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### Three Little Letters

Find a familiar English three-letter word, using the following information:

1. RED has no common letter with it.
2. END has one common letter, but not in the correct place.
3. TIN has one common letter, in the correct place.
4. TIP has one common letter, not at the correct place.
5. AIR has one common letter, not at the correct place

### Phrase Scramble

Unscramble tiles to reveal message

Hint: Famous Quote

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# The Messenger

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# Seasons Greetings

### Good News

**Bro. Dan Starks** was appointed District #9 Representative. He serves Monticello, Clearwater, St. Cloud, Litchfield, Dassel and Paynesville.

**Bro. Joel Peterson** has passed his EMT-B Skills Exam.

### 2012 Elections

Tradition prevailed during the 2012 Officers elections held on Tuesday, December 6, 2012. WB Tracy opened the stated meeting on the third degree with the first order of business being the elections. Bro. Dan Starks was nominated elected by majority vote as the 2012 Worshipful Master.

Bro. Al Johnson ran unopposed for the position of Senior Warden. Following the balloting of the brother present, Bro. Al was elected to hold this position during 2012.

The only individual nominated for the position of Junior Warden was Bro. Dallas O'Dell. Based on the ballots cast by the brothers of the lodge, he will serve as the Junior Warden in 2012.

### 2012 Leadership

Dan Starks, Worshipful Master  
Allan Johnson, Senior Warden  
Dallas O'Dell, Junior Warden  
Shawn Mortenson, Secretary  
Tracy Newman, Treasurer  
Andy Brown, Senior Deacon  
Joel Peterson, Junior Deacon  
Art Anecki, Senior Steward  
Phil Johnson, Junior Steward  
Chris Zalomsky, Tyler  
Bob Darling, LEO  
Duane Evermann, Chaplian

The election of Treasurer for 2012 was one of the most exciting parts of the evening. Two Brothers were nominated for the position; Bro. Tracy Newman and Bro. Ed Wern. After the count of the first set of ballots it was revealed that there was a tie, six votes for Bro Tracy and six votes for Bro. Ed. After a quick conformation of procedure, a second vote was held. Bro. Tracy was elected with six votes. Bro. Ed received five votes with one vote scattered.

Bro. Shawn Mortenson ran unchallenged for the position of Secretary. Once the votes were counted it was determined that he had received eleven votes with one vote scattered.

With the elections closed, WB-elect Dan announced the rest of the positions for 2012. Bro. Andy Brown will serve as Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon will be Bro Joel Peterson, Senior Steward Art Anecki, Junior

Steward Phil Johnson. Bro. Chris Zalomsky will serve as Tyler. Bro. Bob Darling will continue as Lodge Education Officer. WB-elect Dan has yet to confirm Bro. Duane Evermann will continue as Chaplian. That information will follow shortly.

Installation of the 2012 officers will be held at the Monticello Masonic Lodge on Tuesday, December 20, 2011. Dinner is being prepared by Bro. Dallas and will be served at 6:30pm. The meal will be meatloaf, buttered potatoes, green beans, and dinner rolls. Drinks and dessert will also be provided.

Installation will start at 7:30pm with WB Bob Holly serving as Installing Officer. The Job's Daughters will participate in this event.

Brothers accepting 2012 positions are requested to come dressed in professional attire.

### December Birthdays

Dale Aschnewitz - 12/15  
Eric Thomsen - 12/22  
Ray Baltos - 12/30

### Calendar of Events

- December 20 - Installation  
Dinner @ 6:30pm  
Program @ 7:30pm
- December 23 -Grocery Bagging  
@ Cub Foods  
9:00am to 6:00pm
- January 3 -Stated Meeting  
Dinner @ 6:30pm  
Meeting @ 7:30pm
- January 17 -Stated Meeting  
Dinner @ 6:30pm  
Meeting @ 7:30pm



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# Have you paid your 2012 Annual Dues?

