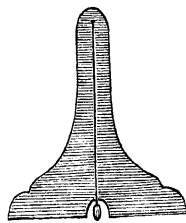


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Greetings from the West

By: Worshipful Brother David Abernethy

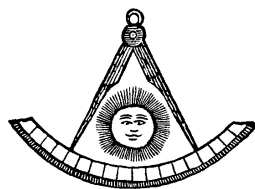
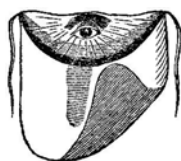
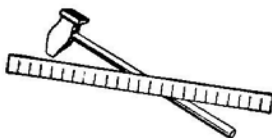
Brethren, while vacationing in Puerto Rico in June, I noticed this broken column monument outside the El Morro fortress in San Juan. Several years ago, another brother reported to the lodge about this monument. However, as I recall, he could not read the inscription.

I was able to read enough to ascertain that the monument commemorates the fort’s defenders who fell during attacks on the fortress. Thus the monument’s symbolism is consistent with the explanation given in the Masonic lectures.

Remember to mark your calendar’s for our Red Cross Blood Drive at the lodge on Friday, August 31st from 2pm—6pm.



CARING REPORT: Gregg Conley, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, Bruce Pope, Click Truitt, Richard Rozzelle’s son, Don Hudson, A.W. Morris, Jim Rader, Jim Yount, Jack Bridges, Bob Gregg, Jim Barker, Burl Lehman, Debbie Crenshaw and Family, Jerry Johnson’s daughter, Bob Patton, Darrell Chapman, Charles Meadows, Herbert Chilton, Jr. , all need our prayers and attention.



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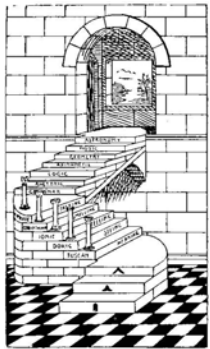
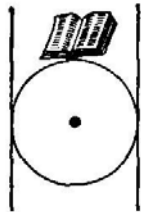
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J.C. Bridges	1983	D.J. Wallace	1999
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E.W. Masche	1991	D.L. Brandon	2006

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Kevin Johnson	7/2/1961	Garland Kiser	7/10/1930	Jacob Ramsour, Jr.	7/23/1926
Danny Waters	7/3/1945	David Foster	7/10/1932	Gary Holbrook	7/23/1938
James Rader	7/4/1916	Robert Throneburg	7/10/1941	Donald Hudson	7/26/1939
Michael Benfield	7/6/1957	John Micol	7/12/1938	Wesley Byerly, Jr.	7/28/1926
Jerry Moore	7/8/1948	David Parker	7/13/1962	Hank Guess	7/30/1959
Frank Collins	7/9/1930	Timothy Pennell	7/18/1959	Chris Powell	7/30/1982
Robert Cansler	7/10/1929	Timothy Lingerfelt	7/19/1960	Kenneth Anderson	7/31/1948
		Wofford Harris	7/20/1933		



“Cable-tow” by Worshipful Brother Lee Spach

What does the word Cable-tow really mean? Since becoming a Master Mason exactly one year ago this month, I have traveled to many lodges in various jurisdictions and asked many “well informed brethren” about this term. Additionally I have read many essays, histories, and summaries regarding this very important word used in our Masonic teachings in books and websites. This word is often one of great interpretation and misunderstanding from what I have learned.

Some say the word derives it meaning from a nautical history where the cable-tow was used to describe a ship’s cable. In the summer 2007 edition of “*The Virginia Masonic Herald*”, Brother David Thomas Lang states, “ I’ve often seen reference to the length of a cabletow as being 720 feet which is the measure of a ship’s cable (120 fathoms). Although this may be fit and proper for a ship, it does little for a Mason. I’ve also seen the Masonic cabletow described as being 5 miles, 7 miles, 25 miles, 44 miles, and 50 miles through different periods of history. Although I appreciate these different attempts to quantify the bounds of Masonic service, I think the cabletow has a much deeper and personal meaning to the individual Mason.”

Recently I searched Google (the internet) using different variations of the word and found many interesting articles pertaining to this topic. According to most there is no exact definition given to “cable-tow” outside of Masonry. One website listed an article that explained the “cabletow” as being the ropes that were tied around massive stones and used to hoist and move them into place when operative masons built structures. When I searched Webster’s New World Dictionary the closest word I could find was “cable-length” which defined it in the nautical term stated above.

We all know what the ‘cabletow’ is used for during Masonic ritual but more importantly to me is the philosophical and spiritual meanings that transcends the physical. To most I believe that the “cabletow” acts a reminder to our obligation that we are bound to our duties within Masonic service, such as helping a distressed brother, a widow, orphans, and general charity, hope, and faith for all mankind. What one Mason may view as his on cabletow’s length to be able to commit to Masonic service may not be another Mason’s cabletow’s length. We all have our limitations with respect to what we can contribute to our Lodge and Brethren because of family, jobs, and other life situations.

What is most important to me is that I remember not to judge my own cabletow’s length against other brethren’s cabletow’s length. My ability to attend lodge meetings, Masonic funeral services, etc... may or may not be the same as yours. Therefore, each of our own cabletows should have different lengths and meanings to us as individuals within Masonic service.


Also, what about my spiritual cabletow? Wouldn’t that be the tie that connects me directly to the Great Architect of the Universe as I see Him in all His infinite Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty? Again, this is a concept that can only be defined by each of us within the confines of our own hearts and consciences as we build “that spiritual house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”.



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 6:30 Meal 7:30 Stated	3 7:30 OES	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 7:30 York Rite	12	13	14
15 3pm—5pm Certified Lecturer Class	16 6:30 Meal 7:30 Stated	17 7:30 OES	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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