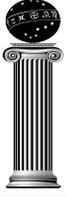


In Search of Light



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"Making Good Men Better"

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Master's Minute

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Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting
Thursday 2nd, 7pm

Daylight Savings Ends
Sunday 5th

Veterans Day
Saturday 11th

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday 23rd

Need a ride to Lodge?
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Brethren,

The month of November brings us some great opportunities to look past ourselves and express our gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings that we enjoy. I'd like to share two quotes that relate to this theme.

First, in 1789 when Brother George Washington declared Thanksgiving an official holiday, he said the following: "Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us."

Most Worshipful Brother William J. Thomas, Past Grand Master of New York, said the following: "On November 11, we observe Veterans Day, honoring all members of the US Armed Forces. Originally designated to commemorate the end of World War I, we now honor all veterans of all branches of the American Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marine. All these men and women have given of themselves in many ways, some giving the ultimate sacrifice. Therefore, it is proper to honor them all. If you see a service man or woman, let them know you appreciate their service. In addition, let us implore the Great Architect of the Universe to protect the members of our Armed Forces as they are protecting us, wherever in the world they may be serving. May He bring them back home and out of harm's way to their families and friends!"

We are truly privileged to live in this great county, and I hope we all remember to be grateful and give thanks for those that have made the sacrifices and efforts necessary for us to enjoy the freedoms and blessings we enjoy on a daily basis.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Chris Young WM

The Spirit of Thanksgiving

We read in the Book of Holy Writings, "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1st Thessalonians 5:16-18) I don't know about you, but the words "always" and "everything" can sometimes present a challenge when referring to what we should be thankful for. Adverse situations we encounter can make it difficult to rejoice always, and some days when everything seems to be going wrong, it can be truly difficult to give thanks in everything. Surely, God doesn't intend for us to *always* be filled with praise and thankfulness? Yet – the scriptures confirm He does.

Why does God ask this of us, when at times it may sound like an impossible request? I believe it's because He has a specific purpose in encouraging our thankfulness. When we are thankful, we become more aware of the good and positive things that truly surround us, despite the evil and sorrows of the world. We become more aware of His presence in our lives, and by focusing on His light and love we become more motivated to learn His purpose. Thankfulness teaches us to trust God, build our faith, and recognize our dependence on Him. By acknowledging His hand and divine influence in our lives, we can find the energy and desire to rise above the problems we may be facing, and we will be rewarded with comfort and peace in an otherwise dreary world.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)

~ John Adams, PM



November 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 St. George Stated 7pm | 2 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm | 3 | 4 York Rite St. George |
| 5 Daylight Savings Ends | 6 | 7 Election Day | 8 | 9 | 10 Veterans Day (Observed) | 11 OES #20 11am Veterans Day |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Thanksgiving Day | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

* Please visit the website calendar for updated events: www.cedarcitylodge.org