Dues cards have been sent to all members based in the addresses that are listed on the Membership Roster. If you have not received yours or know of a Brother that has not, please contact Bro. Shawn Mortenson at 320-543-2479 or smort2@mchsi.com



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## Monticello Masons establish their Global Appearance

Bro. Dallas O'Dell

With so many different forms of communication being used today, it is important that Masons use all that is available to them. Our lodge has made a renewed effort to use all of them to our advantage. If you are reading this, you hold in your hands only one small piece. Our monthly newsletter attempts to be a resource to keep you up to date on what is going on in the lodge with a little bit of Masonic knowledge thrown in.

We also have our website, [www.mastermason.com/monticello16](http://www.mastermason.com/monticello16). Due to technical issues, we were not able to access this for a period of time. This has been corrected and additional updated will be completed soon. Check there often for your Masonic information.

If you desire up to the minute information about the lodge, check out our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Facebook—[www.facebook.com/monticello16](http://www.facebook.com/monticello16)  
Twitter— @Monticello16

Though these are good resources, none will ever replace attending meetings and that old reliable form on communication: talking.

If you have any questions about the different forms of communications we are using here at the lodge, use that form of communication I forgot. Call me at 763-295-6443. I will help you understand the best that I can.

## What is the Symbolism of the East, West and South Gates?

-by Masonic Vibes

In the system of Freemasonry, the Temple of Solomon is represented as having a gate on the east, west, and south sides but none on the north. In reference to the historical Temple of Jerusalem, such a representation is wholly incorrect. In the walls of the building itself there were no place of entrance except the door of the porch, which gave admission to the house. But in the surrounding courts there were gates at all of the points of the compass. The Masonic idea of the Temple is, however, symbolic.

The Temple is to the Speculative Mason only a symbol, not an historical building, and the gates are imaginary and symbolic also. They are, in the first place, symbols of the progress of the sun in his daily course, rising in the east, culminating to the meridian in the south, which it is the object of the third degree to illustrate, symbols of the three stages of youth, manhood, and old age, or, more properly of birth, life, and death.



## Donation to Lodge: 46" Monitor

A 46 inch Monitor with mounting hardware has been donated to the Lodge. This will be used to present Masonic topics by the Lodge Education Officer and other individu-

## Storytime with Santa

Bro. Dallas O'Dell

On Saturday, December 10th, the lodge hosted Storytime with Santa and our KIDS ID Program. With a great turn out of Masons and Job's daughters, the well prepared for a large group of community members to join us. Home-made cookies (a special thanks to all the Masons and their spouses that donated) and a fresh pot of "GOOD" coffee were in place. Even the Jolly O' Man was there and ready to go. Families started arriving right on time with smiles of every good little girl and boy's face.

We quickly realized that children needed to go through the KIDS ID Program before they got their candy from Santa. Sticky fingers are hard to get a good print off of. However we were able to complete the ID packets on all thirteen children that attended.

The turn out for participated was less then we had hoped but as long we can potentially help one child or family we have succeeded.

Thanks for all that attending and helped make this a fun project.



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*Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.—Sir Winston Churchill*





## Wearing the Square and Compass

The square and compass together is a universal sign of our Fraternity and is recognized all over the world. Masons as well as Non-masons associate the square and compass as our logo or trademark. They were original tools of the building trade.

Remember back to when you were going through the degrees and you were taught about the square and the level. The square was used by operative masons to square their work, but we were taught to use to govern al of our actions with mankind. The square represents honesty, fairness, and virtue; it is also used as a badge the badge of office of the Worshipful Master. The principal tenets of masonry are said to be contained within the

two points of the compass when spread out, which are friendship, morality, and brotherly love. When you use a compass to draw a circle, one point remains in the center of the circle. That point represents the individual Mason. The circle represents the boundaries of his world and the people he comes into contact with. He is always to live by those principals of friendship, morality, and brotherly love, in all of his dealings with mankind, and especially with a Brother Mason. (1)

When a Mason wears the square and compass, whether it be a ring or other piece of jewelry, emblem on an article of clothing or hat, tattoo, bumper sticker, etc. he is telling the world that he is a Mason. The mason is then held to a higher standard or scrutinized more in greater detail for every action he might take. This is no different than an individual who wears or displays a religious emblem. The individual is letting the world know about their faith and beliefs. Other people watch the actions those individuals so they can criticize them for what they do wrong rather those thing they do right. Most of us have probably heard someone say (if not us ourselves) that person is a hypocrite. Look how they display their religious emblem and they act like that. How can they wear that or display that bumper sticker and act that way or drive that way?

