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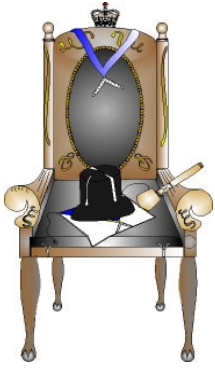
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Dallas Douma

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.

The making of a Freemason consists of a continuing course of education, of training, and of character forming. While it may be accepted that it is an innermost desire, followed by obligations that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer form and better sense, a man is never a Freemason until he truthfully and loyally lives up to his obligations. And he cannot do that until he understands them, and eventually knows their scope and real meaning.

Freemasonry can very well be divided into many phases. Its landmarks, its customs, its constitution and its laws, just to mention a few, if studied and mastered, can provide a more interesting course for the Master Mason seeking Masonic knowledge. Its historical background can provide in interesting program of investigation to the Member attracted to a desire for research.

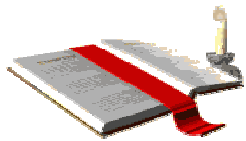
One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will stand investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated. A member of the Craft who merely takes his degrees in a listless, careless

sort of manner, and then remains as just a spectator at Lodge meetings, may hold to the opinion that Freemasonry differs little from other societies.

The contrary, the Master Mason who delves deeply into Masonic literature takes a lively interest in every part of the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, and learns the origin, meaning and moral bearing of its symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations.

The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. May it be accepted that Freemasonry is a way of living to the Master Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his, and his alone, by virtue of his Masonic Membership.

The best informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic reading, our Masonic studying and our research for more Masonic Light.



From the Chaplain

Brother David Rosenthal

Sickness & Distress: Our prayers and best wishes go to Harry Hubbard, Art & Honey Lambright, Ruth & Beverley Schmidt and Bill Ranquist who have had some health issues. Our hopes are you get well soon.

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 and anniversary's this month our

best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy celebration of your day. If you can't party it up this year makes plans for next year.

Words to live by: The best index to a person's character is; (a) how he treats people who can't do him any good, and; (b) how he treats people who can't fight back. From "Dear Abby", by Abigail Van Buren

From the Great Light in Masonry; "Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy." Psalm 82:3

Hard work spotlights the character of people. Some turn up their sleeves. Some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.

EASTER

Easter, which celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22 and April 25 every year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar.

The exact origins of this religious feast day's name are unknown. Some sources claim the word Easter is derived from Eostre, a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility. Other accounts trace Easter to the Latin term *hebdomada alba*, or white week, an ancient reference to Easter week and the white clothing donned by people who were baptized during that time. Through a translation error, the term later appeared as *esostarum* in Old High German, which eventually became Easter in English. In Spanish, Easter is known as *Pascua*; in French, *Paques*. These words are derived from the Greek and Latin *Pascha* or *Pasch*, for Passover. Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection occurred after he went to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover (or *Pesach* in Hebrew), the Jewish festival commemorating the ancient Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. *Pascha* eventually came to mean Easter.

Easter is really an entire season of the Christian church year, as opposed to a single-day observance. Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, is a time of reflection and penance and represents the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting his ministry, a time in which Christians believe he survived various temptations by the devil. The day before Lent, known as Fat Tuesday, is a last hurrah of food and fun before the fasting begins. The week preceding Easter is called Holy Week and includes Maundy Thursday, which commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples; Good Friday, which honors the day of his crucifixion; and Holy Saturday, which focuses on the transition between the crucifixion and resurrection. The 50-day period following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide and includes a celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven.

In addition to Easter's religious significance, it also has a commercial side, as evidenced by the mounds of jelly beans and marshmallow chicks that appear in stores each spring. As with Christmas, over the centuries various folk customs and pagan traditions, including Easter eggs, bunnies, baskets and candy, have become a standard part of this holy holiday.

