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From the East

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines it as, the quality or state of being brothers, fellowship, alliance, an association (such as a labor union or monastic society) for a particular purpose. We as Masons are a fraternity of brothers. We share our high and low moments in life with one another. We look to each other for support, advice, and friendship. The leadership of our Lodge is made of a committee of brothers that are chosen by, and voted on by our members, a body of brotherhood, for the good of our Lodge and for Masonry.

I look forward to our members supporting this lodge now and into the future. Our line of officers has a lot of first time line officers intermixed with former worshipful masters. That gives the newer line officers a good surrounding of supportive, knowledgeable brothers to look to for advice and information. We as a lodge will hopefully also feel like we can share with our leaders to help this Lodge to continue to grow and thrive.

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We are a brotherhood. And like family in real life we may not agree with our brother, but the Lodge should always feel like a place where ideas, thoughts and feelings can be openly shared and discussed with your brothers. I look forward to our events and meetings through the rest of the 2021 year. I look forward to being with my brothers and having social interaction, discussion and fun.

We are a brotherhood.

Michael Hesner
WM Frank S. Land #313

From the West

Greetings From the West

Brothers, as I was unable to attend our October stated, allow me to thank you for the trust & confidence you have expressed in electing me Worshipful Master for our upcoming term. Your other elected & appointed officers (along with me) look forward to a fun and exciting term of new and adventurous activities (I mean, we are a social lodge, right? And we're never boring, that's for sure). Planned activities include our first Crab Feed in 3 years, our Western Caribbean Cruise (26 cabins currently booked), a formal Table Lodge, Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament, a unique 'Guys Night Out', Camping Trip to a new destination, and a celebration of our Lodge's Silver Anniversary (that's gonna be a big one). That's an aggressive game plan, huh? However, I'm confident that together, we can make it happen (allow me to get out my pom poms). I hope there's something in there to entice each of you.

Soon, we'll start holding officer's meetings to gather everyone's input and commitments. One of the primary discussions we'll be having is, 'What's plan B?' If COVID continues (or even escalates) and thus restrictions get tighter, what is our plan that will enable us to continue to engage our members? If we must go back to Zoom meetings, what strategy or theme might we want to have ready to go? And what work will we still want to ensure that we get done? Current times dictate that we be well prepared and flexible for such changes. I can assure you we will be.

Your lodge is eager to support that member of our lodge that might like to start their officer journey to the East. While we have a full line of appointed officers identified for next year, we are short a Junior Steward (that's the baby of our line and would most likely find you standing in the East in 7 years). You should be confident in knowing that we manage our lodge by committee (always have).

*My Brother, in the Courtyard
Each one of us have stood
Outside the tyled Temple door
Awaiting as we should.*

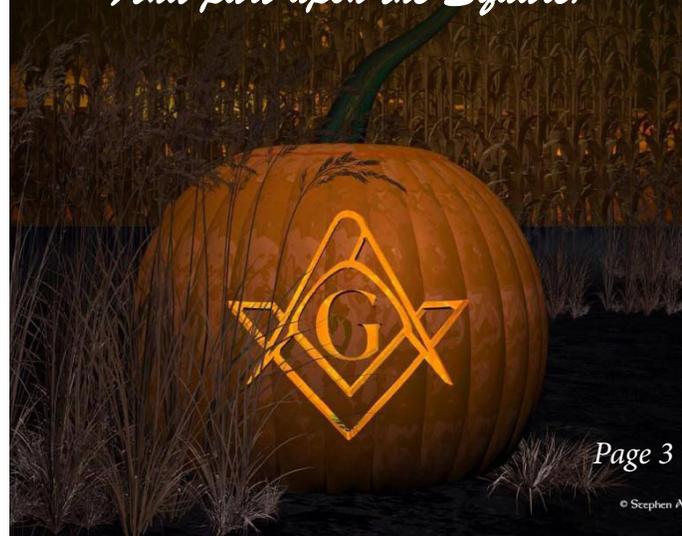
*Take heed, thou young Apprentices
The Word emblazoned there:
To meet upon the level
And part upon the square.*

*My Brother, at the Altar
Each one of us has knelt
With solemn Oath and Brotherhood
The Mystic Tie we've felt.*

