

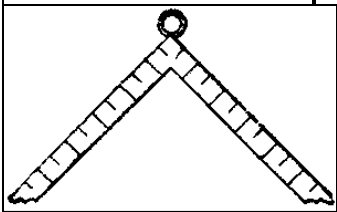


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SENT TO SHAKE THE HANDS WE CANNOT REACH



From the East

By John Welsch, Worshipful Master

Independence

An interesting thought occurred to me on this past Independence Day, just what IS independence? For many people, when you ask them this question they invariably answer you with the thought that it is freedom from dependence, but is this what true independence is?

In the United States of America, Independence Day is defined as the day the American colonists declared they were once and for all independent from their mother country. The mother country on the other hand, declared this to be treasonous, and decided to bring these traitors under control by whatever means were necessary. This American holiday certainly defines one form of independence, but can an individual truly be independent? I like to think of myself as an independent person, free to make my own choices, go where I want and when I want, not relying on others for support or assistance, but at the same time acknowledging my own shortcomings in certain areas, and as I get older, I can see myself becoming more and more dependent upon others for assistance in many things.

The idea of individual independence is, however, so strongly ingrained into our character that many of us forget to reach out and ask for help, instead suffering through unbearable problems alone. While many see the need for help, we just don't ask for it, fearing that we may appear to be "dependent" and incapable of helping ourselves. The truth of the matter is that we all need to rely upon someone to help us through the things we can't do on our own, either physically or mentally. The interesting thing about life is, our dependence lessens as we grow from childhood to adulthood, and increases as we move from adulthood to old age. We must never lose sight of the fact

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Grand Canyon Chapter #4 Order of the Eastern Star

2017—2018 Schedule

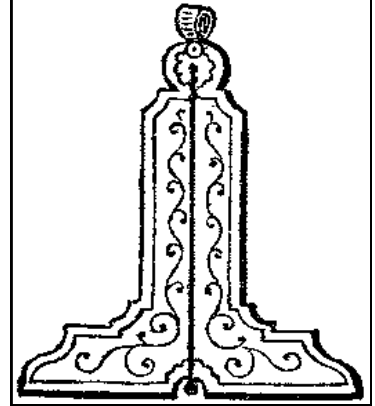
August 2-5	Grand Chapter of Arizona, Scottsdale
September 1	Silent Auction Fundraiser
September 6	Stated Meeting, Honor Grand Chapter Appointments
September 9	Send Off
September 12	Stated Meeting, OV practice
September 16	Official Visit with Sedona Chapter #7, Flagstaff Lodge
September 26	Stated Meeting
October 10	Stated Meeting, Honor Night
October 24	Stated Meeting, Halloween Fun – Weird Slippers Night
November 14	Stated Meeting, Thanksgiving Potluck 6:00 pm, Honor Veterans
November 28	Special Night, Prepare Christmas bags
December 12	Stated Meeting, Christmas cookie exchange, honor sideliners
January 9	Stated Meeting, honor PM's/PP's, Western night
January 23	Special Night
February 13	Stated Meeting, Sweethearts dinner, Valentine's Day/Presidents Day
February 27	Special night
March 13	Stated Meeting, Friendship Night, St. Patrick's Day/Easter, any holiday attire
March 27	Special night, Easter dinner
April 10	Stated Meeting, Honor officers
April 24	Stated Meeting, Hawaiian night
May 8	Stated Meeting, elections, honor mothers, Memorial Day
May 22	Stated Meeting, Wrap up the year!

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From the West

By Ralph Doudna, Senior Warden

It is my pleasure to share this article written by W. Nelson Wright 33° Fargo, North Dakota that appeared in New Age Magazine June of 1984.