You won't find them in the Bible, but many cherished Easter traditions—from the Easter bunny to decorating and hunting for eggs—have been around for centuries. Where did these prevalent holiday symbols come from?

Easter Bunny



The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday; nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of Christianity's most important holiday. *The exact origins of this mythical mammal are unclear, but rabbits, known to be prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life.* According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.

Easter Eggs



Easter is a religious holiday, but some of its customs, such as Easter eggs, are likely linked to pagan traditions. *The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring.* From a Christian perspective, *Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection.* Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this cus-

tom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Easter egg hunts and egg rolling are two popular egg-related traditions. In the U.S., the White House Easter Egg Roll, a race in which children push decorated, hard-boiled eggs across the White House lawn, is an annual event held the Monday after Easter. The first official White House egg roll occurred in 1878, when Ruth-erford B. Hayes was president. *The event has no religious significance, although some people have considered egg rolling symbolic of the stone blocking Jesus' tomb being rolled away, leading to his resurrection.*

Easter Candy

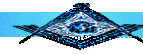


Easter is the second best-selling candy holiday in America, after Halloween. Among the most popular sweet treats associated with this day are chocolate eggs, which date back to early 19th century Europe. *Eggs have long been associated with Easter as a symbol of new life and Jesus' resurrection.* Another egg-shaped candy, the jelly bean, became associated with Easter in the 1930s (although the jelly bean's origins reportedly date all the way back to a Biblical-era concoction called a Turkish Delight). According to the National Confectioners Association, over 16 billion jelly beans are made in the U.S. each year for Easter, enough to fill a giant egg measuring 89 feet high and 60 feet wide. For the past decade, the top-selling non-chocolate Easter candy has been the marshmallow Peep, a sugary, pastel-colored confection. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania-based candy manufacturer Just Born (founded by Russian immigrant Sam Born in 1923) began selling Peeps in the 1950s. The original Peeps were handmade, marshmallow-flavored yellow chicks, but other shapes and flavors were later introduced, including chocolate mousse bunnies.

Easter Parade

In New York City, the Easter Parade tradition dates back to the mid-1800s, when the upper crust of society would attend Easter services at various Fifth Avenue churches then stroll outside afterward, showing off their new spring outfits and hats. Average citizens started showing up along Fifth Avenue to check out the action. The tradition reached its peak by the mid-20th

century, and in 1948, the popular film *Easter Parade* was released, starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland and featuring the music of Irving Berlin. The title song includes the lyrics: "In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it/You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade." Today, other cities across America also have their own parades.



DANIEL CARTER BEARD SCOUTER AWARD



The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is an honor due to members of the Masonic Lodge who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America.

Congratulations to Brother Dean Sever, our Lodge Secretary, who was awarded this honor on March 16th by M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master of F&AM Masons of Florida. District Scouting Commissioner and Brother, Sandy Mackenzie was present to assist with the presentation. Our own Troop No.1 opened the evening by presenting the Flag of our Country and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award not only supports the Masonic relationship through the man who brought Scouting to America, but proclaims

the integrity of the recipient who is honored by receiving the award.

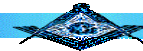


The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is a Boy Scout Community Organization Award, used by community organizations to honor their volunteers for Scouting. Recipients are presented a medallion on a neck ribbon and may wear the generic Boy Scout Community Organization Award Square Knot.

The award is presented to a Master Mason who is currently a registered Scouter and active in a Scout unit, district, council, or national affiliate, and has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program.

Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, is the criteria for this award. The nominee must be recommended by a Master Mason in good standing and the award presented at the discretion of the Grand Master.

Additional information and photographs can be found on our website in the "Photo Album" page.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

By; Senior Warden Randy Jesmok

On Saturday March 13th, an announced Lodge Work Day was held. Brothers in attendance were W.:M.: Don McIntyre, Junior Warden Larry Duff, Secretary Dean Sever, Senior Steward Saul Goodkin and



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.



HIGH TWELVE CLUBS Meeting Times & Locations

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 No. 424 - Meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Taste Tempters Restaurant on West Main Street in Leesburg.