*Take heed, my Brother Fellowcraft
The Word emblazoned there:
To act upon the plumb
And part upon the Square.*

*My Brother, in the Temple
Each one of us were Raised
And on receiving further light
Into the Light we gazed.*

*Take heed, my Brothers, Masters all
The Word emblazoned there:
To Live within the compass
And part upon the Square.*



No single individual is ever responsible for accomplishing everything (no matter what station you might hold). We also have a strong group of active Past Master's and a strong officer corps. All with a vast amount of knowledge and experience. Trust me when I say you'll have the support of many brothers. If this sounds like an opportunity you might be interested in exploring further, please reach out to me. Simply know this, we all bring something unique to masonry, and potentially to the East. Your lodge will never expect you to be what someone else was. Only to share yourself.

Lastly, as I explained during one of our recent stated meetings, M&M's are the life blood of our organization and will be the 'theme' we'll bring to



our 2022 term. Membership: activating existing and attracting new; and Money: to support the charities that approach us (and we find worthy),

and to finance the activities that continue to activate and attract members. It will only be through our individual engagement in our activities (in one way or another) that we'll 'Fill that Mason Jar' that you'll see at the Warden's stations. I do hope you'll each find something during the term that's interesting and entices your attendance.

Our 2022 term plan and term budget will be presented for your inspection and input at our November stated meeting. I look forward to seeing you there brothers.

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Order of the Garter

In the Entered Apprentice Degree, the WM gives a lambskin, or white leather apron to the new initiate, saying it is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter...What is the Golden Fleece and Star and Garter?

A fleece is a coat of wool covering a wool-bearing animal like a sheep. This would explain the link between a fleece and our apron being white leather. Golden fleece appears in the Greek tradition, where Aries (Latin for ram) was the winged ram of the Golden Fleece. There was also a fleece placed by the King of Colchis in a dragon-guarded grove and which was recovered by the Argonauts. It is also interesting to note that the Order of the Golden Fleece, introduced by Philip III (a.k.a. Philip the Good), Duke of Burgundy in 1429, was the highest order of knighthood, especially as wool was an important part of his domain at the time.

The Star and Garter was more difficult to research. There is an order, called the Order of the Garter, which is the most illustrious order of British knighthood.

It was instituted by King Edward III in 1348. The order consists of the sovereign, and 25 companions, of which the Prince of Wales is always a member. It therefore signifies how important the order is, and also, more interestingly perhaps, the period from which our ritual possibly originated.

Sourced from themasonictrowel.com

From the South

By the exercise of Brotherly Love we are taught to regard the whole human race as one family-the high and the low, the rich and the poor, who, created by one Almighty Parent and inhabitants of the same planet, ought to aid, support and protect each other. On this principle, Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might remain perpetually at a distance.

Every candidate at initiation is informed of our purpose: "The design of the Masonic institution is to make its members wiser, better, and consequently happier. We receive none into our ranks, knowingly, who are not moral and upright before God, and of good repute before the world. Such persons, when associated together, will very naturally seek each other's welfare and happiness equally with their own."

By binding such men together as brothers Masonry does not intend to make them agree in all respects. That would be taking the concept of brotherhood much too far. Rather it recognizes and celebrates the legitimate differences between brothers. It seeks to subdue those discordant passions that are within each of us and to so harmonize and enrich our hearts with God's own love and goodness that we can associate together on common ground as friends and brothers no matter what our other distinctive attributes are.

Brotherhood does not demand of us that we privately like people who are obnoxious to us, or that others should like us who find our company distasteful. Such things are in the domain of one's intimate likes and dislikes and have to do with private friendship rather than with brotherhood.

In proportion as a man understands brotherhood and acts in conformity with its demands, he will always work for human unity. In his lodge he will not be a dividing and distracting force. In his community he will be a good citizen who knows that the community has a right to demand many sacrifices on the part of its children He will uphold and maintain the principles of his country, and oppose every influence that makes for its degradation and division. He will everywhere use his efforts to break down racial antipathy, religious jealousies and unjust ambitions, the base intrigues of false statesmen, and the public connivance in public vices, he will everywhere and always oppose. It is his task as a true soldier of brotherhood.

