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

"Making Good Men Better"

August 2019



What's Happening – What's New

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and safe summer. School will be starting up again soon, vacations are wrapping up, and we have lots of exciting things taking place at the lodge in the near future.

We had another great turnout at our Pot-luck dinner this past month, and we express our thanks to Wor. Bro. Neal Lundberg for preparing the main dish and Wor. Bro. Chris Young for providing the meat. We're looking forward to another enjoyable evening of good food and good company this month on Thursday the 15th.

I hope you can join us for our Stated Meeting taking place Thursday, August 1st. We will be putting on the EA degree for our newly elected candidate, and we will also be balloting on another candidate. Hope to see you there!

We will be hosting the joint Grand Lodge Visitation and training this year in Cedar City, and it is taking place on Saturday, September 7th. The meetings and trainings are open to all Master Masons, and a catered lunch is being arranged. We will be discussing more details at the Stated Meeting, and more information will be sent out as it becomes available.

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Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting
Thursday 1st, 7pm

Meet-up Night / Pot Luck
Thursday 15th, 6:00pm

Need a ride to Lodge?
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During our July Stated Meeting, Wor. Bro. Ed Nelson was presented with a Jeweled Collar and Apron in appreciation for his service as the Excellent Grand Lecturer for the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah. Wor. Bro. Ed has been very active in the York Rite for many years now, and it is an honor and privilege to have him with us here in Southern Utah representing our lodge. The presentation was made by this year's Most Excellent Grand High Priest Lawrence "Gunny" Rodriguez, with the assistance of Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Dean D. Rein.

What is the York Rite?

The York Rite, or more correctly, the American Rite, is based on the early remnants of Craft Masonry that were practiced in the early 1700's. The formation of the first Grand Lodge of England in 1717 specified that the lodges were to confer only the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, all other degrees being considered spurious. However, many lodges had been conferring other degrees that they considered an integral part of Masonry, in particular that of the Royal Arch, and formed their own Grand Lodge in 1751, terming themselves the "Antients" and the other Grand Lodge members the "Moderns." With the merger of the two Grand Lodges in 1813 into the United Grand Lodge of England, the lodges agreed that only the three accepted degrees of Masonry would be used by the lodges, but the degree of the Royal Arch would be attached to Chapters allied directly to these lodges and bearing the same number as the lodge, though as a separate body. Thus, unlike the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which claims to hold the power of conferring the first three degrees of Masonry in addition to those under its jurisdiction, those found in the York Rite have rightfully acknowledged the fact that they are considered appendant to those of Ancient Craft Masonry. It is still the practice in English Masonry that a Masonic member is not considered to be in possession of all the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry until he has been exalted to the Royal Arch.

Early American Lodges operated in a similar manner until the establishment of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. For a period in US history, the Cryptic degrees were controlled by various state Grand Chapter jurisdictions, until the establishment of the General Grand Council. The Chivalric Orders have been controlled by the Grand Encampment since the early 19th century in the United States. All three bodies are technically autonomous Masonic entities, only the requirement of membership in the Royal Arch connecting the Cryptic degrees and Chivalric Orders together.

If you would like to learn more about the York Rite and continue your journey as a Master Mason, you can visit www.yorkrite.org, www.utahyorkrite.org, or contact the lodge secretary Wor. Bro. John Adams.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm	2	3 York Rite St. George
4	5	6	7 St. George #33 Stated 7pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Pot Luck 6pm	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

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