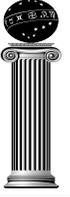


# In Search of Light



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

"Making Good Men Better"

July 2018



## Master's Minute

Brethren,

I just want to extend to everyone my best wishes for a fun and safe summer. I hope you will be able to join us for our meetings and activities whenever your schedule allows, as I know we are all busy with family and other summer activities. We plan on continuing our monthly pot-luck dinners as long as the good participation continues, as they have been very successful and enjoyable! Also join us for our meetup nights every Tuesday and Thursday evening and enjoy the fellowship and brotherhood.

~ Chris Young PM, Worshipful Master

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### Upcoming Events:

Independence Day /  
Pot Luck Dinner  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

Stated Meeting  
Thursday 5<sup>st</sup>, 7pm

Meet-up Night  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

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

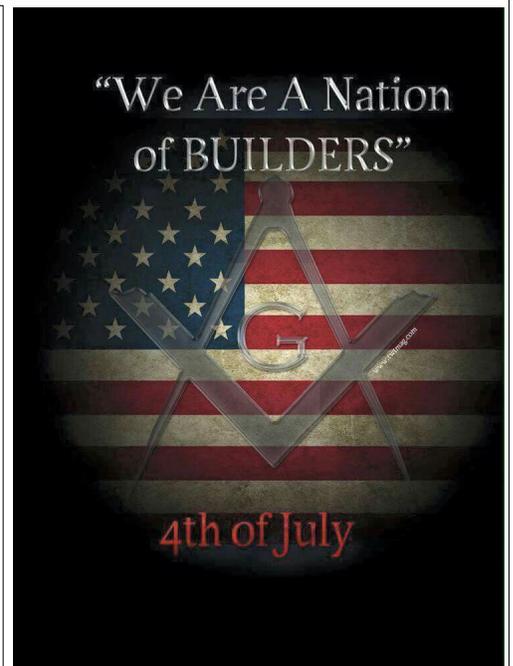
Need a ride to Lodge?  
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### What's Happening

Please join us on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for a night of family, friends, food, and fun! We will be having our pot-luck dinner beginning at 6:00pm, followed by some time for games and social intercourse. We will then have some of the best seats in town to enjoy the fireworks display put on by the city (beginning at dark, usually about 10:00 pm.) Bring your lawn chairs and any games or activities you'd like to share, as well as a dish or dessert to share, and enjoy the evening.

~ John Adams PM, Secretary



## What do you know about Masonry?

Independence day is celebrated annually in the United States to recognize the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The document was meant to explain the reasons why the 13 British colonies of the Americas chose to separate from England. Independence day, in fact the American Revolution itself holds a special place for American Freemasons. We tend to hold up the fact that George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and various members of the Sons of Liberty were leaders in the Revolution. Although it is true that 9 Freemasons signed the Declaration of Independence, including it's most famous signer, John Hancock, it is not so much the men that made the impact on the Revolution as it is the principals of Freemasonry that helped to form the United States of America.

Some scholars point to the publication Anderson's Constitutions as a source for those ideals. Some of the ideals and codes of conduct which we find in Anderson's Constitutions would later appear in the United States Constitution. An example is that Religion is not to be a topic of conversation in a lodge room where business is to be discussed, it being an action that could cause a division within the lodge. Similarly, it can be equally said, that Religion in Government could cause that division in our ruling bodies, not allowing Government to properly govern for all of it's people.

To those who know the lessons that our ritual inculcates, it is obvious to see where the men who helped form the early United States believed in these principals. As an example, Freemasons believe that we all meet upon the level, and the Declaration of Independence states "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal". In the end Washington, Franklin, Hancock and the list of other notable members of the American Revolution put themselves in harms way for their belief in a better future. It becomes less about those men, and more about the ideals and principals, many of which are put forth by Freemasonry worldwide. Those same ideals stated in our ritual over and over again, remind us of the importance of those words that inspired such revolutions.

As we celebrate the birth of the United States, we should remember it was those Freemasons involved in the Revolution who had the courage to risk their lives for an ideal. It was in a Masonic lodge where they heard those ideals put forth, and where they were reminded of them to the point that it became a part of their lives. That gift is now ours to cherish and pass on in our Freemason Lodges and in our communities.

### July 2018

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

\* Please visit the website calendar for updated events: [www.cedarcitylodge.org](http://www.cedarcitylodge.org)

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