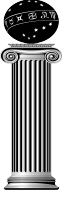


In Search of Light



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

"Making Good Men Better"

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Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting
Thursday 4th, 7pm

Mother's Day
Sunday 14th

Meetup Night
Thursday 18th, 5:30pm

Memorial Day
Monday 29th

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

Master's Minute

Brethren,

The month of May brings us a holiday of great importance where we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country: Memorial Day. Despite the fact that President Lyndon B. Johnson, in 1966, declared the birthplace and birth date of Memorial Day to be Waterloo, New York, on 5 May 1866 – there remains much mystery and differing opinions concerning the actual first observance of what is now known as Memorial Day. There are recorded observances of some sort of days of remembrance in such places as Columbus, Mississippi; Macon, Georgia; and Richmond, Virginia – all taking place in 1866. The one in Columbus, Mississippi, was recorded as taking place on 25 April 1866, when women decorated the graves of Confederate – and later – Union soldiers.

In all likelihood, Memorial Day was probably born from several events that took place in the North and South. Several Southern states still observe Memorial Days specifically set aside to honor their Confederate dead.

John A. Logan gets primary credit for institutionalizing Memorial Day. A Union Major General – Logan, as national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed a day of remembrance for 30 May 1868. Logan was a Master Mason from Illinois, having been raised in Mitchell Lodge No. 85 in Pinckneyville, Illinois, well before the beginning of the War Between the States.

Regardless of the origins of this day – let us all pause, reflect, and honor the memories of those that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Chris Young WM

What we do for ourselves dies
with us – what we do for
others remains and
is immortal.

- Albert Pike

The Perfect Points of our Entrance

In the lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree, we are taught about the perfect points of our entrance, which are represented by the four Cardinal Virtues; Temperance, Prudence, Fortitude, and Justice. Of course the names of these virtues are all we are taught at that time. We are then told that the explanations are monitorial, and that we are expected to make ourselves thoroughly familiar with them at our earliest convenience. Over the next four issues of our newsletter, we will explore these four cardinal virtues and their relationship to the craft. (These explanations are taken from an oration given by Most Worshipful Allen W. Record PGM of Masons in Utah.)

Fortitude

Fortitude is defined as that noble and steadfast purpose of mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril, or danger, when prudently deemed expedient. Put more simply, fortitude is courage. Courage to undergo pain, or hardship. However, as it applies to us, it would be more of a moral fortitude, or moral courage. Courage to act rightly in the face of opposition, shame, scandal, or discouragement. This lesson is taught to us in the Masonic Degrees, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, as well in the degrees of the Eastern Star. What is interesting about fortitude, or courage, is that it doesn't stand alone. It always stands with the other virtues, and always stands on the side of right. If we have the courage to act rightly, we will always be seen through whatever trial or opposition meets us. Imagine if you will the greatest example of both physical and moral fortitude, the formation of our great nation. Those original patriots, many of which were themselves Freemasons, displayed extraordinary courage to provide us with the freedoms we now enjoy. Throughout our history as a nation, we have been provided many examples of this virtue and it's one that we should always strive to achieve.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 St. George Stated 7pm	4 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm	5	6 Statewide Open House 10-2
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 OES #20 11am
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18 Meet-up Night	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

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