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Trestle Board

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Leesburg Masonic Lodge

200 Richey Road, Leesburg, Florida 34748

352-787-5696

Stated Communications 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 7:30pm

Officers for 2010

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| Worshipful Master | W·: Donald McIntyre, Sr. (Nina).. 728-6954 |
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Living Past Masters

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Charles Porter | 1959 |
| Theodore E. Weihe | 1963 |
| G. Kiser Hardaway | 1964 |
| J. C. Holloway | 1968 |
| R·:W·: Ray Richardson | 1969* |
| R·:W·: Joseph H. Sellers | 1970* |
| William "Ed" Davison | 1974 |
| Robert H. Smith | 1977 |
| R·:W·: Colin Crews | 1980^* |
| H. C. Connell | 1985 |
| R·:W·: Theodore Jansen | 1986* |
| R·:W·: Joseph T. Price | 1987* |
| Michael Dozier | 1988 |
| John H. Meier V | 1989 |
| Jay A. Frizzell, Jr. | 1992 |
| Raleigh Sorenson | 1993/1994 |
| Don Barfield | 1996 |
| Tom Russell | 1997/1998/2002 |
| Mervyn Harris | 1999 |
| R·:W·: Kenneth Graves | 2000* |
| Robert H. Browning | 2003/2004 |
| R·:H·: Dennis Ricker | 2005/2007^ |
| Roland P. Gibson | 2006 |
| Bill Green | 2008 |
| Richard Ecott | 2009 |

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| Carl Anzelmo |
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| Robert C. Gleckler |
| Robert Kennedy |
| Garry Lee |
| Clifford Moore |
| Norman L. Payne |
| Frank Peregrin |
| Glenn A. Reynolds* |
| Edwin Robbins |
| Robert L. Welch |
| Forest Case* |
| John Ray Dean |
| Barry Rosenthal |
| Wayne Parks |
| Fred Lint |
| Raymond D Trudeau |
| Paul Shires |
| M·:W·: Joseph Brearley |

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* Past DDGM

18th Masonic District

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Board of Relief

Chairman W·: Don McIntyre, Sr., Randy Jesmok, Larry Duff

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Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, W·: Tom Russell, Larry Duff,

W·: Ed Davison

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W·: Tom Russell, W·: Ed Davison, Larry Duff, W·: Richard Ecott

Vigilance

Chairman JW Larry Duff, Randy Jesmok, Sr., W·: Don McIntyre, Sr.

Funeral

Chairman R·: W·: Ken Graves, W·: Bill Green, Officers & Members

Petitions

Chairman SW Randy Jesmok, W·: Richard Ecott, W.: Bob Browning

Dallas Douma, Dick Cartier, Jim Angelos

Charity

Chairman Dallas Douma, R·: W·: Joe Price, Dean Sever,
Saul Goodkin, Fred Neilson, David Rosenthal

Catechism

Chairman Dallas Douma, Jr., Randy Jesmok, W·: Bob Browning
Larry Duff

Greeters

All Officers

Scholarship

Chairman Larry Duff, R·: W·: Joe Price, Fred Neilson,
Spencer Glover

Investments

Chairman R·: W·: Ken Graves, W·: Tom Russell,
R·: W·: Theodore Jansen, Joe Dykes

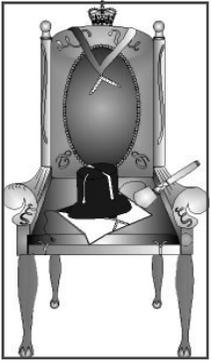
Education

Chairman Larry Duff, W·: Bob Browning, Spencer Glover,
Dallas Douma

Activities & Awards

Chairman W·: Richard Ecott, Dick Frazier, Cliff Frazier

Officers and Committee Chairmen will meet at 6:30 pm before the first stated meeting of each month for business and planning.



From the Worshipful Master

W: Donald McIntyre, Sr.

I would like to Thank All who attended our Installation of Your 2010 Officers. We're already laboring for this year and the future of our Lodge.

At our Stated Communications Meeting on February 2nd, I will present to the Craft a operating budget for 2010 that has been prepared by the officers. You attendance is requested for input and your knowledge of the financial state of our Lodge.

I am happy to report we have a number of petitions going through the system for new Masons, plural membership and affiliations. Lets come out and support and welcome these Brothers into our Lodge.

January is a very busy month in the Masonic Community with installations of officers of our Lodge and appendant and concordant bodies. We will begin our instructional programs this month, if you are in need of catechism instruction, please call one of the catechism instructors so instruction dates can be arranged.