I know we all can remember the good things that have happened or tell a story how someone noticed we were displaying the square and compass and what that meant to them or to us. But do we know about all the stories that might have been or are being told about our actions to others while we wear the square and compass?

As Masons, we should always be striving to improve ourselves in masonry and to become a better person, husband, father, friend, and especially a Brother Mason. This is not a completion amongst other brothers, but an individual's goal to set his standards a little higher than they were before.

When Masons get involved in their communities and display the square and compass at events it shows the non-masons we really do care and want to help others. This might be done through KidsID events, books for schools, donating blood to the Red Cross, jumping in frigid lakes to help Special Olympics, hosting fund raisers for scholarships, supporting the women and children shelters, helping out communities during flooding and clean-up operations, and the list goes on.

Just remember when you wear the square and compass, you could be the first impression of masonry to a non-mason. Let's make that first impression a great and lasting one and teach the non-mason about Truth, Relief, and Brotherly Love.

Resources: (1) Freemasons For Dummies, by Christopher Hodapp, Wiley Publishing Inc., 2005

<p><b>Phrase Scramble</b></p> <p>ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.</p> <p>John F. Kennedy</p>	<p><b>Three Little Letter</b></p> <p>Since the answer contains no E or D (as in RED), the only good letter in END is N. Then the good letter is TIN is N, which is the third letter of the answer. I and R are not in the answer, so the good letter of AIR is A. The A is not the first letter of the answer, so it must be the second. The good letter of TIP is P, which must begin the answer: PAN</p>	<p><b>Mumbo Jumbo</b></p> <p>Computer Fax Phone Files Home Office</p>	<p><b>Wuzzle</b></p> <p>Little Fish in a Big Sea So Long for Now Foreigner Round of Golf Holy Cow Picket Line</p>
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*Too often we . . . enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought—John F. Kennedy*

## NorthStar Lodge #23 Table Lodge



Northstar Lodge 23 hosted a Table Lodge on November 12, 2011 with free spaghetti dinner in Saint Cloud. Entertainment was provided by Radiant Moon Belly Dancers from Clearwater. It was very entertaining watching these women dancing while balancing sword on their head. Believe or not a couple of the women were in their mid40's. Plus it is just a shocking to hear a woman willing to reveal their age and brag about it. Why did they perform for us?

The reason for performing to us this night is that one of the women who belongs to Radiant Moon is from Crisis Nursery that Northstar supports through it charitable contributions.

The mission statement of Radiant Moon is to empower women of all sizes, ages, and shapes to find inspiration from their inner goddess; to become and achieve all they can be.

## Wreath Laying Ceremony St John the Evangelist Day

Minnesota Masons and the public at large are invited to join members of the Masonic Grand Lodge for a brief memorial and wreath laying ceremony at the grave site of the first Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The short commemoration ceremony will begin at 11:00am on Thursday December 22, 2011; the first day of winter. The ceremony will take place at the burial site of Bro. Alfred Elisha Ames in Lakewood Cemetery which is located on Hennepin Avenue at 36<sup>th</sup> Street between Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet in South Minneapolis.

Thomas Hendrickson, the current Grand Lodge Master will serve as master of ceremonies. The event will include a few prayers, a brief review of the history of Minnesota Masonry's early beginnings, a placement of a wreath at the grave of PGLMW Alfred Elisha Ames and a reading of the names of the Grand Lodge's 132 Grand Masters though history.

