P.M
Turn-ins (no meal)
- Nov. 19: **Stated Meeting**
Dinner Served..... 6:30 P.M
Comedy Night 7:30 P.M
Stated Meeting to follow
- Nov. 26: Light Meal..... 6:30 P.M
Called Meeting to Follow - EA Degree
- Dec. 3: **Movie Nite - Holes** 6:30 P.M.

You can also the schedule online here:
<http://www.austinlodge12.com/schedule.php>

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!”

Clifton Earl Speir November 8, 2007

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