There have been many explanations as to how the term "Free" came to be applied to Masons. Opera-

tive Masons frequently were free of local laws. In some cases they were free from taxes.

Their actions were not restricted as were the actions of others. They were free to travel from country to country in following their trade or art. Masons who labored on Solomon's Temple, legend tells us, enjoyed special privileges and were free from laws others were required to obey.

In modern days, however, it seems some feel the term means free from attending Lodge, free from calling on the sick, free from obligations voluntarily assumed, free from giving aid to the officers, free from taking any part in the work, free from any responsibility, free with criticism.

Let us be the kind who *does not wait for free time* in which to attend lodge. Let us not be the kind who believes Freemasonry is free. We are free to do as we wish about these things, but *no one can be a Freemason* in the true and fullest sense of the word *unless he purchases that Freemasonry with his time*, with his energy and by use of the faculties wherewith God has blessed him.



From the Chaplain

Brother David Rosenthal

Brother David Rosenthal's wife, Lady Debbie, was hospitalized and is at home recovering and doing well.

Brother & Secretary Dean Sever visited Art & Honey Lambright, both are together at Avante and in need of your prayers and a visit.

Our Best wishes to all for speedy recoveries.

If you know of anyone that is ill or in distress, please, call a lodge officer. Keep all our brothers in your prayers, extend a comforting hand, call or visit someone in need of friendship today.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS — We extend to all

who have birthdays this month our best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy celebration of your birthday. If you can't party it up this year makes plans for next year.

Words to live by: An essential ingredient, if we are going to make it through, is a healthy dose of kindness and compassion for our fellows and our own flawed stumbling.

From the Great Light in Masonry; Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires." James 1:19-20 New Testament of the Christian religion.

It is a mistake to suppose that men succeed through success; they much oftener succeed through failures. Precept, study, advice, and example could never have taught them so well as failure has done. Samuel Smiles

STOP, BROTHER, JUST A MOMENT

By: Larry Duff, Junior Warden, Trestle Board Editor

It is late at night and here I sit at my computer, surfing the internet searching and reading articles for this issue of the Trestle Board.

While doing so, I often check out Masonic Lodge websites looking for ideas to improve our website. I came upon a F&AM Masonic Lodge website that had the following interesting question as its opening page;

Stop, Brother, Just a Moment... Before you enter this Holy of Holies, ask yourself in your innermost heart "Am I duly and truly prepared?" If you will listen you may hear a voice within, saying, "It is a Brother desiring admission."

Can you enter this sanctuary this night as, indeed, a Brother? Have you divested yourself of garments of hate, envy, jealousy, deceit, hypocrisy, and put on the robe of Brotherly Love? Can you stand before the Holy Alter, which recalled to your mind memories of by-gone days and, looking into the eyes of your Worshipful Master, extend a greeting to those about you, "Behold, a Brother?"

Can you enter the lodge tonight with a desire not only to receive, but to give?

Should you entertain a spirit of enmity in the slightest degree for a brother in this lodge, go in, take the hand of that brother of yours, talk it over with him in the Fraternal spirit you should, and watch the mists disappear and the sunlight of Masonic Brotherhood illuminate your heart and his.

Just try, brother, you will not be disappointed. The noblest work of God is man, and the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry are His handiwork of man's highest nobility.

Unless then you can claim to be a Mason, good and true, I beseech you to turn back, and do not enter. But, if your aims and ambitions are the highest calling of the Brotherhood of Man as taught throughout the ages by the Fraternity of Freemasonry, and sanctioned in nature and revelation by the approval of the Great Architect of the Universe, [enter here](#), for within you will find that which you seek.

Author Unknown



NEW ITEMS ON THE BREAKFAST MENU

By: Larry Duff - Junior Warden

We've added two new items to the Tuesday Morning Coffee Klatch & Fellowship Breakfast. Pancakes and Link Sausages have been added.

We were able to acquire a grill top that now allows us to make the stove top more versatile and prepare the pancakes.

Our Tuesday Morning Menu now consists of; Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Sausage (Patty or Link), Pancakes, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Grits, Toast, Jellies, Breakfast Desert Cake, Coffee (regular or decaffeinated) and Orange Juice.

You can top all that off with all the Fellowship you can handle from YOUR Masonic Brothers, their Ladies, Family and Friends.

Hope to see you soon.



