

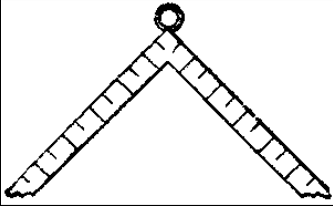


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SENT TO SHAKE THE HANDS WE CANNOT REACH



From the East

By Ralph Doudna, Worshipful Master

At the opening of every Masonic Lodge meeting in the United States, on our Foreign Bases and aboard all Navy Ships, we as Masons recognize that we are citizens of the United States of America by pledging allegiance to our flag. We render the pledge from memory usually without really considering what each letter or word truly means.

This article appeared in *The New Age* magazine of June 1982 and was written by Benjamin F. Dortwart, 32° and it is my pleasure to share it with you word by word.

I---As soon as you say "I", you become involved with your Country

Pledge---Is to guarantee your support to your Country.

Allegiance---The devoted loyalty which a citizen owes to his country and government.

To---In the direction of and tending toward futurity of its being.

The---To a definite place.

Flag--- A cloth bearing a device to indicate nationality, or standard of our country.

Of---Specified as the continent of America.

The---To a definite place.

United States---To keep and to hold the country born under God's rule and direction.

Of---A specific place.

America---A beautiful name given to a wonderful country.

And---Unstressed word expressing connection.

To---In the direction of its being.

The---To a definite place.

Republic---A place where sovereign power is held by citizens having the

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right to vote and is exercised by representatives elected by the people.

For----In support of.

Which----Pointing out a particular place in this country.

It----Singular place in our lives.

Stands----To take an upright or firm position, to act in resistance, as to an enemy.

One----Undivided or united.

Nation----The body of people united under a single independent government.

Under----From a lower position and helpless, but strengthened by God on our side.

God----The Supreme Being, who through his love for this country has helped our nation to grow to where it is today.

Indivisible----We are not divisible or separable into parts, but together always.

With----In mutual relation to, equal to.

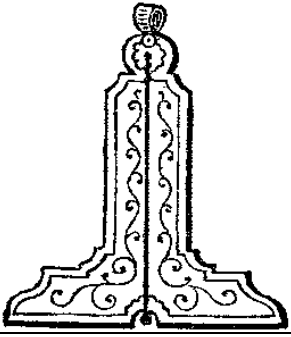
Liberty----freedom from slavery, imprisonment, or control by another.

And----Unstressed with more.

Justice----The principle of fair and honest dealings between persons, rightfulness.

For----In support of what the country stands for.

All----To all us who are living in this great country.



From the West

By Reed Houge, Senior Warden

During the last cemetery cleanup I noticed some coins on the graves of fallen brothers so I thought I'd look into it more. I asked some of the "old timers" what they knew of it and was told it comes from that it is a military tradition. Since I was in the Army, I felt that I should better educate myself. It's my duty right?



First stop was Snopes.com to see what they had to say:

“Humans have been leaving mementos on and within the final resting places of loved ones almost from the beginning of the species. Excavations of even the earliest graves uncover goods meant to serve the deceased in the next world, such as pottery, weapons and beads.

The earliest known coins date to the late seventh century B.C., and as societies began embracing such monetary systems, the practice leaving of coins in the graves of citizens began as yet another way of equipping the dear departed for the afterlife.

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Mythologies within certain cultures added specific purpose for coins being left with the dead. In Greek mythology, Charon, the ferryman of Hades, required payment for his services. A coin was therefore placed in the mouth of the dear departed to ensure he would ferry the deceased across the rivers Styx and Acheron and into the world of the dead rather than leave him to wander the shore for a hundred years. In England and the U.S., pennies were routinely placed on the closed eyes of the dead, yet the purpose for that practice was not clear — some say it was to keep the eyes of the corpse from flying open (even though the eyes, once shut by the person laying out the body, do not reopen).

In these more recent days, coins and other small items are sometimes discovered on grave markers, be they plaques resting atop the sod or tombstones erected at the head of the burial plot. These small tokens are left by visitors for no greater purpose than to indicate that someone has visited that particular grave. It has long been a tradition among Jews, for example, to leave a small stone or pebble atop a headstone just to show that someone who cared had stopped by. Coins (especially pennies) are favored by others who wish to demonstrate that the deceased has not been forgotten and that instead his loved ones still visit him.”

Since Snopes acknowledged it, “it must be true” but that didn’t explain the military perspective. That led me to another website, texvet.org that gave me insight to that aspect.

COINS LEFT ON TOMBSTONES

“These coins have distinct meanings when left on the headstones of those who gave their lives while serving in America’s military, and these meanings vary depending on the denomination of coin.

A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier’s family that someone else

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has visited the grave to pay respect. Leaving a **PENNY** at the grave means simply that you visited.

A **NICKEL** indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a **DIME** means you served with him in some capacity. By leaving a **QUARTER** at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he was killed.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

In the US, this practice became common during the Vietnam War, due to the political divide in the country over the war; leaving a coin was seen as a more practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave than contacting the soldier's family, which could devolve into an uncomfortable argument over politics relating to the war.

Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be reunited.

The tradition of leaving coins on the headstones of military men and women can be traced to as far back as the Roman Empire.”

I don't plan to visit the Celestial Lodge above soon but that's not my call. When I do, please stop by to say hello and spend some time with all your brothers that have gone this way before you. They helped build the world you live and the lodge you enjoy and is our duty to honor them!!!

Order in Architecture

By Tom Carpenter, Junior Steward

I asked myself, “what is it about the orders of architecture that inspired our ancient brethren to canonize them in Masonic ritual?”