Mid-Florida Lakes High Twelve 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.

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

MASONIC CLUBS



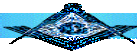
Plantation Masonic Club - Meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Plantation Oaks Restaurant.



myself.

We were able to dig two trenches and install an underground storm water drainage system in the front of the building, pressure wash the front sidewalks, remove debris from the rear of the building, make two drainage spout repairs in the rear of the building and mop & clean the Dining Room and Kitchen floors in preparation for the Monthly Sunday Dinner the next day.

We will be treating the soil in the front of the building shortly and making plans for installing new plants in the front planting beds. Hope to see you on those work days.



FROM THE SOUTH

By: JW Larry Duff

WOW, that's about all we can say from the kitchen. March was a busy month for both the Tuesday Breakfasts and the Monthly Second Sunday Dinner.

We served 119 at our March Dinner and had a great time preparing the meal and enjoying the fellowship of all who attended.

A Special thanks to our ladies (L to R) in the photo, Brenda Duff, Nina McIntyre, Fran Cartier & Linda Sever who work the dining room floor and greet our guests while dinner is served.



April's Second Sunday Dinner will feature Your choice of Baked Ham or Turkey, Scalloped Potatoes, a Vegetable Medley, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Desserts (Sugar and Sugar Free), and Drinks.

April is also the time we sadly see the return to the great north our Northern Brothers and their wives. It also begins the touring season of the Motor Coach Brigade on their annual ventures.

WE INVITE ALL to our April Dinner on the 11th of April to enjoy each others fellowship and wish all safe travels, good health and a quick return to our humble Lodge in the fall.

We'll have the Deserts, drinks, plenty of Food and lots of Masonic fellowship waiting for you.

Somebody's got to wash all those dirty dishes, that's a job for "SUPERWASHERS", pictured below are W.: Bill Green (left), W.: Forest Case (center) providing guidance to our current Head Lepricon W.:M.: Don McIntyre, Sr.



You can visit our website at www.mastermason.com/lodge58 and see more pictures from our March, Saint Patrick's Day theme Dinner.

Additional photographs have also been added from the City of Eustis, GeorgeFest Parade. Both are in the "Photo Album" Section.



Ocala Scottish Rite

www.OcalaSR.com

Ocala Scottish Rite next meeting is on Monday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will celebrate the extinguishing and re-lighting of the Lights by the Chapter of Rose Croix. This is a memorial service for those members who have passed away since Easter 2009. Dinner served between the two ceremonies at 7:00 pm. Dinner menu: Baked Ham, Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert & Drinks. No Dinner Charge, Reservations Please.



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.

Triangle Commandery No. 38 –Knights Templar—Meets on the on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 PM



Order of the Eastern Star, Leesburg Chapter No. 84

Lady Marylu Stewart – 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 APRIL 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	7 Ocala SR 7:30 pm DeMolay 7:30 pm Eustis Lodge Boy Scout Troop 1	6 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8 Order of the Eastern Star No. 84—Meeting	9 Triangle Commandery No. 28 7:30 pm @ Eustis Lodge	10 Tall Cedars, No. 200 at Leesburg 10:30 am
11 Sunday Dinner 11:30 — 1:15 pm Ham or Turkey Scalloped Potatoes Veggies, Salad, Dessert and Drinks	12 Mid-Florida Lakes Hi-12 meets at Mid- Fla. Lakes Clubhouse at 11:30 am	13 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Taste Tempters	14 Ocala York Rite Council No Meeting Plantation Masonic Club 11:00am At Plantation Oaks Restaurant	15 Tavares Hi-Twelve Golden Coral Eustis 11:00 am	16 Amaranth—1:30 pm Golden Triangle Council & Chapter 7:30 pm @ Eustis	17
18	19 DeMolay Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm at Eustis	20 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8:00 am Leesburg Stated Meeting 7:30pm	21 District Association Wildwood 7:30 pm	22 Leesburg Hi-Twelve Club, Meeting at Taste Tempters	23	24 Roadway Clean-Up 8:30 am - Brunch to Follow
25	26	27 Coffee Klatch & Breakfast 8 am Hawthorne Hi-12 Taste Tempters	28 Ocala York Rite Commandery - 7:30p District Instruction Mt. Dora 7:30 pm	29	30	



