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From the Master R. Todd Rubert



“Most Worshipful Grand Master Comes To Town!!”

In case you missed the January regular meeting, we were lucky enough to start the year out with a bang. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Walter F. Wheeler and the Grand Treasurer Tom Hamlin stopped for a visit. (As if the first meeting of the year isn't nerve racking enough.) I want to say I thought all the new officers did an awesome job on their opening.

This little essay is something I ran across and thought it would a good refresher for some, and something new to others.

The Square: the square is a builder's square, two equal flat-edged metal or wooden arms joined at a perfect "right angle" - defined in geometry as 90 degrees or $1/2$ pi radians. It enables the stonemason, bricklayer, architect, or other builder to draw or prove perfect square corners in plans, carved stones, and corners. The right angle is important in buildings, to make sure that stones and bricks are square, meeting and joining at the correct angle, so they don't crowd each other or lean improperly. Buildings will be stronger and reliable when angles are properly squared.

In Masonry, this is a symbol of our ability to use the teachings of conscience and morality to test or try the rightness of our actions. It is a symbol of the Golden Rule. After all, to deal "squarely" with someone is to treat them fairly and honestly, as we ourselves would want to be treated.

It also symbolizes the authority of the master of the workmen, whose perfect square was the standard against which all the other measuring squares on the building site were checked for accuracy. In early days, the simple geometric techniques for the construction of a perfect square was a secret kept and preserved by master builders, so the master (presiding officer) of a Mason's lodge still wears a square as his emblem.

Next month: The Compasses.

FEBRUARY

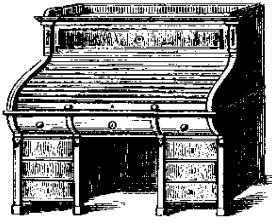


- Thurs.
Feb. 1 - Fellowcraft practice - 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs.
Feb. 8 - Regular Communication - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs.
Feb. 15 - Entered Apprentice Degree - 7:00 p.m.
Officers Tuxedos please.
- Thurs.
Feb. 22 - Possible Fellowcraft Degree - 6:30 p.m.
Officers please wear tuxedos.

Anybody recognize this sock and who it belongs to? Clue: It was worn at the 2007 Installation.



Answer on back page!



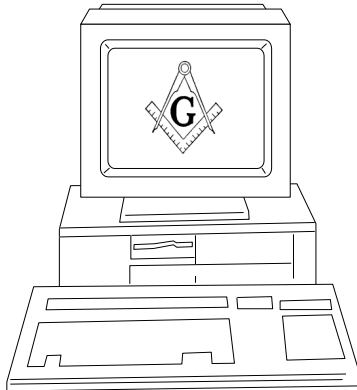
**From
The
Secretary's
Desk**

**If you winter in the sunny south, please
let your secretary know your
new address and when to re-start
your mail back here in the spring.**

Have a great winter!!!

*Jerry Williams, PM
Secretary*

Answer from front page: It is our own Lyman Robertson, Jr., Junior Warden, 2007!



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