



In Search of Light



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

"Making Good Men Better"

May 2020



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Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting (?)
Thursday 7th, 7pm

Mother's Day
Sunday 10th

Pot Luck (?)
Thursday 21st, 6:00pm

Memorial Day
Monday 25th

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

We hope everyone is doing well and managing okay as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 virus and the interruption it has caused in our lives. On behalf of Wor. Master Ed Nelson and the other officers of Cedar City #35, we wish everyone health and happiness, and ask anyone who may be in need of any assistance to please reach out to us and let us know. As it currently stands, the Grand Master's decision to keep the lodges closed and suspend meetings still stands, so unless that changes in the near future we likely won't be holding our meetings again this month. We of course will be communicating any changes or updates as we receive them.

Fraternally,
John Adams PM, Secretary



A Mason's Wife

From active Masons, resolute, Our wives and families we salute;
We surely know the price you pay, Who sit alone while we're away.
No high degrees on you conferred, In Lodge, your name is seldom heard;
You serve our cause though out of sight, While sitting home alone tonight.

Masonic papers list our names, Awards are given, fit to frame;
But yours is absent...you who strive, To keep our fortitude alive.
You're part of every helpful deed, On your encouragement we feed;
Without your blessings, how could we, Continue acts of charity?
And so, this poem, we dedicate, To every Master Mason's mate;
And offer our undying love, Rewards await in Heaven above.

~ Author Unknown

Origins of Memorial Day and a Masonic Connection

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 variety of opinions concerning the actual first observance of what is now known as Memorial Day. It may come as a shock to some to learn that the origins of the day may have actually been of primarily Southern and Confederate invention. 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.

<http://palmettomason.blogspot.com/2010/05/origins-of-memorial-day-and-masonic.html>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 Stated Meeting 7pm	8	9 OES #20 Stated 11am
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Pot Luck Dinner 6pm	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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* Please check the website for updated events: www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php

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