ROADWAY CLEAN-UP DAY Scheduled

*By; Brother Dean Sever,
Secretary*

Saturday, April 24th, Adopt Highway Cleanup,
8:30am. Lite Brunch furnished afterwards at Lodge.

This is our Quarterly adopt a highway clean up. We need besides pickers uppers, some to shuttle between the pick up points and Lodge.

This is great fellowship, exercise, good community service and a chance to mentor to our Scout Troop that always helps with this. I suggest bringing a pair of gloves, all other materials furnished by the DOT.



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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.



SIGNIFICANCE OF MASONIC COLORS

*By: Bro. Harold A. Kingsbury, Massachusetts
Published in the Builders Magazine*

WHY is my Master Mason's Lodge said to have a particular color of transcending importance? "Why is that particular color said to be blue?"

The Mason who pauses in his Masonic journey to ask himself these questions, or equivalent ones, has thereby set himself in the way of investigating yet another phase of Masonic symbolism.

For, in the attempt to answer his two queries, the self-questioner's first thought is that the lodge is not possessed, in a physical sense, of a particular and transcendently important color, blue or otherwise; and, when he reminds himself that there are rational explanations for practically everything in Masonry and that most of those explanations are founded in symbolism, his second thought is that a color, a particular color, is assigned to his lodge for symbolistic reasons, and that that color has a symbolic meaning.

Thus he is brought to a consideration of the symbolism of colors and, more particularly, to a consideration of the symbolism of blue.

If, now, he investigates the matter very briefly, running over almost superficially the general subject of the symbolism of colors and considering somewhat more deeply the symbolism of blue, the inquiring Mason will, it is probable, arrive at substantially the following:

The assigning of symbolic meanings to colors is probably as old as symbolism itself. To cite but one set of examples from the practices of an ancient people: The Egyptians, those ancient masters of symbolism to whom the investigator of the symbols used in Masonry first looks for explanations of those symbols, made use of colors in their hieroglyphics to convey certain definite

ideas, each color being expressive of certain conceptions.

Hieroglyphs of the spirits of the dead were characterized by white. Men were marked out by having their flesh red, while the flesh of the women was yellow. Sapphire was the color of the Egyptian god Amon. Green was the color used for the flesh of the god Ptah, founder of the world, the active creative spirit and the divine intelligence, and was also the color used for the flesh of Lunus, the moon. Russet-brown was the color given to the flesh of Thoueri, the concubine of Typhon. And black was the color of Anubis, the god of the dead and of embalming.

The colors symbolically significant in Masonry are purple, red, white, black, green, yellow, violet and blue. Each color has for its purpose the teaching to the Mason of a valuable moral lesson or the calling of his attention to some historical fact of interest Masonically, certain of the colors serving both purposes at one and the same time.

Purple, being a mixture of blue and red, is, to the Mason, the symbol of fraternal union because it is composed of the color adopted for the Master Mason's Lodge and that adopted for the Chapter of Royal Arch Companions, these two Masonic bodies being indissolubly connected since the Royal Arch is an essential and component part of the present-day mutilated Master Mason's degree. For this reason purple is adopted as the proper color for the Mark, the Past, and the Most Excellent Master degrees, to symbolize the fact that those degrees connect the Master Mason's degree with the Royal Arch.

Red is the color of fire, and fire was to the Egyptians the symbol of the regeneration and the purification of souls. Hence, in the Masonic system, red is the symbol of regeneration. Thus red is the color assigned to the Royal Arch Degree since that degree teaches the regeneration of life.

