

The apron a different take

The coming years may bring your success,
The victory laurel wreath may deck your brow,
And you may feel Love's hollowed caress,
And have withal domestic tenderness,
And fortunes' god may smile on you as now,
And jewels fit for Eastern potentate
Hang over your ambitious heart, and Fate

May call thee "Prince of Men" or "King of
Hearts,"

While Cupid strives to pierce you with his darts.
Nay, even more than these, with coming light
Your feet may press fame's loftiest dazzling
height,

And looking sown upon the world below
You may exclaim, "I cannot greater grow!"
But, nevermore, O worthy Brother mine,
Can innocence and purity combine
With all that's sweet and tender here below
As in this emblem which I now bestow.

'tis yours to wear throughout a life of Love,
And when your spirit wings to realms above
'Twill with your cold clay rest beneath the sod,
While breeze kissed flowers whisper of your God,
O, may its stainless, spotless surface be
An emblem of that perfect purity
Distinguished far above all else on earth
And sacred as the virtue of the hearth,
And when at last your naked soul shall stand
Before the throne in yon great Temple grand,
O, may it be your portion there to hear
"Well done," and find a host of Brothers near
To join the angel choir in glad refrain
Till Northeast corner echoes come again.
Then while the host in silent grandeur stand
The Supreme Builder smiling in command
Shall say to you to whom this emblem's given,
"Welcome art thou to all the joys of heaven."

And then shall dawn within your 'lighted soul
The purpose divine that held control—
The full fruition of the Builder's plan—
The Fatherhood of God—
The Brotherhood of man.

Taken from Masonry Defined p.686

This is a form of the apron lecture that is used in
the United States

Another Family Day Success!

Yet again Hickory Masonic Center hosted a fabulous
Family Day! If you were not there you missed out on the whole
carnival atmosphere. The blue lodge was converted into a mid-
way with many games for the kids and adults. Becky "the bal-
loon lady", was back again this year creating a wide variety of
creations for anyone that wanted one. We served hot dogs and
hamburgers and 10 flavors of homemade ice cream. What a day!
Thanks to Carla Johnson, Susan Brandon, Kim Rolon, Tabitha
Hope, and Amy Spach for all of their hard work to make sure this
was a great time for the kids!!



Fall York Rite Festival

On Saturday August 28th the Hickory York Rite Com-
mandery #17, dubbed 13 new Knights Templar. This combined
with the dubbed knights from the spring festival means that the
NC York Rite has grown by 29 new members this year thanks to
our efforts. The new knights represent the Hickory, Lenior and
Wilkesboro York Rite bodies.

Many knights from various lodges in our area worked
very hard to provide each of the new members with some great
degree work. Thanks to everyone that participated in this won-
derful event. We now challenge every member of the York Rite
to get involved, come to meetings, and help us accomplish more
positive growth and strengthen our fraternal bonds.

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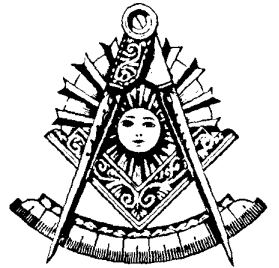
A poem written in 1895 by British Nobel laureate Brother Rud-
yard Kipling. It was first published in the "Brother Square Toes"
chapter of *Rewards and Fairies*, Kipling's 1910 collection of
short stories and poems. Like William Ernest Henley's "Invictus",
it is a memorable evocation of Victorian stoicism and the "stiff
upper lip" that popular culture has made into a traditional British
virtue. Its status is confirmed both by the number of parodies it
has inspired, and by the widespread popularity it still draws
amongst Britons. It is often voted Britain's favorite poem.

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	J.W. Davidson	2001
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J.F. Taylor	1979	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
J.H. Elmore	1981	D.L. Brandon	2006
T.L. Hartman	1984	W.G. Byerly	2007
E.C. Cline	1986	J.D. Abernethy	2008
J.H. Elmore	1987	R.L. Rozzelle	2009
J.E. Vaught	1988		
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J.D. Crawley	1993		
J.P. Hilton	1994		
D.L. Reep	1995		
P.C. Wray	1996		
L.D. Huffman	1997		
W.G. Byerly	1998		
D.J. Wallace	1999		
H.W. Wallker	2000		



Caring Report: Howard Lindsey Simpson, David Foster, Ed Zammarelli's father, Daniel Guthrie's father and sister, Brent Sigmon's mother, Larry Hale, Wendell Powell DDGM, Rick Jarrell, Calvin Pittman, Henry Holland, John Cansler, Al Swof-
ford, Everette Beckom, Click Truitt, Don Hudson, Dean Brittain, Buz Hunley, Thad Johnson, Betty Burch, Nolan Yount and
wife, Greg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Richard Rozzelle's Son, Richard Borneman, A.W. Morris, Rufus Smith, Todd Cline,
Joe Teague, Joe Vaught, and Clyde Price all need our prayers and attention.

