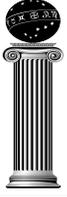


In Search of Light

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



"Making Good Men Better"

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Master's Minute

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Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting
Thursday 3rd, 7pm

MM Degree
Tuesday 22nd, 6:30pm

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

Brethren,

As you are well aware, the emblem attached to the office of Worshipful Master is the Square, and it's teachings within Masonry are many. I'd like to share with you some points from a recent study session.

The square as an emblem is geometrical in its origin according to scholars, who trace it back to the ancient Egyptians, who in solemn processions carried the cubit of justice, by which perpendiculars, right angles and squares might be laid out, "its form being that of one arm of a square, with the inner end cut to an angle of 45 degrees."

The analogy between justice and that which is perfectly upright is so obvious, as to have become universal. The terms 'an upright man' and a 'just man' are in nearly all languages synonymous, hence the scriptural phrases: 'The way of the just is uprightness; thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just;' 'He that walketh uprightly' and the admonition 'to walk uprightly before God and man.' Besides this, the square was used in Egypt to redetermine the boundaries of each man's possessions when, as frequently happened, the landmarks were swept away by the inundation of the Nile, thus recovering to every man his just rights. The Egyptian land-measure itself was an aroura or a square, containing one hundred cubits.

The square representing the fourth part of a circle is a direct reference to the division of the great circle and celestial equator into four equal parts, indicative of the solstitial and equinoctial points, and the division of the year into four seasons. By it we are also enabled to divide the circle of the horizon into quadrants, and by the aid of the sun in the south to correctly mark out the four cardinal points of the compass. In not only geometry, but astronomy also, the use of the right angle is indispensable

The teachings of Freemasonry also refer to the Square as a symbol of Morality and Virtue. One of the hidden mysteries of ancient Freemasonry is that symbolism which teaches that character can be built or developed in only one way, and that is by doing good to others. It is hidden from those who are unworthy to receive it, but it unveils itself to those who seek truth, ask for light, and knock at the door of their better nature.

"Man cannot assume a moral obligation; nor can anyone thrust a moral obligation upon him. With every acquisition of knowledge a moral obligation automatically attaches to him."

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Chris Young WM

What's Happening

Summer is beginning to wind down, vacations are coming to an end, school will be starting soon, and it's an exciting time to be involved in Lodge. We have a Master Mason degree coming up later this month, and we are preparing to resume working with other candidates who have been away or busy during the summer. We will be hosting the Grand Lodge officers for their annual visitation on Saturday, September 16th, which will once again be a combined visitation with St. George Lodge #33. The meeting will begin at 3:00pm. Arrangements are being made for a nice catered meal following the meeting, as well as discount tickets to the Shakespeare Festival that evening for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. More information will be available soon, so be sure to check our website as well as our Facebook page for updates.

If you have an education or a thought you'd like to share during one of our next stated meetings, we have several openings available during the latter half of the year. We're also always looking for content to include in these newsletters, so if you have something to share or have suggestions of things you'd like to see, please contact Wor. Bro. John Adams. Remember that educational features presented in a Stated Meeting are worth points towards the Grand Lodge Ritualist pins!

We will also be reviewing and finishing up the required items we are still lacking in order to continue receiving the Master Builder Award, so be looking forward to some fun and rewarding activities!

Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them, leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles: Love of God and Love of Man.

~ Joseph Fort Newton

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 St. George Stated 7pm | 3 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm | 4 | 5 York Rite St. George |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 OES #20 11am |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 MM Degree 6:30 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

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