

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST!

Brethren:

The WM is planning a 3rd Degree on the 11th of August 2008. There are supposed to be 4 candidates to receive this ceremony. I am sending this announcement out as a personal invitation to invite the brothers who haven't been to

the lodge in a while to please attend. We, the Officers would enjoy seeing some new faces every now and again just to rekindle old friendships or new ones. If you are in need of a ride please call the lodge and we will provide one for you. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:30.

Fraternally
Richard L. Rozzelle
Senior Warden

Carl Isenhour Library

The new library will be officially dedicated at Family Day on August 9th. Anyone with Masonic books, items, pictures, etc... that wishes to donate them to the library, please bring them to the lodge and put them in the library on the floor. They will be cataloged and arranged with similar items to display per approval by the Lodge.

THE MODEL MASON

Found at: <http://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/POEMS.htm>

By Bro. ROB. MORRIS

There's a fine old Mason in the land, he's genial, wise and true,
His list of brothers comprehends,
dear brothers, me and you;
So warm his heart the snow blast
fails to chill his generous blood,
And his hand is like a giant's
when outstretched to man or
GOD;
Reproach nor blame, nor any
shame, has checked his course
or dimmed his fame

All honor to his name!

This fine old Mason is but one of a large family:
In every lodge you'll find his kin,
you'll find them two or three;
You'll know them when you see them,
for they have their father's face,
A generous knack of speaking
truth and doing good always;
Reproach nor blame, nor any
shame, has checked their course
or dimmed their fame -
Freemason is their name!

Ah, many an orphan smiles upon

the kindred as they pass;
And many a widow's prayers
confess the sympathizing grace;
The FATHER of this Brotherhood
himself is joyed to see
Their works -they're numbered
all in Heaven, those deeds of
charity!

Reproach nor blame, nor any
shame, there check their course
or dim their fame -
All honor to their name!

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	J.P. Hilton	1994
J.L. Johnson	1974	D.L. Reep	1995
E.W. Beckom	1978	P.C. Ray	1996
J.F. Taylor	1979	L.D. Huffman	1997
J.H. Elmore	1981	W.G. Byerly	1998
T.L. Hartman	1984		2007
E.C. Cline	1986	D.J. Wallace	1999
J.E. Vaught	1987	H.W. Walker	2000
J.H. Elmore	1988	J.W. Davidson	2001
C.E. Isenhour	1989	M.D. Hale	2002
E.W. Masche	1991	W.J. Hunley	2003
J.D. Crawley	1993	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
		D.L. Brandon	2006

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Richard Mingle	8/2/1931	Hugh Reese	8/17/1942	Teddy Smith	8/25/1943
Richard Ellenburg	8/2/1938	Mitchell Lingerfelt	8/17/1957	Tommy Simpson, Jr	8/25/1953
Ernest Cline, Jr	8/3/1948	Kent Elliott	8/17/1971	Richard Stoll	8/26/1925
David Morton	8/4/1966	Robert Patton	8/19/1931	Forrest Ferrell	8/26/1938
Danny Church	8/8/1944	Joe Dickinson	8/20/1931	Rudy Snow	8/26/1940
Jack Beach	8/8/1967	Richard Bunton	8/10/1941	Clement Pope	8/27/1926
Arthur Price	8/9/1927	Robert Gregg	8/21/1930	Paul Phillips	8/27/1931
Jack Bridges, Sr	8/10/1934	Cecil Starnes	8/21/1942	James Johnson	8/28/1939
Bruce Bumgarner	8/10/1955	Danny Bean	8/22/1948	James Goodnight	8/29/1920
James Hope, II	8/10/1979	Harry Mitchell	8/23/1934	Robert Mozeley	8/29/1953
Jess Underwood	8/12/1929	Ronnie Rash	8/23/1943	Alton Price	8/30/1957
Howard Simpson	8/14/1955	Thad Johnson	8/24/1928	Dick Adams	8/31/1936
Hal Lingerfelt	8/16/1928	Tommy Childers	8/24/1938	Ronald Wolfe	8/31/1940
		Dewey Honeycutt	8/25/1940	Terry Church	8/31/1950

Caring Report: The Jesse Helms Family, The Margaret Teague Family, Don Hudson, Carl Isenhour, John Harden's wife, Jack Lingerfelt, Bill Deitz, David Duncan, Darrell Chapman, Gregg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Bob Gregg, Click Truitt, Charles Meadows, Richard Rozzelle's son, A.W. Morris, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, Charles Lookadoo, Todd Cline, August Masche, David Early, Joe Vaught, Clyde Price, and Bruce Pope all need our prayers and attention.

2008 HICKORY MASONIC CENTER FAMILY DAY

Saturday August 9, 2008
11:00AM—2:00PM

**Hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream
games and activities for the kids!**

Bring the family and friends!! KIDS WILL GET WET!



**STS. JOHN DAYS
June 24- December 27**

From: <http://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/stjohndays.htm>

By history, custom, tradition and ritualistic requirements, the Craft holds dear the days of St. John the Baptist on June 24, and St. John the Evangelist on December 27. A lodge which forgets either forfeits a precious link with the past and loses an opportunity for the renewal of allegiance to everything in Freemasonry symbolized by these Patron Saints. No satisfactory explanation has as yet been advanced to explain why operative Masons adopted two Christian saints, when St. Thomas, the patron of architecture and building, was available. Most Freemasons are agreed that the choice of our ancient brethren was wise. No two great teachers, preachers, wise men, saints, could have been found who better showed in their lives and works the doctrine and teachings of Freemasonry.

