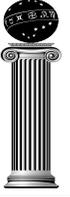


# In Search of Light



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

"Making Good Men Better"

July 2016



## Master's Minute

Brethren,

Going into summer, I know we all are starting to have other priorities these next few months, such as vacations and family activities. Our June stated meeting was a reflection of that, and I am sure the next few months will be the same, but I still encourage you to try and make it to the stated meetings and our monthly meet-up nights whenever possible. We have been meeting at the lodge every Tuesday and Thursday night after work for fellowship and ritual work / practice. We would love to see everyone as much as possible! Thanks again for your support, and be safe in your travels this summer.

~ Sincerely and Fraternally, Chris Young, WM

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### Upcoming Events:

July 2016:

Independence Day  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Stated Meeting  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Meetup Night  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm

Pioneer Day  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

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

## What's New

This past month we were able to get a crack seal and sealcoat job done to the parking lot, as it was in dire need of some maintenance. This work should serve us well for several more years. Our thanks to Wor. Bro. Charles Young and Wor. Bro. Wendell Shallenberger for spearheading the project and making the arrangements.

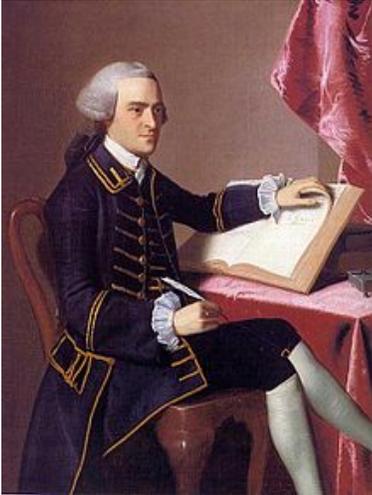
Our hearty thanks also to our Worshipful Master Chris Young and his sons who have been taking care of the weed control and clean-up work around the building. We would also encourage anyone who has some time to see what chores may need doing in and around the Lodge - let's all lend a hand where we can to maintain our Lodge!



A young Entered Apprentice was being tested on his proficiency. After going over the work, he looked at his coach and asked, "You know, I noticed several of the older members will stick their fingers in their ears and then will make a whistling sound... If I may ask, what does that sign mean?"

"Oh, that's not a sign," his coach replied, "those are just the Past Masters adjusting their hearing aids."

# Famous Freemasons: John Hancock



John Hancock was born on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1737, in Braintree, MA to Mary Hawke and John Hancock Sr, a clergyman. When his father died early in his childhood, John was sent to live with Lydia and Thomas Hancock, his aunt and uncle. He attended Harvard College, graduating in 1754, then worked with his uncle. Thomas was a wealthy merchant, owning a very successful shipping business, but after his passing in 1764, John took over the family business and the estate.

Being a member of a wealthy family in Colonial America, Hancock quickly rose to political positions and became a major figure in the American Revolution. At a time when the colonialists were becoming increasingly agitated by British taxes and restrictions, he was involved in several of the protests of the time, including the Boston Massacre (where he headed a committee that demanded the removal of British forces) and the Tea Act of 1773. In 1774, he was made leader of the Massachusetts delegation to

the second Continental Congress, and later appointed President of the Congress in 1775. Hancock became the first representative to sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, the document that declared the 13 Colonies free from British rule. Hancock left a "sizable" signature with flourish, and as a result, the idea of leaving one's "John Hancock" on paperwork still has meaning to this day.

Hancock resigned as President of the Congress in 1777, and in 1780 became the first Governor of Massachusetts. He resigned in 1785 citing poor health, but was elected again in 1787, and served until his death on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1793.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston, and it was there that he made several of his connections with the many influential citizens who helped form our great nation.

## July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Independence Day	5	6 St. George Stated 7pm	7 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm	8	9 OES #20 11am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Meet-up Night or Degree	22	23
24 Pioneer Day	25	26	27	28	29	30
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\* Please check the website for updated events: [www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php](http://www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php)