



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:

August 2015:

Friendship Dinner
Saturday 1st, 4pm

Stated Meeting
Thursday 6th, 7pm

Meetup Night
Thursday 20th, 7pm

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

Master's Minute

"The only good is Knowledge, and the only evil is Ignorance." These are the words of a very wise person somewhere, (I assume) as they were delivered to me in the form of a fortune cookie. While I normally dismiss these little strips of paper without much thought, this one has caused me to ponder a few things and look for it's deeper meaning. It was during this time that I realized I'd heard this sentiment before, only worded in a slightly different tone – from William Shakespeare; "Ignorance is the curse of God; Knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."

We live in a truly amazing world, and an even more amazing time in the history of such, where with the digitization of most all forms of media, we can have almost instant access to more knowledge than we could possibly absorb in our lifetime. Our potential for learning is unlimited, as long as we are willing to open our minds to such things. I believe every one of us is willing to seek out these things, or we wouldn't have taken the steps to become Masons in the first place, and in our striving to become the best we can be it's now our duty to continue to nourish our minds with the knowledge that is continually placed before us. Brother Benjamin Franklin put it in a most eloquent way: "We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid."

~John Adams, WM

What's New

We regret to report our July stated meeting was canceled due to a malfunction with our A/C system, but we are now overjoyed to report that the unit has been repaired and it's once again "safe" to use the building! The unit was still under warranty so the repairs were completed with no additional cost to the Lodge. Thank you to those who worked with the service man to help facilitate the repairs.

We enjoyed some fellowship the evening of the Summer Games opening ceremonies, where we gathered at the Lodge to enjoy the best seats in town to view the firework display! Thank you to Bro. Gary Orton for supplying the fire-pit and the plethora of S'mores fixings! From what I could tell everyone had a great time.

Just a reminder of the Friendship Dinner that is coming up on Saturday, August 1st at 4pm. There will be a special presentation being made to one of our Lodge members, so we would like to see as many in attendance as possible to enjoy the food and support the Lodge and the Eastern Star.

Educational Thought

Freemasonry, like all other sciences, is a system of progression. Something more is required to constitute a bright Mason than a knowledge of the elements of the Craft. A carpenter may know the names of his tools, and have acquired some dexterity in their practical use; but this will not enable him to build a house, or construct even a common dressing-case.

If any one is desirous of being a Mason, in the strict sense of the word, he must make himself acquainted with something more than words, signs, and tokens. The three stages of initiation can no more convert a man into a Mason, than the indenture of an apprentice can make him into a mechanic.

He must read and meditate, study with care and attention the history and doctrines of the Order, and attend his Lodge with the utmost regularity, that he may become familiar with its discipline by actual personal observation. There is no Royal road to Freemasonry.

The Gordian Knot can be untied by diligence and application alone, and he who is ambitious to share in the honours of Masonry, must work his way up the ladder, step by step, with patient assiduity; and, "forgetting what is behind, he must press forward toward the mark" he aims at, and his mental exertions will not fail of their reward.

~Excerpt from The Revelations of a Square by G. Oliver, available in the Digital Library section of our website: www.cedarcitylodge.org/library.php

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Friendship Dinner 4pm |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Stated Meeting 7pm | 7 | 8 OES #20 11am |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Meetup Night 6pm | 21 | 22 |
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* Please check the website for updated events: www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php