St. John the Evangelist apparently came into our fraternal system somewhere towards the close of the sixteenth century; at least, we find the earliest authentic lodge minute reference to St. John the evangelist in Edinborough in 1599, although earlier mentions are made in connection with that may be called relatives, if not ancestors, of our Craft. For instance "The Fraternity of St. John" existed in Cologne in 1430. "St. John's Masonry" is a distinctive term for Scotch Lodges, many of the older of which took the name of the saint. Thus, in its early records, the Lodge of Scoon and Perth is often called the Lodge of St. John, and the Lodge possesses a beautiful mural painting of the-saint, on the east wall of the lodge room. Other Lodges denominated "St. John's Lodges" were some of those unaffiliated with either the "Moderns" or the "Ancients" in the period between establishment of the Ancients (1751) and the Reconciliation (1813).

In many old histories of the Craft is a quaint legend that St. John the Evangelist became a "Grand Master" at the age of ninety. It seems to have its origin in a book printed in 1789, in which one Richard Linnear of Wakefield wrote certain "Strictures on Freemasonry," although his paper is really an eulogy. Whether this writer really continued a tradition, or invented the tale which was seized upon by Oliver and kept alive as a legend,

impossible though it is, no man may say.

One Grand Lodge has ruled that Sts. John' Days are Landmarks! Of course any Grand Lodge may make it's own laws, but it is beyond the power of any Grand Lodge either to make a Landmark by pronouncement, or to unmake a Landmark by denying it. Inasmuch as Landmarks are universally admitted to be handed down to us from "time immemorial", and Sts. Johns' Days as Masonic festivals, are neither extremely old nor universal among the Craft (England using Wednesday after St. George's day; Scotland St. Andrew's Day; and Ireland St. Patrick's), we must consider only that Grand Lodge's intent to honor our patron saints, and not the validity of her results.

Historians believe that only after 1717, when the Mother Grand Lodge was formed, did Freemasons generally hold festival meetings on either or both June 24 and December 27.

Whence Came You?

from: <http://www.masonicdictionary.com/whence.html>

Daily this question is asked by Masons without the slightest thought as to its real meaning. It is fitting that the answer we make to it in the lodge is well nigh unintelligible, for it is about as intelligible as any ever given it or as probably ever will be given it. Who can answer the question "Whence came you?" Who has ever answered it ? Who will ever answer it ? Equally baffling and profound is that companion question, familiar in some jurisdictions, "Whither art thou bound?" Equally an enigma is the answer we give it. Simple as these questions appear, they search every nook and cranny and sound every depth of every philosophy, every mythology, every theology, and every religion that has ever been propounded anywhere by anybody at any time to explain human life. They allude to the problems of the origin and destiny of mankind; they lie at the foundation of all the thinking and of all the activities of man except such as are concerned with the purely utilitarian question "What shall we eat and where-withal shall we be clothed?" All our better impulses, all our loftier aspirations, all our faiths, all our longing for and striving after a nobler state of existence, either in this or a future life, are but attempts to answer these two questions.

They are the supreme questions which men have been asking themselves and each other ever since men were able to think and to talk, and they are the questions which men will continue to ask oftenest and most anxiously until the time when we are promised that we shall know even as we are known. It is thus that study and reflection bring out the beauty and the profound significance of the simplest of Masonic formulae. --Bro. O. D. Street, Alabama.

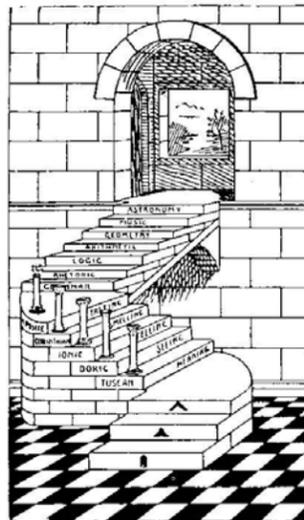
- Source: The Builder - February 1917

Winding Stairs

from: <http://www.masonicdictionary.com/winding.html>

In the First Book of Kings (vi, 8) it is said: "The door for the Middle Chamber was in the right side of the house; and they went up with winding stairs into the Middle Chamber, and out of the middle into the third." From this passage the Freemasons of the eighteenth century adopted the symbol of the Winding Stairs, and introduced it into the Fellow Craft's Degree, where it has ever since remained, in the American Rite. In one of the higher Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite the Winding Stairs are called cochleus, which is a corruption of cochlis, a spiral staircase. The Hebrew word is lulim, from the obsolete root lug, to roll or wind. The whole story of the Winding Stairs in the Second Degree of Freemasonry is a mere myth, without and other foundation than the slight allusion in the Book of Kings which has been just cited, and it derives its only value from the symbolism taught in its legend

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry



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Lodge Events Calendar

AUGUST 2008

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 RED CROSS BLOOD-DRIVE 2pm—6pm	2
3	4 6:30pm—Meal 7:30pm—Stated	5 7:30pm—OES	6	7	8	9 FAMILY DAY 11am—2pm
10	11 6:30pm-meal 7:30pm 3rd Degree	13	14 6:30pm—Meal 7:30pm—York Rite	15	16	17
18	19 6:30pm—Meal 7:30pm—Stated	20 7:30pm—OES	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	