



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:

December 2015:

Stated Meeting
Thursday 3rd, 7pm
(Installations)

Meetup Night
Thursday 17th, 7pm

Christmas Day
Friday 25th

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

What's New

We are happy to report that the wireless internet is now up and running at the Lodge building. A huge thank you to Wor. Bro. Neal Lundberg for his many hours spent arranging the service and meeting with the installers, and to Wor. Bro. Charles Young for his assistance as well.

Our congratulations go out to Bro. Corey Merrell who was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft this past month in a joint degree held in St. George Lodge. Our thanks to them for their assistance with the degree.

A family Pizza and Game night was held this past month which was to welcome and congratulate new candidates this year, and also as a thank you to the officers and brethren who have served this year in their various positions. Our thanks to everyone who provided the food and helped make it a wonderful night! We had an excellent turnout, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. One new petition was handed out as well!



Master's Minute

I would like to use this opportunity to report on our Elections which took place at our November stated meeting. The Officers which will be serving during the 2016 year are:

Worshipful Master Chris Young
Senior Warden John Adams
Junior Warden Alec Fawson
Treasurer Ed Nelson
Secretary Terry Lee
3Yr Trustee John Adams
2Yr Trustee Gary Orton
1Yr Trustee Charles Young
Chaplain Charles Young
Marshall Mac McWilliams
Senior Deacon Gary Orton
Junior Deacon Corey Merrell
Sen Steward Skip Grimsley
Jun Steward Wendell Shallenberger
Tyler Neal Lundberg

Installations will take place on Thursday, December 3rd, at the conclusion of our regular stated meeting. Please plan on attending so we can get everyone installed and ready to enjoy another great year of Masonry in Southern Utah!
~ John Adams, WM



Educational: Christmas and Freemasonry

At its surface, the Christmas holiday has no intrinsic connection to the fraternity of Freemasonry. There are, however, certain celebrations that have become a part of the fraternity which are linked to one of the interesting symbols that resides at the heart of the practice. Without any specific reference, Masons are said to come from a Lodge of the Holy Saints John, the specific why and how of this connection is lost in the sands of metaphorical time, but some connection infers a balance to the celestial equinox (from summer to winter and back again.)

Through this link, winter is said to be represented by Saint John the Evangelist, whose feast day falls on December 27th. This Holy Saint John has an interesting symbolic significance in that, as John the Baptist (who represents the other Holy Saint John) was the precursor to the coming of Christ, John the Evangelist is said to be the first disciple at the Lake of Genasareth who recognized the Christ and believed that he had risen. Of the Saint it is also said that he was the only disciple of Christ to not forsake him in the hour of his Passion at the foot of the cross. John the Evangelist is also called the Apostle of Charity, which may be in part, his connection to Freemasonry in addition to his unwavering resolve and purity of his love of the divine.

The feast of the Evangelist is little remembered today, except within Masonry where it is celebrated by a few lodges that still practice the Table Lodge ritual where brothers gather together to celebrate it with toasts to those brothers present and absent. In the past, it was considered a feast day of high importance for Freemasonry because of its proximity to the holidays and the presence of lodge members being close to home. Because of this, it gave those brothers a festival to meet under to punctuate the closing of the year. Meeting like this though is something less convenient in this modern day as most with families travels abroad to celebrate the holiday; however, because it is celebrated less does not diminish the importance of the day, nor the symbol itself, as in the modern ritual we are reminded that we come from the Holy Saint John's in Jerusalem, and as such we should pause and reflect on just what that means.

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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 9am |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 OES #20 11am |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Meet-up Night | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Christmas Day | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

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