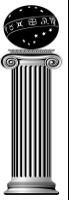




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Newsletter of Cedar City Lodge #35 F&AM, Cedar City Utah

"Making Good Men Better"

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Upcoming Events:

Independence Day
Thursday 4th

Stated Meeting
Thursday 11th, 7pm

Meet-up Night / Pot Luck
Thursday 18th, 6:00pm

Pioneer Day
Wednesday 24th

Need a ride to Lodge?
Call 435-559-2559
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What's Happening – What's New

With summer in full swing things have been slower at Lodge, which is to be expected this time of year. We still managed to have a good turnout for the monthly potluck, and a hearty thanks to Wor. Bro. Neal Lundberg for taking care of the meat and manning the grill! Everyone in attendance had a good time and we enjoyed each other's company.

Wor. Bro. Neal Lundberg has also completed our first round of weed spraying, and it seems to have taken well – we thank him for his continued efforts! Several of us have noticed, however, that our property and parking lots tend to get used by folks for various activities at random times during the week, and we've had an increase in trash and items getting left behind. Until we come up with a good solution to try and cut down on these kinds of occurrences, while still keeping our property open and available to those who have reason to be there, we would encourage and appreciate anyone who is able to swing by the lodge when you are out and about, and make a quick sweep of the area. Hopefully an increased presence at the property will cut down on some of these issues.

Please take note and mark your calendars for our Stated Meeting which will be taking place the 2nd Thursday this month, as Independence Day lands on the first Thursday. We hope to see you there, and I hope everyone has a fun and safe Fourth of July!

Fraternally,
John Adams PM, Secretary



Freemasonry and the Fourth of July

The 4th of July is a very important date for Freemasons and is celebrated by members of the craft all over the world. Freemasons and this US holiday are interconnected by the events that took place on that date, which would not have been possible (*or would have taken place very differently*) if it weren't for Freemasons.

The *Declaration of Independence* was signed and accepted into Congress on the fourth of July 1776, marking the birth of the United States. This date is important to Freemasons because they have influenced greatly the Declaration, and some of the founding fathers of the United States were, in fact, Freemasons. Five of the men on the committee to draft the declaration of independence were believed to be Freemasons and of those who signed the Declaration, the *majority* were Freemasons. This shows that one of the most influential voices shaping the nation of the United States was a masonic voice. In fact, the Declaration of Independence marks a fraternal achievement and one can notice various ideas of Freemasonry in the declaration

Freemasonry is at the very base of the United States, a country which has allowed the union of different races and which has mutual respect and goodwill at its heart. These are all principles found in Freemasonry. The Constitution of the United States was most seriously influenced by Washington, Franklin and Rudolph who were all active Freemasons. Freemasonry, therefore, had a certain power in the making of the nation, and the fact that the first president of the United States was a Freemason (*George Washington*) is further proof of the role they played in shaping the United States.

The influence of Freemasonry is one of the elements that has enabled the United States to become so strong, as the nation is based on the individual's social responsibility and his freedom under the country's law. The United States' government also focuses on the sense of common good among all citizens, who are all equal. This makes the United States somewhat of a "fraternity", just like Freemasonry, and all this started thanks to the Declaration of Independence which was admitted into Congress on the 4th of July.

July 2019

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

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

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