A MOUSE IN THE HOUSE

Author Unknown

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap . . . Alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house -- the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it. It was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap. The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital. When she returned home she still had a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient:

But his wife's sickness continued. Friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. But, alas, the farmer's wife did not get well... She died.

So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them for the funeral luncheon.

And the mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and you think it doesn't concern you, remember ---

When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

- REMEMBER - each of us is a vital thread in another persons tapestry. Our Lives are woven together for a reason.

One of the best things to hold onto in this world is a FRIEND.



DID YOU KNOW

From Ill. Gath Phillips

As we all know, the wages of a Mason, as learned in the Fellowcraft Degree, are the corn of nourishment, wine of refreshment and the oil of joy. But our renowned Masonic Brother Benjamin Franklin put it in a different light with the below quotation. If you think about this quote, I believe you will wholeheartedly agree.

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed."

The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets

kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."



HOME IN BRAZIL

Forwarded by Ill. Garth Phillips

Ill. Garth Phillips forwarded a couple of aerial photographs of a home in Brazil. Notice the shape and home design, look familiar?



NOTE From IRV & DOROTHY CREED

Here's a note the Lodge received from Irv & Dorothy Creed who attend our Lodge and Fellowship activities.

We want to renew our sponsorship in the Trestle Board.

Even though I didn't transfer my membership from Warren, Ohio (I'll have 63 years in old Eric, 60 years as a 32° & 55 years in the Shrine).

We really enjoy getting the news as we know so many people in Leesburg Lodge.

It is also one of best news bulletins we have seen.

Thank You Brother Irv & Lady Dorothy, we appreciate your comments and your sponsorship support.

Our goal is to provide an informative and educational bulletin. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Sponsorship costs are applied to the monthly mailing costs, currently we are mailing 381 printed issues each month and electronically send out another 300 copies, including 6 copies to the Masonic Home each month.

We need 60 sponsors to cover the mailing costs for the year. If you would like to be a sponsor, send the Lodge Secretary (as editor and by rule I can't receive your donation) \$20.00 and we'll proudly put your name on our sponsorship list.

Thank You all for your support and encouragement.



A BIT OF HUMOR



An elderly gentleman....Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that

allowed the gentleman to hear 100.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

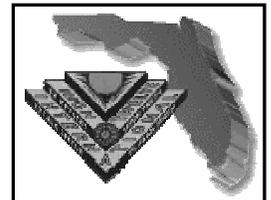
The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.'

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8 American Standard Version of the New Testament



HIGH TWELVE CLUBS Meeting Times & Locations



High Twelve is an organization of Master Masons who support Masonic causes with special emphasis on youth support and patriotic events. High Twelve is an association dedicated to the unification of Master Masons, independent of the formal ritual of Lodge, but dedicated to service to the fraternity.

Hawthorne High Twelve No. 547 - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at Taste Tempters Pancake Inn on West Main Street in Leesburg.

Leesburg High Twelve Club No. 424 - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Taste Tempters Restaurant on West Main Street in Leesburg.

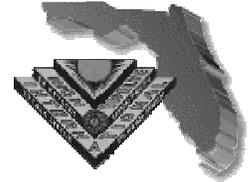
Mid-Florida Lakes High Twelve Club No. 522 - Meets at 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at Mid-Florida Lakes Clubhouse, east of Leesburg on CR-44.

Plantation Masonic Club No. 719 - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Plantation Oaks Restaurant.

Tavares Masonic Hi Twelve Club No. 557 - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Golden Coral Restaurant on 441 in Eustis.



High Twelve Day 2010



Friday, February 19, 2010 10:00 am till 1:30 pm
Dinner (We are in the South people!) will be served at 12:00 noon

Hawthorne at Leesburg Community Club House

100 Hawthorne Blvd
Leesburg, Florida 34748

(Internet maps to this address can be found on MapQuest.com or googlemaps.com)

\$20.00 per person

Live Entertainment; Door Prizes; 50/50; High Twelve Merchandise;
Jewelry Emporium; Auction*

*Please bring items of value to be auctioned off by President Bob Rodd

MENU

Deluxe Sit-Down Dinner Featuring Choice of:

Roast Turkey or Stuffed Pork Chops

Each Entrée includes: Mashed Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls with Butter,
Coffee, Tea and Dessert

ENTERTAINMENT at 11:10 a.m.

Norman Lee

Norman Lee has opened for such acts as Kenny Rodgers, Travis Tritt & Willie Nelson and is a locally well known singer/entertainer

Attention Club Officers: Remember to bring your Club Banners!