If Masons understand this first great tenet of Freemasonry and follow it in their daily lives, their lodges will be places of peace and the Fraternity as a whole will be an institution where brotherly love prevails and where every moral and social virtue cements us. Moreover, Masonry will be understood and recognized by the profane as a force for human unity and happiness. The constant practice of Brotherly Love will be the primary refutation of our critics and the chief attraction to new candidates. Therefore, Brethren, let us ever so meet, act, and part. Let us never fail to practice Brotherly Love toward all mankind. We can only be the richer for it.

Credits: WA Standard Work, EA lecture; David J. Llewellyn, PM, Gate City Lodge #2 (GA)

Annual Dues Notice

Dues notices for 2022 will be going out shortly. Per WMC Sec. 17.13 B.L., “The annual dues of Lodge members shall be payable in advance of the first day of January of every year.” Your prompt attention will be appreciated.

Dues for 2022 will be \$78.00 - \$50.00 lodge dues plus \$28.00 for the Grand Lodge per capita. Life members will be responsible for the \$28.00 per capita.

You can pay dues via check payable to “Frank S Land No. 313” sent to your friendly neighborhood Lodge Secretary at PO Box 1285, Puyallup WA 98371. You can also pay via credit card at

<https://www.franksland313.com/online-purchases>, a credit card processing fee will apply.

As we have not been able to do fund raising events, your timely payment of dues will allow us to continue to do the things that we do as a Lodge to deliver the FSL experience that we have come to enjoy - support of our youth groups, extension of our charitable efforts, and various fun activities.

Thank you in advance for your timely attention to this matter.

Fraternally,

Jim Mendoza, Secretary

Just a Little Lodge Room

*Just a little lodge room,
But a mighty force for good;
With its loyal band of members
Learning more of brotherhood;
Striving, stumbling, but progressing
Down a pathway toward the right;
Just a humble bunch of plain folks,
Reaching, seeking for the light.*

*Just a quiet little lodge room,
How it stirs the heart and soul
With the thrill of great endeavor
Toward a high and common goal;
With each pledge of faith and courage
To maintain the forward fight,
On the road that leads them onward
Even onward to the light.*

George B. Staff



From the Desk of the Secretary

Some have heard me mention that my favorite comic is Shuler King. Born Frank Williams III, his comedy is based on his questions on the human condition. His bits typically start with the words “Anybody wanna tell me...”

Occasionally, he dips into the profound and that’s when my laughter turns into reflection. Consider this comment that he made in one of his recent videos ~

“When you are working in your gift – acting, singing, plumbing, whatever it is you’re doing – your real reward is when somebody is inspired by what you do, when somebody is positively affected by what you do.”

The Masonic application is apparent. Recently, we welcomed three new brethren into our fraternity. As part of that process, we were called upon to work in our respective gifts – and yes, we were rewarded. In talking with each of them afterward, the common theme that was shared with me was that they were impressed with the ceremonies, that the lessons that they picked up therein were profound, and that they were looking forward to the next step.

Yes, you were a part of another Brother’s journey, and you left a positive imprint. That’s why we work in our gift.

Jim Mendoza
Secretary



Masonic Birthdays

Bror Kristopher Lockrem	October 1, 2019
Bror Austin Collins	October 3, 2015
Bror Christopher Copeland	October 3, 2015
Bror Kevin Jenkins	October 3, 2015
Bror Timothy Anderson	October 7, 2017
Worshipful Bror Gerald Murphy	October 15, 1975
Bror Mitchell White	October 20, 2011
Bror William White III	October 20, 2011
Worshipful Bror Roy Pidcock	October 27, 1987
Bror Nathan Nazareno	November 5, 2016
Worshipful Bror John Burrage	November 11, 1972
Worshipful Bror Frederick Docker	November 11, 1993
Worshipful Bror Corey Kent	November 23, 2005
Worshipful Bror Kevin Reid	November 25, 1986
Bror Brian Ipsen	November 29, 2007
Bror Abby Bereket	November 30, 2016
Bror Bryant Brown	November 30, 2016
Worshipful Bror Richard Watt Jr.	December 9, 1981
Bror Scott Salvner	December 27, 1984
Bror Perry Kent	December 27, 2007