White is the symbol of purity, the reasons for adopting this conception being obvious. Therefore, in Masonry it is, properly, the color adopted for certain of the garments of investiture of the candidate.

Black from the remotest antiquity has been the symbol of grief and such is its significance to the Mason.

Green, being the unchanging color of the various evergreen trees, shrubs, and so forth, is, in the symbolistic system of Masonry, the color symbolic of the unchanging immortality of all that is divine and true. This conception Masonry has received from the ancients, more particularly the Egyptians. For example, with the Egyptians, as noted above, Ptah was pictured as having green flesh. Also, the goddess Pascht, the divine preserver, and Thoth, the instructor of men in the sacred doctrines of truth, were both painted with green flesh. So the Mason, adhering once more, as he so often does, to the conceptions of the Egyptians, chooses for his symbol of the immortality of the soul which he knows to be divine and true an object, the acacia, whose color is unchanging green.

Yellow was to the ancients the symbol of light. Though unemphasized and seemingly almost unrecognized in Masonry yellow is, nevertheless, a true Masonic symbolic color since it symbolizes to the Mason that Great Thing to the finding of which his Masonic Search is devoted and to the source of which his Masonic pathway leads the Light of Truth.

Violet is the symbol of mourning, the Mason here adopting yet another of the conceptions of an ancient people, this time the Chinese.

Blue is the supreme color of Masonry. First, because it is that color which, among all those used in Masonry, is the unquestioned Masonic possession of every Mason. The Royal Arch Mason may attempt to appropriate to himself the red, the Perfect Master may feel himself the exclusive proprietor of the green and the black, and so on, but blue is acknowledged by every Mason to belong to us all and no Mason, whatever his degree, questions the Master Mason's ownership of blue. Second, blue is the supreme color because it has, coupled with its universality, a place in symbolism which, both as regards importance of lessons taught and as regards legitimacy as a symbol, is second to that of no Masonic color.

The use of blue in religious ceremonies, and as a symbol, comes to Masonry from many of the different peoples of antiquity. Among the Hebrews various articles of the high priest's clothing were blue. One of the veils of the tabernacle was blue. In his initiation into the Druidical Mysteries the candidate was invested with a robe one of whose colors was blue. The Babylonians clothed their idols in blue. The Hindu god Vishnu was represented as blue. And among the medieval Christians

blue was considered a peculiarly important color.

Blue was the symbol of perfection to the Hebrews, to the Druids the symbol of Truth, to the Chinese the symbol of Deity, and to the medieval Christians it was the symbol of immortality. So, for the Mason, the color of his Master Mason's lodge is the symbol of perfection, truth, immortality and Deity.

Finally and preeminently, and following the teachings and conceptions of the Egyptians and the Hindu's, blue is the symbol of that which the Craftsman must, since he is a Mason, always revere and of that which his Master Mason's lodge must, when its work and its teachings are properly understood and accepted, cause him to progressively revere the more Divine Wisdom.



OKLAHOMA MASONIC INDIAN DEGREE TEAM

Submitted By; W.: Barry Rosenthal

Around the year of 1948 there was a group of Oklahoma Indians that got together to put on some Masonic Degree work. It was very well received by those who witnessed the effort.



In 1950, part of the 1948 group decided to form the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team. Every year since, the Team has traveled all over the U.S. and Europe to put on the Master Mason Degree. In the past, until now, there has been comparatively little change in Team.

The Directors have been Fred Hays, Bunny Manly, Bob Archiquette, Ron Chambers, Terry Adams and currently Donald R. (Butch) McIntosh. Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and added to the Team in 1959, Bob Archiquette who has been with us at almost every one of the Team's Degrees and is still participating with the Team. The Team also consist of 13 Past Masters and the other are in line at the present time. The Team has never charged for their work and will not do mock Degrees.

One of the largest degrees put on previously, was a count of approximately 4,500 brethren present and that was in Delaware, some times they have done the Degree when the Team has outnumbered the people in

the lodge. Regardless we still put on the same degree.