Chairman: Ray Trudeau 352-787-6342 Co-Chairman: Fred Neilson 352-365-1483 E-mail: FredNeilson@aol.com

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(Please print all information)

Name: _____ Lady's/Guest's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Club Name & No.: _____

E-mail: _____

Roast Turkey ___ @ \$20:00 each - Stuffed Pork Chop ___ @ \$20.00 each = Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Florida High Twelve

Mail your payment and this completed form to:

High Twelve Day Registrar
27044 Racquet Circle
Leesburg, FL 34748-7725



Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday, February 1st at 7:30 p.m. No dinner is planned, refreshments after the meeting. Coming soon! Annual Scottish Rite Day Celebration, March 13, 2010 at the First Christian Church. A Blowout of Fun for friends and family; great luncheon buffet @ 12:00 noon. A social event sponsored by the Valley of Ocala Scottish Rite. Mark calendars; pass the word; stand by for details.



York Rite Bodies

“A Continuation of the Blue Lodge”

Ocala York Rite Bodies – Meetings at Belleview Lodge No. 95, Belleview.

Ocala Chapter No. 13 - Meets on the Second Wednesday of January, March, May, September and November beginning at 7:30 PM.

Ocala Council No. 22 - Royal & Select Masters - Meets on the Second Wednesday of February, April, June, October and December beginning at 7:30 PM.

Ocala Commandery No. 19 - Knights Templar - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Eustis York Rite Bodies - Meetings at Eustis Lodge No. 85, Eustis.

Eustis Chapter No. 33, Meets on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Golden Triangle Council No. 28—Royal & Select Masters - Meets on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.



Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter No. 84

Lady Elizabeth Eldridge – Worthy Matron

W.: Roland Gibson — Worthy Patron

Meetings – 1st Thursday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.

If you are a member of the OES and wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.



Order of Amaranth, No. 34

Royal Matron — Jane Clause Royal Patron — Peter Plate

Meetings – 3rd Friday of the Month at 1:30 p.m. If you wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.



Tall Cedars, Lake Forest, No. 200

GT—Paul Davidson

Meetings – 2nd Saturday of the Month at 10:30 a.m. If you wish to contribute a article or information for inclusion in the Trestle Board, just send it to the editor. Articles are requested to be no more than one or two pages.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2010



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustris Lodge Boy Scout Troop 1 Leesburg | 2 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30 pm | 3 | 4 Order of the Eastern Star No. 84—Meeting at 7:30 pm | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Hawthorne hi-12 Ladies Night | 9 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Hawthorne Hi-12 No Meeting | 10 Ocala York Rite Council 7:30 pm Plantation Masonic Club Meeting 11:00am At Plantation Oaks | 11 | 12 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustris Lodge | 13 Tall Cedars, No. 200 Meeting at Leesburg 10:30 am Open Book Winter Park Lodge 9:00am—2:00pm |
| 14 Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Roast Beef or Baked Chicken Roasted Potatoes Green Beans or Corn & all the fixin's | 15 DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustris | 16 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30pm | 17 District Association Tavares Lodge at 7:30 pm | 18 Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters Tavares Hi-Twelve Golden Coral Eustris | 19 Amaranth—1:30 pm Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustris State Hi-12 Day Hawthorne | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Taste Tempters | 24 Ocala York Rite Commandery - 7:30p District Instruction Clermont 7:30 pm | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | | | | | | |

DID YOU KNOW

Brother Joel Roberts Poinsett was born March 2, 1779 and passed away December 12, 1851. He was a physician, botanist and American statesman. He was a member of the United States House of Representatives, the first United States Minister to Mexico, a U.S. Secretary of War and a co-founder of the National Institute for the promotion of Science and the Useful Arts (a predecessor of the Smithsonian Institution, as well as the namesake of Poinsett County, Arkansas, the historic Poinsett Bridge in Greenville County, South Carolina and Poinsett State Park in Sumter County, SC.

It was during his time as Minister to Mexico that he visited the area of southern Mexico called Taxco del Alarcon and discovered what was later to become known as the poinsettia. (The Aztecs referred to the

winter-blooming plant as *cuex-laxochitl*; its Latin name is *Euphorbia pulcherrima* or "the most beautiful Euphorbia.") The plant was commonly referred to as the Mexican fire plant because of its bright red color. Poinsett, an avid amateur botanist, sent samples of the plant home to the United States and by 1836 the plant was most widely known as the "poinsettia."