My investigation led me first to Vitruvius, a Roman architect and engineer, who lived in the first century B.C.E. There were earlier architects, of course, but no record of the written work survived even into the Roman era. Vitruvius was the author of what is called today *The Ten Books of Architecture*. The work covers multiple subjects, much of it a compilation of earlier fragments, but it is his analysis of proportion in architecture that has had the most lasting influence.

That influence was most deeply felt by Giacomo Barozzio Da Vignola (1501–1573), an Italian architect who expanded and clarified the work of Vitruvius in his own treatise on architecture. It is worth noting that it was Vignola who assigned the word “order” in classical architecture.

His treatise was later published in English for the first time in 1669 with the title of *The Regular Architect: or the General Rule of the Five Orders of Architecture of M. Giacomo Barozzio Da Vignola with a New Addition of Michael Angelo Buonaroti*.

To read the treatise is a challenge, but there is a section on the Ionic Order that provides, in my view, evidence justifying why Masons hold the orders of architecture in high esteem. Certainly, the proportionality of the several parts of a column are worthy of admiration. Proportionality is beautiful and logical and essential in architecture.

Nobody wants a lopsided toilet.

But let us cast our gaze upward to consider the capital of an Ionic pillar. More particularly, let's focus our attention on the scroll-like ornamentation. That ornamentation is called a *volute*. The raised edge of the volute is called a listel, or fillet.

This was not the work of a Spirograph toy. The compass and the square were the tools, and Geometry the science, with which Vignola rediscovered and codified the means by which to achieve the graduated spiral that terminates or originates at the center of itself. It is a design that aspires to mirror the perfections of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Consider, too, that this precise ornamentation may sit forty cubits above the ground. I have not visited Greece, but I suspect, if ever I am so fortunate, my failing eyesight will deprive me of the ability to discern such precision in design. I shall know it exists, however, and, for this Mason, that makes all the difference.



In Memoriam

Brother Steven James Kulcher passed away on February 20 at the age of 88 in Pennsylvania. Masonic and Military Services were held at the Camp Navajo Cemetery on June 4.

Brother David Herron Smith passed on May 2. He lived in Munds Park and was 71 years old.

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

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Masonic Anniversaries



Alan Adams	9/7/1996	Arnold Barry	9/27/1984
Jeremy Adams	9/9/2010	Cecil Kiker	9/27/1962
Matt Casado	9/10/1995	Allen Jensen	9/28/2002
Paul Sauerbrey III PM	9/11/2003	Tom Kaufman	9/28/2002
James Wilson, Jr. PM	9/13/2003	Alan Kindsvater PM	9/28/1989
Malcom Gough PM	9/15/1983	Thomas Loomis PM	9/28/1961
Damon Krieg	9/16/2010	Kevin Johnston	9/29/2011
Robert Rowe PM	9/17/1994	Steven Kulcher	10/2/1956
Jason Morrett PM	9/18/2008	Charles Moore	10/9/1945
John Watson	9/18/2003	Richard Rhea	10/9/1969
David Skillern	9/20/1969	Roger Graziano	10/10/1970
Howard Davis	9/21/1979	Robert Lindley	10/13/2011
Robert Franklin	9/22/2001	Randy Sims	10/13/1979
David Saunders	9/22/1994	John Nicolls PM	10/14/2004
Mark Workman PM	9/22/1983	Fredrick Geboe	10/15/1981
Nicholas Yates	9/24/2016	Tom Bevil PM	10/17/1990
Stanley Carson	9/25/1971	Gen. Roger Teague	10/17/1988
Sean Gollither	9/25/2008	Alphonse Jueckstock, Jr.	10/18/1955
Richard McCall	9/25/2003	Fred Phillips	10/26/1967
Richard Scott PM	9/26/1970	Carl Smith PM	10/27/1999
Keith Vogler	9/26/1982		



Birthdays



John Russell	9/2/1940	Pat Jordan	10/15/1938
Charles Gantt	9/7/1945	Otis Ratlief	10/16/1931
Stanley Carson	9/9/1942	Michael Reinecke	10/16/1946
Paul Sauerbrey III PM	9/10/1945	George Dorado	10/18/1954
Richard Vihel PM	9/14/1946	Todd Garfield	10/18/1957
Ross Hochen	9/22/1968	Lee McDonald	10/19/1937
Charles Morriss	9/24/1937	Donald Hack, Jr.	10/22/1951
Alan Kitchen	9/25/1934	Michael Byrnes	10/23/1965
Robert Munson	9/28/1945	Thomas Loomis PM	10/23/1931
Richard Ale	9/29/1943	Roger Graziano	10/28/1936
Clinton Russell	10/4/1958	Jonathan Rabinowitz	10/29/1976
Brian Collup	10/11/1979		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 2** Stated Meeting/DGM Visit
Nov. 17 Clothe-a-Child 7:00 am
Dec. 9 Installation of Officers
March 28–31 AZ GL Leadership, Casa Grande AZ
Apr 27 (8:30–11:30AM) Cemetery Cleanup
May 3–4 Scottish Rite (Tucson) Spring Reunion
Jun 6–8 Grand Lodge Communications,
June 13 (6:00–9:00 PM) Stated Meeting
July, 19–21 Celtic Festival, Location TBD
July 27 Widows, Longevity Hi Country Conference Center
Aug 17 8:00AM–2PM Flagstaff Outdoor Degree
Sept 21 - 22 Wayfarers Annual Get Together
Nov 1–2 Scottish Rite (Tucson) 2019 Fall Reunion



Flagstaff #7 held its annual Outdoor Degree on August 18, raising Bro. Derald Hogeland. The degree was held along with San Bernardino Lodge which raised its own candidate Bro. Jason Cunningham. Great fellowship was enjoyed by all.