

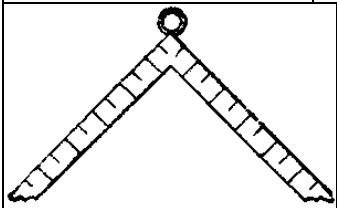


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SENT TO SHAKE THE HANDS WE CANNOT REACH



From the East

By John Welsch, Worshipful Master

The blessed holiday season is upon us, and feelings of charity and good will abound. If ever there was a season to remind us of our three tenets, this is it! Nothing feels better than seeing the joy of receiving on a child's face, or makes one feel better than extending a helping hand to someone in need. This time of year, almost everyone could qualify to be a Mason!

During the rush of preparation however, tempers flare and patience occasionally grows thin, and those conditions truly test our Masonic obligations. As human beings, we are prisoners of our passion, and those passions many times create ill will and hard feelings. There is an old saying that says "keep your eyes on the prize", and there is no better time to reflect on this than when we are about to lose our temper. The prize is obviously that feeling of joy in the season, and the trials of the race to get there must be overcome to reach it. However, if we each remember what the "prize" is, those obstacles of anger and impatience will fall underfoot en route to the goal. Brotherly love, relief, and truth will prevail when we remember to put them before our weaker side!

Speaking of the prize, last Saturday's Clothe-A-Child was once again a great success. With the exceptional organization and guidance of the Cornerstone Committee, and in particular John Graham and Kelly (and daughters!), as well as Lance and Jennifer Brown, our Lodge was able to lift the spirits of not just the children and families involved, but ALL of the Brothers in attendance. There are so many to thank for their help, Brothers Brian, Reed, Nick, Ryan, and the rest of the kitchen crew served up two meals to the hungry guests. Brothers Jason, Lance, Tom, Derald, Nick, Greg, Cal, John, and Richard, and many, many more for taking the time to escort the kids on their shopping trip. Mr. and Mrs. Claus (who one child said was "Beautiful!"), as usual, made every child feel like they were the only child in the room, and all of the rest of the Brothers, volunteers, and family members that contributed a great part of their day during an especially busy time of the year made

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The Noblest of Sciences

*By Saul Madfes, 32°, San Francisco, California
Published in February 1984 The New Age magazine
Submitted by Bro. Ralph Doudna, Senior Warden*

Consider these thoughts relative to geometry, the first and noblest of sciences. In our first geometry course, we were taught that two parallel lines never meet. This postulate forms one of the most important base for Euclidean Geometry. Years later, those who continue their studies into the realms of higher mathematics are confronted with the theory that parallel lines do meet at two different points, plus and minus infinity. This premise is an important factor in the study of Riemannian Geometry as well as astronomical mathematics and navigation.

In Freemasonry, parallel lines once again play an important part in our education. Upon entering our Fraternity, a candidate is taught that every Lodge is dedicated to two famous Masonic patrons, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. They are symbolized by two parallel lines at the altar which support the Holy Writings. These parallel lines are among the first things which a candidate sees upon being brought from Darkness to Light. They are the friendly faces extending from both sides of the altar towards the East. They represent the strength and support of his Brothers as he sees the Light by which Masons work.

It is so important for the vitality and success of our Fraternity that each member regularly attend and actively participate in our meetings, degrees and social events. The "parallel lines" are the backbone and bulwark of the Lodge, whether they are assembled at the altar or seated along the sidelines. The members of the Lodge are the lifeblood of the Lodge, they are the parallel lines which support the whole structure called Freemasonry.

The Officers you elect and select are charged with the responsibility of carrying out the operations and functions of the Lodge. The Past Masters are the wise counselors who lend their experience and expertise to guide the neophytes occupying all the chairs West to East. The members are the Lodge. They are the basis upon which the superstructure of Freemasonry is erected.

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the day special for everyone. While we're not a charitable organization, your charity is amazing and inspirational...

So, as 2017 comes to an end, and my time in the East closes, I want to thank the Brothers that served "on the line", and also the Brothers of Flagstaff Lodge Number 7 for allowing me the great honor of sitting as your Master for 2017. I look forward to the upcoming year and the wonderful Brothers that will soon be elected to lead our Lodge into 2018. Their commitment to serving all of us, and sacrificing personal time to do it, is commendable and worthy of a hearty thank you from each of us. I look forward to continuing to serve our Lodge in my role as a Past Master, as well as an opportunity to join my Brethren "on the sidelines" for many, many years to come!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year, and here's to a wonderful year of prosperity, health, and happiness to each and every one of you and your families!

With Brotherly Love and Affection,
John Welsch

In Memoriam

Bro. Charles D. Moore, passed away on June 18 in Flagstaff at the age of 90. He was raised in Lander Lodge #2, Wyoming in 1945 and was a member of Flagstaff #7 for 49 years.