Brother Joel Poinsett was a Past Master of Solomon's Lodge #1 in Charleston, SC and Recovery Lodge #31 of SC. While in Mexico he started five Lodges who received charters from The Grand Lodge of New York. Those Lodges later became the Grand Lodge of Mexico.

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Gene & Dolores White

Leo Blum

R.:W.: Kenneth Graves

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Tavares Masonic H-12 Club

R.:W.: Gary Smith



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2009,

We are excepting donations for 2010.

If you would like to be a sponsor in 2010, please see the secretary with your donation.

*Your donations are applied to the monthly mailing costs of the Trestle Board,
we need 60 sponsors to cover the yearly mailing costs.*

Editors Note: All articles and information for publication must be received by the editor prior to the 15th of the publishing month for inclusion in the next issue. Articles can be e-mailed to Larry Duff at Ldduff@comcast.net

MASONIC EDUCATION & DISCUSSION

Seek to mentor a Brother Mason: It's good for him, it's good for you, and it's good for Freemasonry!

"An Educated Mason Is A Dedicated Mason" and a dedicated Mason will ensure the perpetuation of our fraternity.

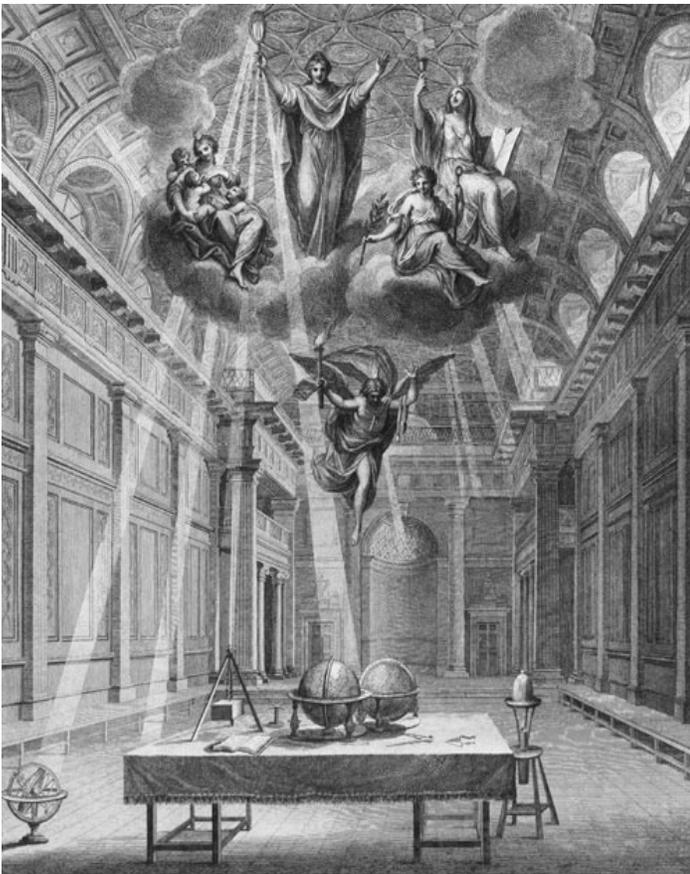


Descendit E Cælo

Descendit e Cælo ("It descends from heaven")

Frontispiece to *The Book of Constitutions*

1784 edition



Notes by Shawn Eyer, P. · · M. · ·

This was published as the frontispiece (illustration facing the title page) of the 1784 edition of James Anderson's *Constitutions of Freemasonry*. It was designed and drawn by Giovanni Battista Cipriani and Paul Sandby (brother of the famous architect). The actual engraving is by Francesco Bartolozzi and James Fittler.

An unnumbered page within the book offers this explanation of the piece:

"The architectural part represents the inside of Free-masons' Hall. The uppermost figure is Truth, holding a mirror, which reflects its rays on divers' ornaments of the Hall, and also on the Globes and other Masonic Furniture and Implements of the Lodge. Truth is attended by the three Theological Virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity: under these, the Genius of Masonry, commissioned by Truth and her Attendants, is descending into the Hall, bearing a lighted Torch; she is decorated with some of the Masonic Emblems, and on her arm hangs a ribbon with a Medal pendant, with which she is to invest the Grand Master, in token of the Divine approbation of a Building sacred to Charity and Benevolence."

