



# 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:

September 2015:

Stated Meeting  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm

Grand Lodge Visitation  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

Meetup Night  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Need a ride to Lodge?  
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## Master's Minute

In our conversations with others, how many times have you been asked the question "What exactly is Freemasonry?" I'm sure we've all been asked this particular question at some point, some maybe hundreds of times – so what was your response? I've heard several say "A regular system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." Or maybe "The Subjugation of the human that is in man by the divine; the conquest of the appetites and passions by the moral sense and reason; a continual effort, struggle and warfare of the spiritual against the material and sensual." Or is it something deeper like "Masonry is the activity of closely united men, who, employing symbolic forms borrowed principally from the mason's trade and from architecture, work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally to ennoble themselves and others, and thereby to bring about a universal league of mankind, which they aspire to exhibit even now on a small scale." Is there one right answer to this question?

Although we can somewhat communicate the ideals of Masonry by verbal or written word, truly it is by our actions and our example that we inform the world what Masonry really is, and as Masons we have a very serious and sacred responsibility to project only those things which will bring honor to the fraternity. Milton Winham, PGM of the state of Arkansas said the following: "Every crime against our laws, every sin against decency and morality, every sharp practice against square dealing in business, is a serious reflection on the Masonic Lodge in the neighborhood in which it is committed. Masonry should not take the pure principles of morality and preserve them in the walled-up seclusion of lodge halls, like as we preserve fruit and vegetables and keep them in dark cellars for our own use; but our lodges and our lives should be as lighthouses, blazing out the truths of right living, to bless the community, state, and nation, in which we have our being."

Take a moment if you will, and allow me to ask "What exactly is Freemasonry *to you?*," since truly the most important answer to this question is what Masonry has taught each of us individually and how it has affected our lives for the better. It is only then through our actions that we are able to *show* others the answer to the query of what exactly Freemasonry is.

~ John Adams, WM

## Educational Thought: Symbolism in Freemasonry

Of all the "hidden mysteries" that make up the teachings and tenants of our fraternity, Masonic symbolism has claimed a large share of attention throughout its history; and necessarily so, because Masonry without its symbolism would be a lifeless form. It is so conspicuously the most prominent feature of our order that every reader is eager for works which will assist him to interpret it and reveal these hidden mysteries. Much has been written on this subject; but the book has never been produced, and probably never will be, that will fully explain the symbolism of Freemasonry.

We are introduced at an early time in our Masonic journey to the principles of Morality and Character. One of the hidden mysteries of ancient Freemasonry is that symbolism which teaches that character can be built or developed in only one way, and that is by doing good to others. It is hidden from those who are unworthy to receive it, but it unveils itself to those who seek truth, ask for light, and knock at the door of their better nature. "Man cannot assume a moral obligation; nor can anyone thrust a moral obligation upon him. With every acquisition of knowledge a moral obligation automatically attaches to him."

~Excerpts from The Freemason's Treasury available in the Digital Library  
section of our website: [www.cedarcitylodge.org/library.php](http://www.cedarcitylodge.org/library.php)

### September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Stated Meeting 7pm	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Grand Visitation 7:30 PM	12 OES #20 11am
13	14	15	16	17 Meetup Night 6pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

\* Please check the website for updated events: [www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php](http://www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php)