

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:

October 2015:

Stated Meeting Thursday 1st, 7pm

Meetup Night Thursday 15th, 7pm (FC degree or practice)

Accelerated Class Saturday 24th in SLC

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

Master's Minute

Fall is just around the corner, and October to me has always invoked the thoughts and feelings of change. The first chill in the air and the falling of leaves seem to signal the time to embark on new paths. In our youth this time of year meant back to school shopping, meeting our new teachers and forming new friendships as we started a new school year, and so now it seems to be ingrained in us that this is the time to embark on new adventures and embrace positive changes in our adult lives. How exactly does change come about in our lives? Many of us have hopes or desires for our personal lives, our health, our families, or our professional lives. Turning a dream into a realistic goal requires a bit of effort and the motivation to make a change in our current lives.

Think of one goal you would like to achieve. Identify anything negative that may be causing resistance in achieving this goal, and then focus on the positive feelings and outcome that will come from reaching your goal. Think of the fearless child you once were, and let that kind of enthusiasm fuel your drive to making a positive change in your life.

~John Adams, WM

What's New

We would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Jerry Everett and the other Grand Lodge Officers for the truly wonderful visitation we were privileged to enjoy this past month. It was an exceptionally nice evening of Masonic Brotherhood and Friendship! Wor. Brother Terry Lee gave an exceptional education which was enjoyed by all, and the Grand Lodge officers left us with some great words of wisdom and advice. We also presented the MWGM with a personalized flask in appreciation for his service to the fraternity. A big thank you to those who provided food and helped with organizing the evening.

We hosted a Family Night Ice Cream Social in September as well, and it was also a very enjoyable evening for those in attendance. The kids had a great time playing games and everyone left with a smile on their face.

If you are not already a member of our Facebook page, please look us up and send a request to join. With the popularity that social media has brought to our day, we've found it's the easiest and quickest way to let the Lodge members know what's going on. Also take a few minutes once or twice a month to check out the Lodge Website and Calendar located there as Wor. Bro Terry updates it on a regular basis as well.

Educational: The Great Light in Masonry

What is the Great Light in Masonry? The Holy Bible, open upon the Altar for all to read – open for each to interpret for himself? No, though the wise old Book does bring the radiance of revelation to guide us in the dim country of this world, at once a lamp to our feet and warmth to our hearts which, if a man follows it faithfully, he will not lose his way in the Valley of Illusion.

The Square, by which we are taught our duty to our fellow men in the fellowships and conflicts of life – to do justly and show mercy and build our lives on the laws of God? No, though by the little try-square of moral right which each carries in his bosom we are taught to walk uprightly, and work righteously, and speak the truth in our heart.

The Compasses, by which we are shown our duty to ourselves in life, how each must live alone – how each must circumscribe his passions and keep his desires within due bounds; and that he that ruleth his own spirit is better than he that taketh a city? No, though if a man fail of self-knowledge, self-reverence and self-control, he fails utterly, and his life ends in a rubbish heap.

The Great Light in Masonry is the soul of all these symbols, the sum of the truths they teach, builded into a character of moral strength, spiritual beauty, and human service; a glad, faithful, heroic, gentle soul – your soul and mine – more than any temple, a sanctuary of faith, a shrine of love, and an altar of pity; pity and inconquerable hope. Let the Light so shine!

~ <u>The Compasses</u> by Joseph Fort Newton, from <u>Freemasonry Vol. 11 No. 02</u>, available in the Digital Library section of our website: www.cedarcitylodge.org/library.php

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm	2	3 York Rite St. George
4	5	6	7 St George #33 Stated 7pm	8	9	10 OES #20 11am
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15 Meetup Night	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Accel. Class SLC
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

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