Despite this explanation, there is no question that the descending figure is male. Still, his identity as the Genius (guiding spirit or angel) of Masonry is obvious. He was referred to frequently in the songs of the Craft. For example, as Brother John Bancks as aptly penned in circa 1730:

Genius of Masonry! descend,
In mystic Numbers while We sing:
Enlarge Our Souls; the Craft defend;
And hither all Thy Influence bring.
With social Thoughts Our Bosoms fill,
And give Thy Turn to every Will!

The Genius of the Craft and the figure of Uriel, angel of the Sun, played similar roles in early Masonic imagery.

A close examination of the picture reveals an interesting double meaning on the Latin title, which means "It (or he) descends from heaven." While the initial interpretation is that the angel Uriel is the one descending, one must also pay attention to the ashlar held by the tripod. The idea of the stone descending from heaven is key in Solomonic and kabbalistic symbolism.

And it is surely worth noting that Elias Ashmole—who became the second documented British Freemason in 1646—included this ancient, anonymous

alchemical poem in the his 1652 collection entitled *Theatrum Chemicum Britannicum*:

I figure now howr bessel Stone,
Fro Heven wase sende downe to Solomon:
By an Angele bothe goude and stylle,
The wych wase than Christis wylle. (p. 350)

(In today's language: "I now describe how our blessed Stone from Heaven was sent down to Solomon, by an Angel more good and peaceful both than even the will of Christ was needful.")



"Think no vice so small that you may commit it, and no virtue so small that you may overlook it."

Confucius



CARDINAL

By; Brother Ed Halpaus

Grand Education Officers, Grand Lodge of Minnesota

I heard an interesting comment on TV the other day: "The 21st Century is 10% gone." Well, we are only 90 years away from the 22nd Century.

Forward thinkers most likely are thinking about the 22nd century when it comes to the important parts and roles of our lives. When we think of our children and grandchildren being alive and celebrating the turn of the century on December 31st 2099 we most likely will be smiling about all the enjoyment they have ahead of them as they live long and happy lives.

If we think of our Masonic Lodge on the same date, and the Masons within our jurisdiction I wonder if we will be smiling and have the same sense of enjoyment and pride about their journey over the next 90 years. What vision do you have of your Lodge 90 years from now? What vision do I have of mine? Is it sobering, or do we have a big smile? If we don't like the vision we have, maybe we each can do something to help make the future a little brighter.

One of the things I thought about is the hinge: That on which something turns or depends. A new year is a new beginning, so January 1st is a very obvious hinge, a new beginning, on which our future turns; I like the phrase "Today is the 1st day of the rest of my life." Any day can be a new beginning. If we get off to a rough start, if we don't quite stick with a resolve we pledged to on

December 31st or January 1st we don't need to give up, we can have a do-over and begin again. However, we can't continually repeat these do-over's. If we have trouble sticking to a resolve to make a change we need to overcome that problem. We need to put bad habits, along with some other things into a symbolic burning bowl: As one clergyman I know says; "If we have something we don't want to carry into our New Year we need to do the forgiveness work, (all that forgiveness entails,) before or as we let it go, then put it into that burning bowl, so we don't carry it into the rest of our lives."

What is true for individuals is true for Lodges as well because, a Lodge is simply a group of individuals who need to let go of the lesser in order to reach the greater. A Lodge's annual installation of officers for the ensuing year signals a new beginning for a Lodge, but any Lodge communication can be the beginning of something new and effective to make a difference for the Lodge's future. As one friend says; 'let's bring gentleness and tolerance into the New Year.'

What got me to thinking about a 'hinge' is the word 'Cardinal,' it comes from the Latin word "Cardo," which means hinge; in my Latin dictionary it says that it also has a meaning of turning point. Today, being the first day of the rest of my life can be a turning point for me if I want it to.

The Freemason first hears about the word 'Cardinal' in his first degree. Many new Entered Apprentices, when they hear the word, just accept it as they listen to the 3rd section of the lecture and learn a bit about the Cardinal Virtues; many others know how important a virtue is because it is called a Cardinal Virtue. I'm not aware of any Mason who takes the virtues for granted, but of the virtues mentioned in the first degree: Faith; Hope; Charity; Temperance; Fortitude; Prudence; and Justice; the 1st three are the Theological virtues, and the last four are Cardinal Virtues. Cardinal because they are of fundamental importance, and on them Freemasonry depends.

When it comes to Cardinal it's not only the four cardinal virtues Masonry is concerned with; Masons are also concerned with the cardinal points of the compass. However, this isn't mentioned in the Lectures of the degrees, so there are times when we Masons don't spend much time thinking about the cardinal points of the compass. The cardinal points of the compass are East, North, West, and South.