Your Masonic Checking Account

Nothing of value in our lives comes without someone or some group first paying the price expressed not in dollars but one of time, commitment, and dedication. In Freemasonry this is especially true. Before any degree can be conferred some Brothers must plan, coordinate and memorize that which is necessary to complete the work. This was true when we petitioned our Symbolic Lodge, and it is true today. Consider all the ways Brethren must be involved for our Fraternity to progress. There are:

- * Brethren who are always anxious to extend the hand and smile of genuine friendship.
- * Brethren who take out time from their busy personal activities to visit an ailing Brother in the hospital, nursing facility or at home.
- * Brethren who regularly attend the meetings and participate in the activities of the Order, whether or not they are officers
- * Brethren who secure and submit petitions of candidates and thereby help insure the continuance and growth of our Order.
- * Brethren who pay their dues as promptly as possible to avoid causing the administrative officer extra work and the organizations embarrassment in paying its financial obligations.
- * Brethren who are always anxious to congratulate others on work well done and encourage those who have become discouraged or disinterested.
- * Brethren who answer "yes" when asked to be an officer or to actively participate and then, learn their work thoroughly
- * Brethren who avail themselves of every convenient opportunity to visit meetings and activities of other Masonic organizations, so as to gain and

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that time marches on, and much like our progression from childhood to adulthood, independence progresses and regresses along the way as well.

Freemasonry provides that needed help when we aren't able to be independent. Our fraternity assures us of the fact that when we are down and need a Brother to lift us up, he will be there. We've obligated ourselves to this role and will be there when needed. As a matter of fact, our fraternity could not survive without this ethical code of support and assistance, and through the virtue of charity, we may rest assured of this support.

So, just as America rose from childhood to adulthood in its own Declaration of Independence, we as humans move inexorably toward that same state as we grow and mature. However, we must never grow to the point of misunderstanding what independence really means, and as Freemasons should always be ready to either ask for assistance, or be willing to render it without a second thought. After all, isn't that what Brotherhood is really



At the recent Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Phoenix, the above Flagstaff #7 Past Masters were installed: l-r Damon Krieg, DDGM; Cal Magness, DDGL; Jason Morrett, DDGL and Lance Brown, Grand Marshal.

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nourish new Masonic friendships and to learn more about the sublime precepts of our Craft.

* And finally, Brethren who are willing to help with the “chores” of the organization, whenever needed.

Everyone of us, whether we want it or not, has a Masonic checking account. The entries in this account are expressed in th actions and outlook rather than in dollars and cents. Every time that we receive benefit from a Brother’s actions, there is a withdrawal from our account. Every time we give benefit to a Brother, there is a deposit.

Every one of us of us starts his Masonic career with a huge red balance in his Masonic checking account . Most of us spend the rest of our Masonic lives endeavoring to change that debit to a credit.

By giving we will help to guarantee that Masonry will accomplish its mission in the hearts of men and in the world at large.

The question for each of us is: Am I sufficiently concerned about the future of Freemasonry and the world to be willing to examine critically my own personal Masonic checking account and to henceforth give more than I

Longevity Awards Banquet

Flagstaff #7 will bestow awards on several of our deserving brothers at a banquet on Saturday, September 16 at the Doubletree Inn on W. Rte. 66 in Flagstaff. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and a buffet lunch will be available from noon to 1:00.

All are invited to attend this event. All we ask is that you inform the Secretary in advance (by phone or email) of the number in your party in order that we may provide the appropriate amount of vittles.

Annual OES/Masonic Picnic

Each year we organize an OES/Masonic Picnic. Over the 100+ years that this tradition has occurred, there have been many versions of the picnic. 2017 was an enjoyable small group of sisters and brothers. We had a great time spending time together as a Masonic family. We are excited to continue this annual tradition with your input. Please complete the following survey to increase the successful outcome of our 2018 picnic! Hope to see you there!

Picnic Location preference:

Public Park A Lake Member's home

Other _____

Location Ammenities:

Public bathroom Playground Parking

Ramada Built-in BBQ Picnic tables

Other _____

Food Preference:

Main dish potluck Meat potluck Side dish potluck

Dessert potluck Pre-purchased meat with identified cook for entire picnic.

Pre-purchased dessert with identified cook for entire picnic.

Other _____

Planned Activities:

Would you like organized activities for the picnic? (card game/board game/ fishing).

Yes No

If yes, what activities would you be interested in? _____

What other thoughts do you have on the annual OES/Masonic picnic?

Reminder— The food can in the lobby of the lodge is emptied monthly and its contents donated to the food bank to assist those local residents in need. Please add a few non-perishable food items to it the next time you visit the lodge.