Bro. William A. Long, passed away on July 15 in Brentwood, California at the age of 83. He was raised in Flagstaff #7 in 1960.

Bro. Gary Villani passed away on October 17 in Louisiana at the age of 66. He was raised in Flagstaff #7 in 1998.

2017 Cornerstone Rededication



On October 15, Flagstaff #7 commemorated the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our cornerstone. Most of the line officers of the Grand Lodge participated in the event. Also included were Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans and City Council member Charlie Odegaard.



L-r: Mayor Coral Evans, Worshipful Master John Welsch and City Councilman Charlie Odegaard.



Grand Master Scott Thomas.



2017 Clothe-a-Child

Once again, Flagstaff #7 provided winter clothing and a wonderful day for 25 local children and 18 TAPP families. WB John Graham and the Cornerstone Committee raised all of the funding and coordinated this great event. The success was due in no small part to the many volunteers from outside the lodge (some of whom are pictured above) who worked as sponsors. Santa had a serious conversation with a young lad scheduled for the degrees in 2035. And, of course, Clothe-a-Child just wouldn't be the same without WB Jason letting Santa know what he wants for Christmas.



From the Secretary

By John Kains

Congratulations to Bro. Richard Ale on receipt of the 2016 Mason of the Year Award at this year's Awards Banquet. Besides his work as Treasurer and Building Manager, he has been an integral part of all lodge activities.

Dues cards will be sent in the near future for all Perpetual and Senior Life members. If your address has changed, please take a minute to let me know so that your card gets to you rather than someone else. Statements for dues-paying members will be in the mail this week. The dues for 2018 remains at \$84 and can be paid by check, cash or PayPal (instructions for which are included with the statement.)

Newly-elected officers will be installed on Sunday, December 10 at 11:00 am. Officers will be asked to arrive one hour early for photographs.

Flagstaff Lodge #7 congratulates our brothers on their Masonic accomplishments.

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Derald Charles Hogeland

Initiated October 26, 2017

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Masonic Anniversaries



Christopher Rose	11/8/2012	Richard Ale	11/30/2004
David Smith	11/8/1997	Glenn Davis III PM	11/30/1978
Irvin Drye	11/10/1966	Lou Campas PM	12/11/2003
Floyd Grant	11/17/1960	Jared Bohn	12/12/2013
Julian Burian	11/19/1970	Alfred Austin III	12/17/2009
Bruce Jacks	11/20/1997	Ronald Linebarger	12/18/1967
Zachary Goodman	11/21/2013	Terrence Schick PM	12/19/1974
Michael Seff	11/22/1997	Alan Kitchen	12/21/1956
Donald Skaggs	11/29/1973	Walter Johnson	12/30/1958



Birthdays



Kelly Vickers	11/1/1972	Walter Johnson	12/4/1928
Bruce McDonald	11/2/1951	Anthony Jacovino, Jr.	12/6/1987
Randy Sims	11/2/1955	Malcom Gough PM	12/7/1942
Jason Morrett PM	11/7/1981	John Nicolls PM	12/8/1966
Michael Purcell, Jr.	11/8/1946	David Saunders	12/9/1957
Michael Higdon	11/10/1943	James VanDuyne	12/10/1935
Donald Daly	11/11/1945	William East PM	12/11/1929
Richard Deaver	11/11/1931	Louis Campas PM	12/12/1948
Richard Scott PM	11/11/1937	Irvin Drye	12/14/1935
Walter Greer	11/12/1952	Keith Vogler	12/15/1941
Zed Veale, Jr.	11/12/1927	Earl McLain PM	12/17/1958
Christopher Anderson	11/15/1986	Frank Norton	12/17/2020
Anthony Foglia	11/16/1984	Charles Brown	12/19/1942
Paul Pertuit III	11/16/1943	Ricky Duffield	12/20/1956
Tom Carpenter	11/22/1953	Terry McCormack	12/22/1969
Jesse Mills	11/24/1955	Cecil Neal III	12/26/1946
Robert Hack	11/25/1978	Glenn Davis III PM	12/29/1948
James Kruse	11/26/1964	Calvin Magness PM	12/30/1950
Thomas Walden	11/28/1969	Robert Wilson	12/30/1934
Robert Lindley	12/3/1939		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

14th (Tuesday)	OES	7:00 pm
18th (Saturday)	Clothe-a-Child	7:30 am

DECEMBER

7th (Thursday)	Stated Meeting/Elections	7:30 pm
10th (Sunday)	Installation of Officers	11:00 am
12th (Tuesday)	OES Stated Meeting	7:00 pm

2018 Calendar

Jan. 4: Stated Meeting

Jan. 9: OES Stated Meeting

Apr. 5: Deputy Grand Master Visit

TBD: Past Masters/Widows Dinner

TBD: Outdoor Degree

TBD: Longevity Awards Banquet

Nov. 17: Clothe-a-Child

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.