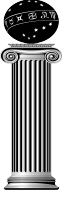


In Search of Light



Newsletter of Cedar City Lodge #35 F&AM, Cedar City Utah

"Making Good Men Better"

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Upcoming Events:

April 2015:

Stated Meeting
Thursday 2nd, 7 pm

Easter Sunday
April 5th

Meetup Night
Thursday 16th, 6 pm

Lodge / OES Dinner
April 18th, 4pm

Need a ride to Lodge?
Call 435-559-2559

Master's Minute

Imagine if you will, you belong to a bank that credits your account with \$86,400 every morning. However, you carry over no balance from day to day, you are not allowed to keep any cash from day to day, and every evening whatever amount you failed to use that day was canceled out. What would you do? Would you carelessly waste away such an opportunity, or would you strive your hardest to make the most out of it every day? Well, each of us do have such an account, but instead of money, we are given the gift of time. We are credited with 86,400 seconds every morning. Every night our Divine accountant writes off as "lost" whatever of this we have failed to invest in good purpose. He carries over no balance. He allows no overdraft. Each day He opens a new account for us, and each night He burns the records of the day. If we fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is ours. There is no going back, and there is no drawing against tomorrow.

~John Adams, WM

What's New

We had the pleasure of hosting St. George Lodge #33 for a combined stated meeting in March. Not only was it an excellent night of fellowship and fun, we were presented with a brand new set of Aprons from the members of St. George! Our heartfelt thanks to them for such a tremendous contribution to our lodge! Also a big thank you to our JW Skip Grimsley for his hard work in providing the dinner that evening.

We also had the pleasure that evening of recognizing our most recent recipient of a 50 year service pin, Wor. Brother Alex Mansour. Our hearty congratulations as well as our sincere thanks for all he has done for Masonry, especially here in Cedar City!

A big thank you also to Wor. Brother Tim Orr for his hard work in preparing the metal coverings for our windows, and to Wor. Brother Wendell Shallenberger for his willingness to oversee the installations and complete the repairs. They turned out great, and we hope they will aid in preventing any further break-ins or mishaps.

Educational: The Badge of a Mason

“The thick-tanned hide, girt around him with thongs, wherein the Builder builds, and at evening sticks his trowel” was so conspicuous a portion of the costume of the operative mason that it became associated with him in the public mind, and this gradually evolved into his badge; for a badge is some mark voluntarily assumed as the result of established custom whereby one’s work, or station, or school of opinion, may be signified.

Of what is the mason’s badge a mark? Surely its history permits but one answer to this; it is the mark of honorable and conscientious labor, the labor that is devoted to creating, to constructing rather than to destroying or demolishing. As such, the Mason’s Apron is itself a symbol of profound change in the attitude of society toward work, for the labor of hand and brain, once despised by the great of the earth, is rapidly becoming the one badge of an honorable life. If men were once proud to wear a sword, while leaving the tasks of life to slaves and menials, if they once sought titles and coats of arms as emblems of distinction, they are now, figuratively speaking, eager to wear the Apron, for the Knight of the present day would rather save life than take it, and prefers the glory of achievement to the glory of title or name. Truly, “the rank has become the guinea’s stamp, and a man’s a man for that, especially if he be a man that can DO; and the real modern king is “the man who can.”

If this is the message of the Apron, none has a better right to wear it than a Mason, if he be a real member of the Craft, for his is a Knight of labor if ever there was one. Not all labor deals with things. There is a labor of the mind, and of the spirit, more arduous, often, and more difficult, than any labor of the hands.

~Excerpt from THE APRON: THE GOLDEN BOWL AND THE SILVER CORD, available in the Digital Library section of our website: www.cedarcitylodge.org/library.php

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 St George #33 Stated 7pm	2 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm	3	4 York Rite St. George
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11 OES #20 11am
12	13	14	15	16 Meetup Night 6pm	17	18 Lodge/OES Dinner 4pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

* Please check the website for updated events: www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php