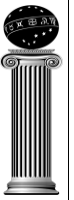




In Search of Light



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

"Making Good Men Better"

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What's Happening – What's New

My brothers, I hope everyone is continuing to be happy and healthy during this closure. The past few months have been taxing and a hard time for many, but the data and reports lately have been very promising, showing the virus is not nearly as dangerous as previously thought. In smaller rural towns like ours in fact, it is all but non-existent thanks to the proactive precautions taken early on. Businesses are opening and returning to normal again, the state and local leaders have loosened restrictions everywhere, and life seems to be slowly returning to a somewhat normal routine. This is good news, and is much needed.

I received some good advice from my personal physician this past week that I'd like to pass along, he said "GET OUT OF THE HOUSE! Get some fresh air and sunlight. Get some exercise. Be happy and live your life." I found his words to be both timely and encouraging, as I am sure this time has been depressing and dismal for many. Of course there are those who need to exercise caution due to their own medical conditions or other factors, but I think his overall message was to have a positive outlook on the world and on life, and don't let this pandemic drag you down. Life is meant to be lived. Life is good. This too, shall pass.

As far as the lodge and the fraternity here in Utah goes, the Grand Master has not lifted any of the restrictions put in place in late March, so until we receive further communication from him we are unfortunately still at a standstill. I would however like to thank those who have still been checking on the lodge and the grounds each week to ensure the security of our building. We of course anxiously await the time when we can meet again and act on the several petitions for degrees and for affiliation that we have piling up. I appreciate the patience our potential candidates have shown. I thank everyone who has been reaching out and checking on the welfare of our members. I am confident we will emerge from this time of uncertainty a stronger and closer brotherhood than we have ever been.

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Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting (?)
Thursday 4th, 7pm

Flag Day
Sunday 14th

Pot Luck (?)
Thursday 18th, 6:00pm

Father's Day
Sunday 21st

Need a ride to Lodge?
Call 435-559-2559
or 435-590-3867

A ship in the harbor is
safe, but that is not what
ships are built for



Being a Father and a Freemason

Even though we are admonished as an EA that Freemasonry should not interfere with our family duties, I think you'd be hard pressed to find a member that has never spent a good bit more time at Lodge than his wife or kids would like. Finding balance between our Masonic and family duties and obligations can be extremely difficult. While every man must find that balance for himself, and it is no brother's place to tell another how to divide or spend his time, it is important that we do take a few steps back from time to time to examine whether or not we have been rightly dividing our time, or if our 24 inch gauge has become skewed.

I am convinced that Freemasonry has made me a better man, husband and father. Freemasonry allows me to spend time with men who help me be the best man that I can be. Our fraternity has given me the tools to not only better myself, but to be a better father to my children. Freemasonry instructs us to be thoughtful, inquisitive, to be moral and upright in our dealings with others, and it teaches us to not only strive to better ourselves, but to also better those around us and society at large. These are extremely valuable lessons for a father to pass along to a child.

Above all for my children, I want to leave the legacy of a man who tried to be the best man that he could be, a man that loved his wife and his children, a man who was good and true to his friends and those in need, and a man that worked hard to help others. Essentially, I want to be remembered as a good father, and a good Freemason, and I am glad that those two pivotal pieces of my life help refine and sharpen each other.

By Wor. Bro. Jason E. Marshall

From *The Laudable Pursuit* website and blog
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Stated Meeting 7pm | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 OES #20 Stated 11am |
| 14 Flag Day | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Pot Luck 6pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Father's Day | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

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