



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:

Labor Day
Monday 4th

Stated Meeting
Thursday 7th, 7pm

Grand Lodge Visitation
Saturday 16th, 3pm

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Brethren,

There has been much talk lately about our fraternity, more specifically conversations relating to the slow but steady decline in membership we seem to be witnessing. We've discussed some of the reasons we believe this is happening, and could speculate about many more. We've even heard rumblings from those that think Masonry is doomed, and will dwindle away if drastic changes aren't made soon. However, I came across this short narrative which reminded me that not all is lost, and the foundations of our fraternity are as strong as ever.

WHY FREEMASONRY SURVIVES

Institutions do not survive through the ages by accident; they live only through the possession and operation of everlasting principles. When an organization runs back beyond historic records, and relies upon tradition for the story of its origin, its career during a known period either justifies or falsifies the tradition. An ancestry of virtue and good works is a liberal education. The power of the accumulated wisdom of the past is a resistless impelling force upon the present. The architects, the decorators, the draftsmen, the woodcarvers, the workers in precious metals and the Masons who were building the famous Temple of King Solomon came from every nation in the then-known world. Their union of mutual help, protection, society and improvement was the marvel of an age when all navies were pirates, and all nations enemies.

Masonry, marching under the leadership of God and the banner that bears the motto, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," with the peasant and the prince, the mechanic and the merchant, the learned and the unlearned following in equal rank and common step, knows neither race nor nationality, neither caste nor condition, as it proudly and beneficially moves down the centuries. ~ Chauncey M. Depew (1834-1928)

Yes, times are changing; they always have. Society is evolving; it always will. But as long as we hold true to our founding principles, stay strong in our moral convictions, and place our trust in the Grand Architect of the Universe, I believe it will be impossible to fail.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Chris Young WM

What's Happening

We will be hosting the Grand Lodge officers for their annual visitation on Saturday, September 16th, which will once again be a combined visitation with St. George Lodge #33. The meeting will begin at 3:00 pm. Arrangements are being made for a nice catered meal following the meeting, as well as discount tickets to the Shakespeare Festival that evening for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Our condolences go out to Worshipful Master Chris Young and his wife Katie as they laid Katie's father to rest this past week. Please keep them and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Albert Pike



There are great truths at the foundation of Freemasonry, truths which it is its mission to teach and which is constituting the very essence of, that sublime system which gives the venerable institution its peculiar identity as a science of morality, and it behooves every disciple diligently to ponder and inwardly digest.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 York Rite St. George
3	4 Labor Day	5	6 St. George Stated 7pm	7 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm	8	9 OES #20 11am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Grand Lodge Visitation 3pm
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