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SENT TO SHAKE THE HANDS WE CANNOT REACH

Last Night I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt



A Master Mason's Poem

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Last night I knelt where Hiram knelt
And took an obligation.
Today, I'm closer to my God
And I'm a Master Mason.

Though heretofore my fellow men
Seemed each one like the other;
Today, I search each one apart
I'm looking for "MY BROTHER."

And as I feel his friendly grip
It fills my heart with pride;
I know that while I'm on the square
That he is on my side.

His footsteps on my errand go,
If I should such require;
His prayers will plead in my behalf;
If I should so desire.

My words are safe within his breast,
As though within my own;
His hand forever at my back,
To help me safely home.

Good counsel whispers in my ear,
And warns of any danger.
My square and compass, Brother now,
Who once would call me stranger.

I might have lived a normal life
And risen to distinctions;
Without my brothers helping hand,
And fellowship of Masons.

But God, who knows how hard it is
To resist life's temptations,
Knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt;
And took an obligation

Thanks to Brother Ray Teague who thought that this poem would be of special interest to our new brothers.

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Grand Canyon Chapter #4 Order of the Eastern Star

Come out and enjoy the annual Flagstaff Lodge #7 and Grand Canyon Chapter #4 Picnic to be held on Saturday, July 24. Gather at noon, eat at 1:00. The picnic will be held at Julann Johnson's house, 8400 N. Hwy 89 (just south of Horsemen Lodge Steakhouse).

The Lodge will furnish the meat and the Chapter will furnish the side dishes. Please bring a chair, your family and any prospective members.

If you have activities you want to bring (i.e. horseshoes, etc.) you are welcome to bring them along. This is just a fun, casual day to enjoy the food and get to know one another better.

From the South

By Bro. Tom Carpenter, Senior Warden

“As the sun in the South at meridian height is the beauty and glory of the day . . .”

This edition of the *Trestle Board* marks the midpoint of our Masonic year. Half-way through the year, crossing the Prime Meridian, so to speak, is a good time to pause and acknowledge our good work.

Thank you to our Senior Steward, **John Graves**. He has provided numerous delicious meals. **Jeff Skinner** has been extremely helpful in the kitchen.

The Longevity dinner on July 1 was a shining example of 'all hands on deck'. Thank you to all who lent a hand.

Julann Johnson, Worthy Matron, and **Kathy Lindstrom PM**, Secretary of Grand Canyon Chapter No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star, deserve special thanks for their generous help with the event. I fear we'd still be trying to get the meals out to the tables if not for their help.

Thanks as well to Brother Secretary, **John Kains**, for his diligent attention to the mostly-invisible administrative machinery that keeps the Lodge moving. To Worshipful Brother **John Graham**, thank you for assuming the duties of Lodge Treasurer and keeping our fiscal house in order. Thank you, too, for your mentorship of our newest Master Mason, **Jesse Calvin**.

Our Senior and Junior deacons, **Brad Ingram** and **Derald Hogeland** have done an exceptional job establishing and maintaining the decorum that reinforces our ritual. Brother Brad also was a dedicated mentor for **Justin Nelson**, our first Master Mason raised in 2021.

The work of the Senior Warden, **Tom Hover**, is often behind the curtain, but it is his leadership coordinating investigating committees that has resulted in the initiation of our latest Entered Apprentices, **Max Hodgkins** and **Brock Cash**.

Our fundamental task, that of making Masons, was aided by the excellent lectures provided by Worshipful Brothers, **Lou Campas**, **John Welsch** and **Ralph Doudna**.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge Worshipful Brothers **Lance Brown**, **Jim Harvel**, and **Jason Morrett** whose comprehensive knowledge of ritual al-

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Awards

On July 1, Flagstaff #7 honored a few of our worthy brothers for their many years of service to our Lodge and to the Craft in general:

MWB Earl Wunder (50 years);

WB Jim Harvel (55 years);

Bro. Jack Beamer (65 years).



MWB Earl and his wife Alice.



WB Jim and his wife Alice.



Brother Jack Beamer.

We were honored to have Grand Master Randy Jager and Worshipful Master Cal Magness presenting our brothers with pins, letters and aprons denoting their years of service.

During the stated meeting that followed the awards ceremony, Brother Tom Carpenter was presented with a well-deserved plaque for his selection as Mason of the Year for 2020. Brother Tom earned this award for his efforts in bringing Flagstaff #7 back from the dark days of the pandemic.

Upcoming Events

July 24	OES/Masonic Picnic	Doney Park
July 29	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 1	MWB Manning Services	El Zaribah Shrine—Phoenix
August 5	Stated Meeting	Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30
August 21	Outdoor Degree	9:00 a.m.
September 2	Stated Meeting	Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30
September 11	Lodge of Instruction	10:00—11:30 a.m.
October 7	Stated Meeting	Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30
November 4	Stated Meeting	Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30
November 20	Clothe-a-Child	7:30 a.m.
December 2	Stated Meeting/Elections	Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

Thursdays are typically reserved for either a Degree or a Degree Practice.

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lowed us to call upon them repeatedly to fill gaps in the Line and to play roles in our ritual.

None of this would have been possible had it not been for the Worshipful Master, **Cal Magness**, who willingly stepped into the role of Master of the Lodge again. His devotion to Masonry and his affection for the Lodge and its members is without equal.

