



# In Search of Light



Newsletter of Cedar City Lodge #35 F&AM, Cedar City Utah

"Making Good Men Better"

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## Master's Minute

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Brethren,

I want to thank everyone once again for your support of the Lodge. I have been very excited to see the things we have accomplished so far this year, and for the time and effort everyone has put in to helping make our Lodge a success. I hope we can keep the ball rolling and finish out the year stronger than ever!

Remember we have Grand Lodge Visitation coming up on Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, in St. George. More will be discussed at our stated meeting the Thursday before, but I hope those who are able and available will plan on attending and represent our Lodge well.

~ Chris Young PM, Worshipful Master

### Upcoming Events:

Labor Day  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Stated Meeting  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Grand Lodge Visitation/  
Leadership Conference  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Meet-up Night / Dinner  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

Need a ride to Lodge?  
Call 435-559-2559  
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## What's Happening – What's New

Despite summertime usually being a slower time at the lodge, we have indeed been busy and active! The pot luck dinners have continued to be successful, and we thank everyone who has participated and helped make them enjoyable. A special thanks to Bro. Boyd Matheson and his lady Debra for going above and beyond and helping with the main dishes each month. A special thanks also to Wor. Bro. Neal Lundberg for heading up the cleaning crew that cleaned up the downstairs floors and kitchen area. It was much needed, and his efforts as always are appreciated!

We extend a hearty welcome to our newest Entered Apprentice, Jacob Richter. We are excited to have him with us, and look forward to helping him on his Masonic journey! We have new petitions still coming in, and several interested parties have been coming to our meetup nights and dinners. It's great to see the Lodge continue to grow and succeed!

The Grand Lodge officers will be heading up a Leadership Conference in conjunction with their annual Visitation, taking place in St. George on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Leadership section takes place in the morning, and is intended for the elected officers. The usual visitation is open to all Masons and will be in the afternoon. A lunch is being arranged for all in attendance at the cost of \$10 per person, but RSVP's must be made no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact me and let me know if you will be attending the lunch so I can pass that information along. There are also plans being arranged for the Ladies who would like to attend, and I can get those details to anyone who is interested as well.

As always, we are looking for suggestions and ideas of things that can help our lodge succeed and strengthen the brotherhood we enjoy, as well as increase our community involvement. Your ideas are appreciated!

~ John Adams PM, Secretary

## Labor Day and Freemasonry

Labor Day, the very idea of the holiday invokes the excitement of barbecues, back to school for our children and the end of summer. Labor Day is now marked by the first Monday in September, but the first labor day was actually on a Tuesday, Tuesday September 5th 1882 to be exact. It was celebrated for the first time in New York City and was organized by the Central Labor Union.

So who started Labor Day? Well, the answer can not be definitively answered. There are two men who are credited with its creation. Peter McGuire and Mathew Maguire were both labor leaders and worked for the rights of workers. Peter was a carpenter and Mathew a machinist.

Many people ask whether either of these two men were members of our great fraternity, the Freemasons. Of these two men, Peter McGuire was a member of a Brotherhood. It just wasn't the Freemasons. He belonged to the Brotherhood of Carpenters and was quoted as saying something which to me, sounds Masonic in nature...

[There needs to be a day to celebrate those] "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold"

However promising this sounds, neither Peter nor Mathew have any record of being involved or affiliated with the Freemasons. But, to those of us that are, these words definitely have meaning and are a great reminder that our involvement in this fraternity indeed requires work and labor if we are to enjoy the fruits thereof.

~ Adaptation from the blog *The Midnight Freemason* by Bro. Robert H. Johnson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5 St. George Stated 7pm	6 Cedar City #35 Stated 7pm	7	8 GL Visitation St George
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Meet-up Night Pot Luck Dinner	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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\* Please check the website for updated events: [www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php](http://www.cedarcitylodge.org/calendar.php)