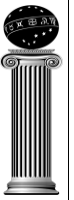




In Search of Light



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

"Making Good Men Better"

April 2020



What's Happening – What's New

The past few weeks have proven to be an interesting time in the history of our country, and more so throughout the world, as we are dealing with an infectious disease known as the Coronavirus (COVID-19.) The disease causes respiratory illness (similar to the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, and in more severe cases difficulty breathing. The virus spreads primarily through contact with an infected person when they cough or sneeze. It also spreads when a person touches a surface or object with the virus on it, then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.

In order to minimize the spread of the virus here in the United States and in Utah, our government officials have asked that we practice social distancing and avoid large group gatherings. In correlation with those requests, our Grand Master has issued a decision that all masonic gatherings and activities be suspended, and lodge buildings be closed until further notice. (A copy of this decision is included on the next page.) Therefore, even though we have scheduled meetings and activities for the next month, there is a high likelihood that those events will be postponed or cancelled. We will keep all members informed of happenings and changes through email and on Facebook, or you can contact Wor. Master Ed or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

You can protect yourself and help prevent spreading the virus further by washing your hands frequently for 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub, cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue or flexed elbow when you cough or sneeze, avoid touching your face when your hands are not clean, avoid close contact with people who are unwell, and if you find yourself feeling unwell please stay home and self-isolate from others in your household, and seek medical attention if you find your symptoms to be severe or worsening.

On a brighter note, this "down time" that we will all be experiencing presents us with a good opportunity to study, work on our ritual and other memorization, and even spend a little extra time with our families. Also, may we all be thoughtful and mindful of our members or other friends and acquaintances who may be in need of help or some extra attention during this time, and lend a helping hand wherever we can. Remember, this too shall pass, and if we continue to support each other it will make things that much more bearable for all. If you yourself are in need of help or assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out and let us know!

Fraternally,
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Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting (?)
Thursday 2nd, 7pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday 12th

Pot Luck (?)
Thursday 16th, 6:00pm

Need a ride to Lodge?
Call 435-559-2559
or 435-590-3867

Grand Masters Decision re: Covid-19

-Whereas there is an ongoing and evolving health crisis surrounding COVID19 in Utah, our country and Worldwide.

-Whereas the local and State Health departments have issued orders and enacted temporary laws restricting gatherings to fewer than ten (10) individuals due to the health risk of contracting or spreading COVID19.

-Whereas we should be compliant with local and State laws.

It is therefore my decision that No Masonic gatherings may be held until otherwise directed. This includes all youth groups and appendant bodies. Further, it is my order that all Masonic buildings be closed. Maintenance, janitorial and administrative work may continue. To support the continued operations of lodges throughout this period the following will apply:

- 1) All usual and customary bills that have been budgeted are to be paid. Others may be paid with the order of the Worshipful Master with the consent of the Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2) You are encouraged to use social and electronic media, email lists or other video conferencing technology to remain in contact with your lodge membership.
- 3) Masonic funerals may be performed at the request of the family of a Mason in compliance with current local and State restrictions.

I encourage you to reach out to one another. Pick up the telephone and check in on your Brethren, especially those who are at risk or may live alone. We are in this together and remember always we are our Brothers keeper.

Fraternal regards,
Clay G. Hamblen , Most Worshipful Grand Master

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Stated Meeting 7pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 OES #20 Stated 11am
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16 Pot Luck 6pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

* Please check the website for updated events: www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php
* Also find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/cedarcitylodge