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction Valley of Charlotte

Hello my Brothers of Hickory Lodge #343. Every Spring and Fall the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdic-
tion, Valley of Charlotte has a Reunion to induct new members into our magnanimous order. This honor is granted to those who wish to ad-
vance themselves in the knowledge and history of Freemasonry.

The symbol for the Scottish Rite is the Double-headed eagle which teaches us to look both ways at once.

We must look both into the past and to the future. The past includes not only Masonry's past, long, rich, and beautiful as it is, but humanity's
past. The past teaches us about values, the family, ethics and patriotism. It also gives us important warnings. It shows us what can happen
when tyrants arise in civil, religious, cultural, political or intellectual life.

The future beckons to us as its stewards and protectors. We learn to build for the future. The Scottish Rite teaches that only through toleration,
the willingness to let each man and woman be truly free, can we build a future in which freedom exists for everyone.

It is my honor to invite you to become a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Freemason. We will be holding our Fall Reunion on October 22nd and 23rd
2010 and I would feel privileged to accept your application and announce your intention to join our noble order.

Information packets and applications are available in the Hickory Masonic Center or you can call me and I will gladly deliver one to you.
Remember my brothers, only through your desire to increase knowledge can Masonry move forward into the future with its heads held high.

Paul Aulbach 32* KSA, Valley of Charlotte

As most of you already know, Brother J.J. Kuba has been writing articles for this newsletter for a couple of months now. What you may not know is that Bro. J.J. holds several college degrees in Metaphysics, Theology, and Anthropology; basically making him a modern day Philosopher. He studied at NYU and Montclair State University. His vast knowledge of literature, thought, etc... is wonderful and now that he is a Master Mason he is continuing to add Light to himself and us. Therefore, you will be seeing more and more writing by JJ in the future.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL CORNER, BY BROTHER J.J.

Hey out there. So this month I set about trying to find at least one example in the profane world of teaching that involves the use of the same symbol over a long period of time. Brother J.J. you say, that is easy just use arithmetic (aka mathematics). Ahh, but my brother I am not that good at math, and the symbols that we use for mathematics are not old enough. So looking around I tried to find something that would be understood by someone in today's age of computers and yesterday's age of, oh lets say, pyramids. Brother J.J. how can such a thing exist? Well I was born to have adventure, come with me for I "think" that I have found one.



Amun is the creator god of the ancient Egyptians. Stay with me brothers there is a point here. Amun was self made in this mythology. He was represented by a human with the horns of a ram on top of his head. Not actually the head of the animal as so many other of the Egyptian gods were, just the horns pointing straight up off of his head. He is also considered a fertility god. This is where the connection with this ancient time and our time can be seen. You see back in the day the raising of two fingers behind and just above someone's head would tell everyone that was looking at that person that he or she was, shall we say in the mood for love. I kid you not. So the last time you raised two fingers behind somebody's head for a picture you were actually using an ancient symbol that literally meant they were a little excited, in an erotic way.



Now the idea of the symbol has changed over the years. You probably just thought that you were being funny by giving the person next to you rabbit ears or devil horns for the picture, not that you were trying to let the people looking at the picture know that he or she was in the mood. That misuse of the symbol is my point. The cult of Amun did not have hundreds of generations of people passing the correct knowledge down the misty halls of time and over the eons. The real truth behind the symbol was lost. Alas, Amun only had hundreds of generations and over the ages he took on different names one of them being Ramses. Later he was turned into the god Pan of the forest, and finally the idea of the "goat headed" demon that need not be brought up in this article, for we all know how many try to attach this overtly inaccurate symbol to Masonry.

My point is that this symbol is ancient with a capital A. The basic motion (the fingers) and the intent (embarrassing your friend) still hold true, even though the original intent is not the same. In the lodge there is nothing done or said in any of the rituals that does not have some symbolism behind it even the circumnavigation of the altar by candidates, or the amount of steps found in the lodge. These things have been put there to insure the knowledge that is therein inculcated will not stray from the importance of the teachings being passed from one generation to the next, from one century to the next. What a connection to the past and what a connection to the future that has been left to us. So A.E.s and Fellow Craft take each word and study it. Master Masons take a look at your Charges if you have not seen them in a while. These are the things that we leave to the future these are the things that have been left to us from the past. Let us make "think" a verb.

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Hickory Masonic Center August Events Calendar

Stated Communication	Monday	September 6th	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
Hickory York Rite	Wednesday	September 8th	Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm
Stated Communication	Monday	September 20th	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
GRAND LODGE	Friday	September 24th	10:00am (Winston Salem)
GRAND LODGE	Saturday	September 25th	9:00am (Winston Salem)

Mark your Calendars NOW!

Chicken Pie Sale for Charity!	Saturday	November 6th	1:00pm—5:00pm
Hickory Lodge Awards Night	Thursday	November 18th	6:30pm
Officer Elections	Monday	December 6th	Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm
Officer Installations for 2011	Monday	December 13th	6:30pm