For those of you whose contributions I have failed to mention, all I can say is, memory is the second thing to go.

To all our brothers in Lodge #7, thank you for all you do.

For the Mason's Bookshelf

Robert's Rules of Order: Masonic Edition, revised and edited by Michael R. Poll. Published by Cornerstone Book publishers: 5th Cornerstone Ed., 2021.

Worshipful Brother Reed Houge donated this book to our Lodge. It is a valuable addition to our library. As Brother Poll explains in his introduction, "the spirit of the work is to aid the Worshipful Master in general parliamentary questions and a useful educational tool for anyone advancing through the chairs of a lodge."

In addition to guidance on parliamentary procedures for conducting Lodge business, the appendix of the book offers clear and helpful descriptions and commentary of Masonic Landmarks.

Thank you, Worshipful Brother Reed for bringing this helpful book into our Lodge.

The Way of the Craftsman: A Search for the Spiritual Essence of Craft Freemasonry, Deluxe Edition, by W. Kirk MacNulty. Published by Plumbstone, 2017. The book blurb explains "In this new Deluxe edition of an enduring Masonic classic, W. Kirk MacNulty takes the reader on a quest deep into the heart of Craft Freemasonry in search of its spiritual core." They ain't kidding. You don't chug these contents; you sip and savor them.

Worshipful Brother MacNulty journeyed to the Celestial Lodge on November 8, 2020. He was held in such high regard among Masons that his memorial service was conducted in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in January, 2021.

It is worth noting that the publisher, Plumbstone, is an excellent source for books on

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Freemasonry. Worshipful Brother Shawn Eyer is the editor of *Plumbstone*. He is also the editor of *Philalethes: The Journal of Masonic Research & Letters*.

Gateway to the Great Books, edited by Robert M. Hutchins, Mortimer J. Adler, and Clifton Fadiman. Published by Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., 1963. The Junior Warden won a set of these books in a raffle at Masonicon and has donated the collection to the Nelson-Wunder Library in the Lodge.

For most of us, if not all, our study of the seven liberal arts and sciences was completed years, if not decades, in the past. Yet, as Fellowcraft, we were reminded of “the importance of the study of the liberal arts and sciences. . . .”

But how might we continue our study when we are so far removed from the classroom?

This ten-volume set provides a way. It is designed to provide you with access to a liberal education through the stories and essays included here. There are works of imagination; biographies and histories; treatises in politics, economics and jurisprudence; major contributions in the fields of mathematics, and the natural sciences; and great works in philosophy, and theology.

These works are accessible to anybody willing to read them. The challenge of course is establishing the habit of reading. Like all habits, the reading habit simply requires daily practice. Any of us can find ten minutes in a day to devote to reading any of the selections in these volumes. Set a timer, make yourself comfortable and read slowly; even aloud, if you wish.

Where to begin? One option is to skim the volumes and read what catches your eye. Another approach is to follow one of the suggested reading plans in Appendix I of Volume I.

If you were to ask me, however, I suggest you start by reading “The Battle with the Cannon,” by Victor Hugo, in Volume 2.

Fiat Lux.

Clothe-a-Child 2021 Donations

Brethren, our annual charity project will be held on Saturday, November 20. Details to follow.

Many of you have expressed a desire to make a donation. Every donation, regardless of the amount, will help us provide clothes, shoes and toys to children less fortunate than ourselves.

Please make your checks payable to Flagstaff Lodge #7 and please write "Clothe-A-Child" in the note section of your check.

You can drop off your check in the Lodge office or mail it to:

Flagstaff Masonic Lodge #7
107 E Birch Ave
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

We would like to thank our OES Sisters for their generous donation to this wonderful cause.

Services for **Most Worshipful Brother Mike Manning** will be held at 2:00 p.m. on August 1 at the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium in Phoenix (552 N. 40th St).



Masonic Anniversaries



Christopher Hartwell	8/8/2013
Richard McNeill, Jr. PM	8/10/2000
Anthony Foglia	8/12/2010
John Graves	8/17/2019
Derald Hogeland	8/18/2018
John Welsch	8/18/2011
Tom Carpenter	8/19/2017
Jerry Brown	8/21/1969
Kelly Vickers	8/21/2014
Robert Hack	8/22/2015
Nicholas Barnard	8/23/2012
Alan Borrett	8/24/2000
Scott Welsch	8/24/2013
Donald Hartwell	8/25/2012
Ross Hochen	8/27/2011
Kirby Thoma	8/27/1998
James Robinson, Jr.	8/28/2010
Anthony Jacovino, Jr.	8/29/2009



Birthdays



Alan Borrett	8/2/1979
Gen. Roger Teague	8/5/1963
Charles Johnson	8/5/1935
Reed Houge	8/6/1964
Randall Peters	8/6/1953
John Beamer	8/7/1933
James Robinson, Jr.	8/8/1961
Michael Seff	8/11/1943
Lloyd Smith PM	8/13/1946
Jerry Lively	8/14/1945
Ryun Mann	8/16/1975
Ted Gibson, Jr.	8/21/1982
Alan Kindsvater PM	8/22/1963
Jared Bohn	8/23/1987
Kristofer Newton	8/24/1983
David Bortle	8/28/1969
Matt Casado	8/28/1937
James Glenn	8/28/1939