



# 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 2016:

Stated Meeting  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm

Labor Day  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Meetup Night / Degree  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

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

## Master's Minute

Brethren,

I hope you all had a great summer. Fall is just around the corner! Many of us are getting back into our routines; school has started again, fall sports are in full gear, and I'm sure most of us are just as busy as ever! But, there's still things going on at the Lodge, and I would like to encourage everyone to attend our meet-up nights whenever possible. We still meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at about 5:30, and our "official" meet-up night is still the third Thursday of the month. Please come and show your support for the lodge. I came across a quote, "When someone tells you they are too busy, it is not a reflection of their schedule – it is a reflection of your spot in their schedule." The only way our lodge can continue to grow is with the support of the brethren. Take a moment and remember why you joined Masonry, how it has helped your life, what you've gotten out of it, and what you've put into it.

This past week were honored to host St. George Lodge and help with the conferral of two Fellowcraft degrees. It was an enjoyable experience, and it excites me to see the growth that our fraternity is having here in southern Utah. There's nothing more rewarding than watching members of the craft learn and grow as they learn the tenants of Freemasonry and grow as individuals.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Chris Young, WM

## For the Good of the Order

A postman, on his route, picked up a letter from a mailbox that was addressed to GOD. The postman, seeing that the letter was not sealed, and there not being any postage on it, opened and read it. It was from a man who was down on his luck, and was asking God for help. The letter asked for \$100 to get his family through the rest of the month. The postman, being a Mason, took the letter to lodge that evening, read it, and asked for donations for the unfortunate fellow. The hat was passed, and they were able to raise \$50. The Secretary placed the cash in a Lodge envelope, and gave it to the postman to deliver the following day, which he did.

Another day passed, and the postman again found an unsealed letter in the mailbox, once again addressed to GOD. He again opened and read the letter, which thanked God for the money, but instructed that he send any future funds through the Knights of Columbus, as the Masons had kept half.

# Famous Freemasons: Francis Scott Key



Francis Scott Key was born August 1, 1779, near Keymar, Maryland, at the family plantation known as Terra Rubra. He was a lawyer and amateur poet, but only gained fame after authoring America's National Anthem.

During the War of 1812, Key and Col. John Skinner traveled to Baltimore to negotiate the release of a prominent Maryland physician (who was arrested by the British). After completing the negotiation however, Key and Skinner were barred from returning to Baltimore by British officials. Key and Skinner had been exposed to the British plans to bombard Baltimore (Fort McHenry). Instead, they were made to wait in the ship they came in until after the bombardment. On the morning of September 14, 1813, the British bombardment of the Fort began, and the combined sea and land assault lasted for 25

hours. Through it all, however, the flag which flew over Fort McHenry remained waving. The bombardment finally ceased September 15 at 1:00 A.M. When daylight came, the flag was still there, and the British forces had abandoned their plan to take Baltimore.

Inspired by the strength of the American flag, Key immediately took an envelope from his pocket and began writing a poem as he sailed back to Baltimore. His family was so impressed by the poem, that they began circulating copies of it around Baltimore. The poem was originally called "Defence of Fort M'Henry". It soon appeared in local newspapers, and on March 3, 1931, it officially became America's national anthem.

Despite conflicting accounts, records show that Brother Key was Raised in Corcordia Lodge #13 in Maryland, and you may even find a Masonic "phrase" in the 4<sup>th</sup> verse of the anthem.

## September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm	2	3 York Rite St George 9am
4	5 Labor Day	6	7 St. George #33 Stated 7pm	8	9	10 OES #20 11am
11	12	13	14	15 Meet-up Night	16	17
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)