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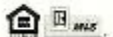
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Masonic Anniversaries



Charles Vierthaler PM	7/6/1987	Thomas Walden	8/2/2006
Milton Evans	7/9/1953	Christopher Hartwell	8/8/2013
Victor Hawley PM	7/9/1981	Richard McNeill, Jr. PM	8/10/2000
Donald Galyon PM	7/13/1989	Anthony Foglia	8/12/2010
Reed Houge	7/13/2013	Frank Norton	8/12/1989
Christopher Franklin	7/14/2005	Charles Gantt	8/14/1999
Walter Greer	7/16/1992	John Welsch	8/18/2011
Eric McElwain	7/16/1998	Jerry Brown	8/21/1969
Carl Sechrist	7/16/1953	Charles Morriss	8/21/1975
Calvin Magness PM	7/20/1989	Kelly Vickers	8/21/2014
Arthur Crozier	7/21/1966	Robert Hack	8/22/2015
Donald Hack, Jr.	7/21/2011	Nicholas Barnard	8/23/2012
Ryun Mann	7/21/2005	Jeremy Peuschold	8/23/2008
Warren Smith	7/21/1977	Alan Borrett	8/24/2000
Jerry Lively	7/24/1976	Scott Welsch	8/24/2013
John Brooks	7/25/1957	Donald Hartwell	8/25/2012
Aaron Burr	7/25/2013	Ross Hochen	8/27/2011
John Russell	7/26/1962	Kirby Thoma	8/27/1998
Jeffery Browne	7/27/1989	James Robinson, Jr.	8/28/2010
Dalfrey Herring	7/29/1963	Anthony Jacovino, Jr.	8/29/2009



Birthdays



Phil Cobbin	7/2/1954	Randall Peters	8/6/1953
Thomas Johnson, Jr. PM	7/3/1929	John Beamer	8/7/1933
Scott Welsch	7/5/1986	James Robinson, Jr.	8/8/1961
Lawrence Morton, Jr.	7/6/1925	Michael Seff	8/11/1943
Lance Brown PM	7/9/1969	Lloyd Smith PM	8/13/1946
Todd Barrett	7/16/1987	Jerry Lively	8/14/1945
Ray Teague	7/22/1940	Ryun Mann	8/16/1975
James Wilson	7/24/1963	Glen Hagaman PM	8/17/1947
Charles Vierthaler PM	7/26/1941	Alphonse Jueckstock, Jr.	8/20/1927
Eddie Cash, Sr.	7/29/1934	Ted Gibson, Jr.	8/21/1982
Christopher Franklin	7/29/1982	Alan Kindsvater PM	8/22/1963
D. Brook Cunningham PGM	7/30/1945	Jared Bohn	8/23/1987
Alan Borrett	8/2/1979	Kristofer Newton	8/24/1983
Dalfrey Herring	8/4/1940	Charles Moore	8/26/1916
Charles Johnson	8/5/1935	David Bortle	8/28/1969
Gen. Roger Teague	8/5/1963	Matt Casado	8/28/1937
Reed Houge	8/6/1964	James Glenn	8/28/1939

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

13th (Thurs.)	PM Meeting 6:30 pm
15-16 (Sat. and Sun.)	Celtic Festival
20th (Thurs.)	Masonic Book Club 7:00 pm
27th (Thurs.)	Masonic Education Night 7:00 pm

AUGUST

3rd (Thurs.)	Stated Meeting Dinner: 6:30 pm Meeting: 7:30 pm
10th (Sat.)	Wayfarers Steak Fry 10:00 am—4:00 pm
19th (Sat.)	Outdoor Degree
24th (Thurs.)	Masonic Book Club 7:00 pm
31st (Thurs.)	Education Night 7:00 pm

Long-Range Calendar

Longevity Awards Banquet: September 16

Past Masters Meeting: October 12 at 6:30 pm.

Cornerstone Rededication: October 15

Clothe-A-Child: November 18

Election of Officers: December 7

Installation of Officers: December 10*

* *Tentative date*

Stated meetings (except June) are held at 7:30 on the first Thursday of the month with dinner at 6:30. Degree conferrals are held at 7:00 on Thursdays with dinner at 6:00. Education night is held on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm following refreshments at 6:00.