The Team is not made up of members from any one Lodge, but from several. All the Brothers must live in the State of Oklahoma and be willing to travel two and occasionally three weekends a month, if the Team can travel from Tulsa to a Lodge in an hour, they will work week nights. This amount of travel time during a year can be stressful on home life, but they have a very supportive "home team". On occasion, the "home team" gets to "go on the road"; that is to say the wives of the Team get invited to visit when the ladies of the Lodge members for whom the Team is doing the Degree work. It is through this fellowship that many long-standing friendship, for both the members and the wives, have been built. Team members genuinely enjoy getting to know their Brethren from other states and finding kindred spirits in Masonry.

Since the early 60's the Team has had picture postcards available as a memento of their degree work. The donations received through these help to pay for their travels. Lately, they have added lapel pins, ball caps, and coins as another souvenir. When the Team travels out of state, they ask the requesting Lodge pay for travel, food and lodging. In recent years , members of the Team have put on a traditional Indian dance programs and Story telling of legends and tales to help some of the Lodges defray part of the cost of their travel. This has been a favorite, not only of the Lodge members, but also their ladies and family members. This is the only time that the ladies and children can see the Team members in their authentic tribal regalia or dance clothes. The Team often visits the Shrine hospitals located near the Degree work. They enjoy their talks with the kids and staff, and perform their dance programs for them.

The Native American Nations represented on the team are Apache, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, Keetoowah, Oneida , Ottawa , Quapaw, Shawnee . In the past members have been Delaware , Kaw, Kiowa, Pawnee and Ponca.

This is "The oldest Degree Team" in existence today, and mostly that is because as a Team the group has never stopped or had a break since inception - over fifty years ago. The OMIDT have raised over 900 to the Master Mason Degree. THEY ARE the only known Indian Degree Team.

MASONRY'S ONLY FIGHT

*By: Dewey H. Wollstein, PGM
of the Grand Lodge of Georgia*

The work and hope of Masonry is to bring the spiritual nature of man and the spiritual nature of the universe into a harmonious balance. There is forever in Masonry the sound of marching men and the beat of drums. There are the determined faces of men who are fighting in a great cause.

But the enemy of Masonry is not sought for in rival camps. Masonry does not point out an enemy lurking in every dark corner. Nor does Masonry take up arms against this or that organization or institution which may differ in their interpretation of the meanings of life and of the universe. Rather does Masonry lay emphasis on the reasons that bring all men into the realm of Brotherhood.

Masonry's one and only fight is for the supremacy of the nobler man over the baser. The victory of the good that is vouchsafed all who strive for such a victory is all the "spoils of war" that Masonry seeks. The triumph of Brotherhood is all the "rich territory" that Masonry hopes to gain.

Masonry has but one weapon. That weapon is the true and tried Mason who in the struggle to make himself more God-like becomes more man-like. As he progresses toward God he becomes more tolerant, more forgiving, more loving toward all mankind.



WHO SHARES YOUR BROTHERHOOD

CODY, WILLIAM F. (Buffalo Bill) - American frontiersman and Indian scout. Platte Valley Lodge No.15 - Nebraska. Born in 1846, William F. Cody experienced the Old West to its fullest. He herded cattle, worked on a wagon train, mined for gold, rode in the Pony Express, and scouted for the Army. His skill as a buffalo hunter gained him the nickname "Buffalo Bill." Buffalo Bill's Wild West shows traveled the world leaving a lasting vision of the American West.

Buffalo Bill was buried on Lookout Mountain in 1917, overlooking the Great Plains and the Rockies, just thirty minutes from downtown Denver. William F. Cody was a Master Mason, Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, and Noble of Tangier Shrine Temple. His funeral



was one of the largest Masonic funerals in American history.