The Master of a Lodge sits in the symbolic East

of his Lodge. (It is nice if a Lodge can actually be situated due East and West, but for some Lodge buildings that just isn't possible. However, it is the symbolism that is important, and inside of the Lodge room we do have the symbolic cardinal points of the compass.) East has always been considered peculiarly sacred, because it is the place where the Sun rises and light dawns. Masonically we travel from the West to the East by way of the North, thus we travel from darkness to light.

The Masters station is in the East, and it is to him we all, as candidates for each of our Masonic degrees have gone to for light. "In the Bible [The Great Light of Masonry] the East is the determining point of the compass. Sometimes the word translated 'east' literally means 'sun rising,' sometimes 'before' 'in front of.'" An example of this is in Job 23:8 "Behold I will go forward (east), but he is not there; and backward (west), but I cannot perceive him." As Brother C.C. Hunt says "The words in parentheses above are the literal translations of the word preceding."

In Speculative Masonry we term the North a place of darkness, because at King Solomon's Temple the Sun could not shine over the north wall. In The Great Light of Masonry, (the Holy Bible,) the North was also mentioned as a place of darkness, because the countries to the north were then unknown. Brother C.C. Hunt adds some commentary to 1 Kings 7:25 – "The Molten sea 'stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north (hidden, gloomy, and unknown, used only of the north,) and three looking toward the west (the sea), and three looking toward the south (Egypt), and three looking toward the east (sunrise); and the sea was set above them, and all their hinder (west) parts were inward."

Masonically, because the West is the place of the setting Sun, it symbolizes the end of our earthly life. Also because the candidate enters the Lodge from the West and travels by the North to the East he is said to emerge from darkness to light.

The South is said in Speculative Masonry to symbolize life at its prime; this is because the Sun is the strongest when it is in the South: It is the time of refreshment after the morning's work. Brother Hunt tells us that "in the time of the Bible there were two Hebrew words translated 'South.' One used 17 times means 'the right hand,' this is the position of the South [The Junior Warden's station] as we face the East. The other word means the 'desert' and is found ninety-eight times in the

Old Testament [Tanakh]. This is natural, for the country south of Palestine is desert."

When we think of the Cardinal Virtues the early Masons called Temperance 'the guttural point' from the Latin Gurrur, meaning Gullet and Throat. Temperance teaches us to stand in awe of the Presence of God within us. Temperance relates to efficiency; efficiency is the measure of temperance; how much to eat, to drink, etc. to obtain physical efficiency.[iii] Possibly we might stretch temperance as it relates to efficiency to include eating healthy meals.

Fortitude is the steady purpose of the mind, which enables us to endure life's trials, misfortunes, pains, and dangers. Fortunate is the person who avoids these kinds of events as he travels through youth, manhood, and age. Fortitude was called 'the pectoral point' by our ancient brethren, because it is from the Latin 'pectus,' meaning breast, but it also has additional meanings such as; heart, soul, courage, feelings, mind, understanding, and character.

The Cardinal Virtue of Prudence was, again by our ancient brethren, called 'the manual sign' from the Latin word Manus, which has a meaning of Hand. You might find it interesting as it relates to Prudence that the Latin phrase 'in minibus habere' has a meaning of personal valor; in manu alcis esse has a meaning of 'to be in one's power.' These phrases relating to Prudence and the hand are interesting to think about; to be prudent in our conduct in all situations takes control and personal valor: When we are we are in control and not reacting to situations, being proactive (in modern terms); we are demonstrating prudence, and we are demonstrating self-control. As another friend observed; 'it's not good enough to hold principles and virtues if we don't work them into our lives.'

The Cardinal Virtue of Justice is associated with the Plumb: In Speculative Masonry we will see that the Jewel of the Junior Warden is the Plumb Rule and not the plumb-bob and line. When you're in Lodge next time take a look at the Jewel; a just man is upright, and only as a Mason is just and upright can he build a spiritual building in which God, (The Great Architect of the Universe,) may dwell.

Our ancient brethren called Justice the 'pedal point' as it comes from the Latin 'Pedes,' which has a meaning of 'foot.' It also has an additional meaning of being a walker, a foot soldier. Masons being seekers of truth, truth students if you will, are like foot soldiers for

right and just conduct; when a Mason's feet are planted on principle there should be no shifting.

THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN

Masonic lodges are dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

St. John the Baptist has been the patron of Freemasonry since the earliest writings of the craft. He was also the patron of many other organizations that had early effects on the formation of Masonic thought.

