



In Search of Light



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

"Making Good Men Better"

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What's Happening – What's New

I hope everyone is continuing to be blessed with good health and that you and your families are doing well and staying safe. I know my family is glad to be back to school and finally returning to a somewhat normal routine, even though things will still be different for a while. As of the printing of this newsletter we unfortunately have received no word from Grand Lodge regarding any proposed reopening date or plans.

This pandemic has been a difficult time for many, and I personally think while the virus itself should be taken seriously, I am afraid many more people are suffering from depression and other mental trauma or anguish. Lost jobs, economic hardship, lack of socialization, feelings of being trapped, the uncertainty of what the future will hold – all these things can be overwhelming. I personally lost a very dear friend this past week. His passing was a shock to all his family and friends - we had no idea he was in the dark place he was, and he decided there was no other way out.

My brothers, if any of you find yourselves in this kind of dark place, PLEASE know that you are loved, your life does matter, and there are MANY people you can reach out to who would gladly lend an ear. We all have trials in one form or another, but if those trials become overwhelming we are sometimes afraid to ask for help because it's embarrassing or looked at by some as a sign of weakness. This is NOT the case, and I promise you there is hope and there is help. Reach out, open up, and ask for help. It's never too late.

Thank you all again for your patience and tolerance during this shutdown. If you have any questions or if I can help in any way, please let me know.

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Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting (?)
Thursday 3rd, 7pm

Labor Day
Monday 7th

Pot Luck (?)
Thursday 17th, 6:00pm

Need a ride to Lodge?
Call 435-559-2559
or 435-590-3867

What we do for ourselves dies
with us – what we do for
others remains and
is immortal.

- Albert Pike

The Greatest of these is Charity

Masons in the early days of the guilds, before the Lodges were formed, recognized the importance of charity for the less fortunate, and on each Patron Saint's day they regularly provided funds for that purpose. For each Mason learns in the First Degree, "Charity ex-tends beyond the grave, through the boundless ages of eternity."

Accordingly, we Masons recognize there must be a greater charity than that of giving of our substance. And there is. It is the gift that no one else but you can give. It is the giving of our ourselves--the giving of time and talents in a thousand different ways to our churches, synagogues, our schools, our Lodges, hospitals, Little Leagues, Boy and Girls Scouts, Boys' Clubs, DeMolays, Rainbows, Jobs' Daughters and others. Through these acts we personally help the weak, the poor, the needy, the sick and those requiring our care and love.

Think for a moment of the giving of yourself by extending the charity of compassion to those with whom you may not agree. Or consider how Masons are the first to extend our hands in friendship to those who would spitefully use us. I once wrote, "The individual who would truly exemplify Brotherly Love comes closest to Heaven on Earth." I believe it!

It has been said that Masonic charity is the greatest of all virtues, for such charity is indeed the law of balance. And it is entirely conceivable that the guidance of the so-called Patron Saints of the medieval Masons indoctrinated a concern for others, a responsibility to the guild and subsequent Lodge members.

Thus down through the ages came the importance to the men of Masonry in the giving of charity or relief in its many forms including financial help and relief for the distressed in body, mind and spirit. How proud these early Masons would be to see the great philanthropic work of their counterparts today providing extensive humanitarian service to all mankind in the giving of themselves and their substance in a manner unparalleled in the history of the world. Masons do indeed have substantial cause to be proud of their heritage and their efforts to-day on behalf of all mankind.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Stated Meeting 7pm (?)	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12 OES #20 Stated 11am (?)
13	14	15	16	17 Pot Luck 6pm (?)	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Grand Visitation St. George 9am
27	28	29	30			

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