Buffalo Bill (Brother Buffalo?) was called from labor to refreshment on January 10, 1917. He was in Denver at the time. Following a temporary interment, he was buried in a permanent tomb carved in the granite atop Lookout Mountain on June 3, 1917. Services were conducted by Worshipful Master G. W. Parfet of Golden City Lodge No. 1. The eight pallbearers were Brother Templar's. Masons came from throughout the West. The procession up Lookout Mountain included 3,000 automobiles.

Wrote one observer, "Everybody attached to the funeral seemed to be Masons. They all wore the white lambskin aprons: the car drivers, the policemen at all the intersections from the mortuary to the west edge of Denver. On the way to Golden and on to Lookout Mountain, there were more Masonic policemen at every major intersection. I don't know where they found so many Masons."



QUOTE;

It has not been my fortune to know very much of Freemasonry, but I have had the great fortune to know many Freemasons and have been able in that way to judge the tree by its fruit. I know of your high ideals. I have seen that you hold your meetings in the presence of the open Bible, and I know that men who observe that formality have high sentiments of citizenship, of worth, and character. That is the strength of our Commonwealth and nation.

CALVIN COOLIDGE - 13TH President of the United States of America

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

April 15th, 2010 - 7:30 PM

Leesburg Lodge has scheduled an Entered Apprentice Degree for Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 pm.

Plan accordingly to attend and welcome these new Brothers by sharing your fellowship and showing your support of what Masonry is.

Collations following the Degree.

UPCOMING 18th MASONIC DISTRICT EVENTS

Sunday, May 2nd, 2010 - PICNIC



PICNIC at Hickory Point Park in Tavares, from Noon to 4:00 pm. FREE Food and Drinks. Live Entertainment. Gus the Camel. Boat Rides. Invite your Family & Friends, all Masons, all Appendant and Concordant Masonic Bodies WELCOMED.

Sunday, May 8th, 2010 - Annual Golf Tournament

Nationally Ranked Mission Inn's Las Colinas Course

for the Grand Masters Trophy

\$75.00 per person includes Hot Buffet lunch and much more.

Tournament Information available on our Lodge website OR

For more information contact: W.: Barry Rosenthal at 352-267-6483





GEORGE FEST PARADE

It was a cold and rainy parade day, but a number of Brothers and Sisters turned out for the George Fest Parade, honoring President and Brother Mason George Washington in The City of Eustis.

An outstanding start for the day was provided by Eustis Lodge No. 85 who served a great Steak & Egg Breakfast, Biscuits, Gravy, Potatoes and much need hot coffee.

Represented was several District Lodges, Shrine, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star and York Rite - Knights Templar led by Florida Right Eminent Grand Commander Ideal Baldoni II.

Pictured left are (Left to right) W.: Don McIntyre, Leesburg Lodge, Brother David Varadoss, Wildwood Lodge and JW Larry Duff, Leesburg, installing the rain cover.

As it turned out, we had the only float in the parade with a roof.

Several Brothers walked the full parade route, giving out candy and greetings to the many children and families who braved the cold and wet weather for this annual event.

Hope to see you next year.



ST. PADDY'S DAY KITCHEN CREW

On Page 7 of this issue you saw our lovely ladies who work hard to bring and enjoyable dinner to all who attend.

Here's a picture of the kitchen crew who provided the meal and wash the dishes. Left to Right standing W.: Forrest Case, W.: Richard Ecott, Saul Goodkin, Randy Jesmok, W.: Bill Green, kneeling are Dick Cartier (left) and W.: M.: Don McIntyre. Not pictured Bros. Larry Duff & Dean Sever.





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SUNDAY DINNER — APRIL 11th, 2010

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

Menu items :

BAKED HAM or TURKEY

Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Salad

Dinner Rolls, Deserts 9 (Sugar and Sugar Free) 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.



**HELP THE CHARITY FUND
 LEESBURG 58 COFFEE CUPS**

W.: Richard Ecott (Jr. Past) purchased 150 coffee cups. These 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 into the Charity Fund for charitable projects by the Lodge. Get one while they last and help someone in need.