St. John the Evangelist was selected as a patron saint of the craft at a later period, not earlier than the 16th century; slightly before the organization of modern Masonry, as we know it.

In the medieval period of operative masonry, St. Thomas was the patron saint of architects and builders, and thereby of operative masons. He was available to our modern fraternity, but the Saints John was selected.

The personal attributes and teachings of the St.'s John exemplify Masonic teaching and practice. St. John the Baptist is well known for his personal integrity which induced him, under the most adverse circumstances, to adhere to the obligations he felt he owed to God and to his fellow-man. While continually reproving vice, even to the king, he also preached of repentance and the need for a virtuous life. (Read - Luke 3:2-14) His adherence to his convictions cost him his life.

St. John the Evangelist continually admonished his followers and readers to the cultivation of brotherly love. The entire thread of his Gospel and Epistles is that of the need for brotherly love. He over all other Saints and Disciples was allowed to witness many mystical visions. Possibly he was permitted this additional light because his spirit was in a condition to understand and utilize the light for the betterment of his fellow men. This he endeavored to do. The First Epistle of John is Masonic teaching in its purest form. While the need for brotherly love has existed since before the time of Cain and Abel, nowhere in the Bible is the formula given so clearly for this requirement than in the teachings of Jesus as detailed by St. John the Evangelist.

With the foregoing in mind, it is very easy to understand why those two Saints were chosen to exemplify Masonic teaching and practice. It is also interesting to consider that no two individuals were more dissimilar

in their personal characteristics and appearance, which in itself can convey a valuable lesson.

OATH, CORPORAL

The modern form of taking an oath is by placing the hands on the Gospels or on the Bible. The corporate, or corporal both, is the name of the linen cloth on which, in the Roman Catholic Church, the sacred elements consecrated as "the body of our Lord" are placed. Hence the expression corporal oath originated in the ancient custom of swearing while touching the corporal cloth. Relics were sometimes made use of.

The laws of the Allemanni (chapter 657), direct that he who swears shall place his hand upon the coffer containing the relics. The idea being that something sacred must be touched by the hand of the jurator to give validity to the oath, in time the custom was adopted of substituting the holy Gospels for the corporal cloth or the relics, though the same title was retained.

Haydn (Dictionary of Dates) says that the practice of swearing on the Gospels prevailed in England as early as 528 A.D. The laws of the Lombards repeatedly mention the custom of swearing on the Gospels. The sanction of the church was given at an early period to the usage. Thus, in the history of the Council of Constantinople, 381 A.D., it is stated that "George, the well-beloved of God, a Deacon and Keeper of the Records, having touched the Holy Gospels of God, swore in this manner," etc.

A similar practice was adopted at the Council of Alice, fifty-six years before. The custom of swearing on the Book, thereby meaning the Gospels, was adopted by the Medieval Guild of Freemasons, and allusions to it are found in all the Old Constitutions. Thus in the York Manuscript, No. 1, about the year 1600, it is said, "These charges . . . you shall well and truly keep to your power; so help you God and by the contents of that Book."

And in the Grand Lodge Manuscript No. 1, in 1583 we find this: "These charges ye shall keep, so help you God, and your haly dome and by this book in your hand unto your power." The form of the ceremony required that the corporal oath should be taken with both hands on the book, or with one hand, and then always the right hand.

The practice of kissing the book, which became so well established in England, appears in the Middle Ages (see J. E. Tyler, Oaths, pages 119 and 151).

Where there is no vision, people perish
Proverbs 29:18



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SUNDAY DINNER — FEBRUARY 14th, 2010

11:30 a.m. TO 1:15 p.m.

Menu items :

Roast Beef or Baked Chicken

Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans or Corn, Salad

all the fixin's, Dinner Rolls, Deserts and Drinks

Suggested donation \$8.00 per person.



Please call the Lodge, or sign the guest list in the foyer, and provide the number of guests attending with you, this ensures enough food is prepared for all. *All Masons*, their families, friends and guests are invited to our Second Sunday Dinners and Tuesday breakfasts. *Menu items subject to change due to availability and cost.*

Dinner and Breakfast menu suggestions welcomed, just fill out a comment card and let us know.



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W.:M.: Richard Ecott (Jr. Past) purchased 150 coffee cups. The cups are cobalt blue with a gold square and compass and Leesburg 58 embossed on them. The cups are available for a donation of \$7.00 each. Your donation will be deposited in the Charity Fund for charitable projects by the Lodge. Get one while they last and help someone in need.