-Source Catarct Lodge #2 Newsletter, December 2011

## 2012 Special Olympics Polar Plunge "Freeze'n for a Reason"

Saturday, February 18, 2012  
400 Supper Club  
25958 Lake Rd  
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Start time is: 1:00pm

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota is a proud co-sponsor of this annual event. If you are interested in taking part in this event contact Bro. Bob Darling or Bro. Dallas O'Dell.

If you don't want to get wet but want to donate, go to:

[www.plungemn.org/plunger/bobdarling](http://www.plungemn.org/plunger/bobdarling)—Bob Darling

[www.plungemn.org/plunger/dallasodell](http://www.plungemn.org/plunger/dallasodell)—Dallas O'Dell



## Ladies at the Table

The second annual Ladies at the Table was held at Clearwater Lodge #28. This Table Lodge is a joint venture between Monticello 16 and Clearwater 28 for the purpose of honoring our significant other who help support us in our Masonic Endeavor. The Ladies at the Table was establish in Paris with Parallel to Masonry as Adoptive Lodges. At these lodges there were four degrees call; Female Apprentice, Craftswomen, Mistress, and Perfect Mason. The forth degree, being the summit of the Rite of Adoption is furnished with a table lodge.

A table lodge consist of seven toast. We toasted to our wives, OES sisters, Bethel Guardians, women in military, housewives, decease ladies, and a fare-



well toast for a great night. Hopefully next year will host the Ladies at the Table at Monticello Lodge.





## The Old Master's Wages

By MWB Neil Neddermeyer

I met a dear old man today  
Who wore a Masonic pin,  
It was old and faded like the man,  
Its edges were worn quite thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat  
To give the old brother his due.  
I said, "I see you've traveled east"  
He said, "I have, have you?"

I said, I have and in my day  
Before the all-seeing sun  
I played in the rubble with  
Jubala, Jubelo, and Jubalum.

He scolded, "Don't laugh at the work my boy,  
It's good and it's sweet and it's true;  
And if you've traveled as you said  
You should give these things their due.

"The word, the sign, the token,  
The sweet Masonic prayer,  
The vow that all have taken  
Who have climbed the inner stair.

"The wages of a Mason  
are never paid in gold,  
but the gain comes from contentment  
When you're weak and growing old.

"You see I've carried my obligations  
For almost fifty years.  
It has helped me through the hardships,  
and the failures full of tears.

"I'm now losing my mind and my body  
Death is near, but I don't despair.  
I've lived my life upon the level,  
And I'll die upon the square."

Sometimes the greatest lessons  
Are those that are learned anew.  
And the old man in the park today  
Has changed my point of view.

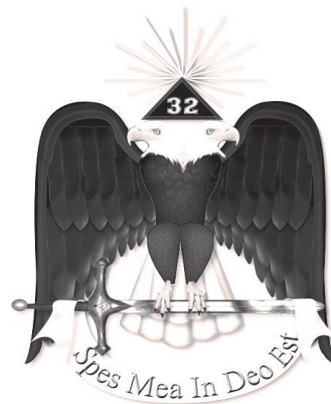
To all Masonic brothers  
The only secret is to care.  
May you live upon the level.  
May you part upon the square.

## Minnesota Valley Scottish Rite Spring Class

Time is quickly approaching for beginning of the Minnesota Valley Scottish Rite Spring Class. Classes will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Minneapolis, starting January 4, 2012 through May 12, 2012. All classes convene on Thursday nights (with exceptions posted on the Scottish Rite Calendar) with dinner served (free for candidates) at 5:00pm. Degree work will start between 6:00pm and 6:30pm however there are some evenings that degree work will start between 5:45pm and 6:00pm. This includes the Red Room Lecture.

If you are unable to attend the 13 week course, the Minnesota Valley Scottish Rite offer a one-day opportunity to become a full member, with all the rights and privileges of the Rite. This One-Day to the Scottish Rite will be at their Annual Spring Reunion on May 12, 2012.

If you are interested in more information about the Scottish Rite or would like to submit your petition for membership, please contact Bro. Dan Starks at 763-670-4896 or Bro. Shawn Mortenson at 763-350-5962



### Who is that guy in the lodge?

September 15, 1861 a strange and wonderful thing happened in the town of Monticello, Minnesota, more specifically in the lodge room of Monticello Lodge No. 16, a baby was born. Monticello Lodge No. 16 was located in the upstairs room of a general store owned by Mr. Samuel Adams. Mr. Adams and his family lived in the lower part of the building behind the Monticello general store and rented the upper floor to the Lodge.

On the night of September 15, 1861 many prominent local citizens had gather in the living quarters of the Adams family to discuss the gather-

ing clouds of war. Since conditions in the family quarters were a bit crowded, a very pregnant Mrs. Adams was escorted to the Lodge hall where she would be more comfortable.

Soon after she had been made comfortable in the Lodge hall Mrs. Adams went into labor. Dr. James W. Mulvey, the junior warden of the Lodge, was called to aid her and a short time later delivered into the world a baby boy named Henry Rice Adams. The baby was to grow up to have a Masonic career as unusual as his birth place. In 1884 Henry Rice Adams was made a Master Mason in the same room he was born in. In 1903 Henry became the Worshipful Grand Master of the state of Minnesota. On March 30, 1927, Henry was fatally stricken while attending a communication of Minnesota Lodge, No. 224. A highly successful Masonic life ended as it had started - In a Masonic Lodge

\*Article from "The Whitesburg Trestle Board" of Whitesburg Masonic Lodge No.

## "Are you a Mason?"

Bro. Dallas O'Dell

So the other day at work, I was talking about an upcoming public event at Lodge, several of my co-workers started asking questions about the event. Being the project Chairman I knew all the details. And as you can guess the questions turned to Masonry.

**Are you a Mason?** Yes.

**What are the Masons?** A fraternity that strives to make good men great.

**Aren't Masons the ones with all the secrets and rituals?** There are no Masonic secrets that cannot be found on the internet with just a little research. Meetings are held based on rituals that have been passed down through the years; not because of a grand scheme but out of respect to tradition. The rumors spread in books, movies and even by some of our best friends are based on here say and lack of knowledge about the Masons.

**Are the Masons a religious cult?** No. To become a Mason, a man must believe. He may believe in God, Allah, Jesus, Buddha or any other deity as long as he believe in something greater than himself. Out of respect for all religions, Masons use the term "Supreme Architect" to represent each member's chosen deity.

I thought I had pretty good answers; Clear and concise. As I returned to my workstation I was proud of myself for sharing my Masonic knowledge with my little piece of the world. But then it hit me. I had missed an opportunity.

It is every Mason's obligation to be the best man he can be. But it is also his responsibility to recognize other great men and offer them the same chance. A common phrase in Masonry is "2B1ASK1." Some may say that during my conversation none of my co-workers asked how to be a Mason. But that is because I didn't ask the most important question, "Would you be interested in becoming a Mason?"

I plan on correcting that tomorrow. Have you missed the same opportunity?



### What a better way to start 2012 then Breakfast with Brothers!

Bro. Dallas O'Dell

I would personally like to invite any of the Brothers to join me at the Annual Zuhrah Shrine New

Year's Day Breakfast. This event will be held on Sunday, January 1, 2012 from 9:00am to 12:30PM at Dan Patch American Legion in Savage, Minnesota.

Not only will this event be filled with fun and fellowship with other members of our fraternity, it will include ham, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy. I also have it on good authority there will also be oysters and shrimp.

You will be my guest so all you would need to do is set back and enjoy. I have a lot of room in my vehicle and am willing to pick those Brothers up that would like to attend. If you are interested or have more questions about this event or the Zuhrah Shrine, please contact me at 763-295-6443.

*No man has ever lived that had enough of children's gratitude or woman's love—William Butler Yeats*