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Worshipful Master's Greetings

Well Brothers the Board of Trustees is moving along on the painting of the outside of the lodge building with just a few more details to work out.

As we will soon be moving into our "dark months" the Board of Trustees will keep meeting to get this and many more projects moving along. What a great group of brothers to work with on all our projects!

For you that are interested be sure to look at the trestle board for a look at what we do have

going on in lodge!

I would like to thank all of the brothers that accompanied me to the Camino lodge what a great time and meal! WM: Mike and his team did a great job of making us feel at home there!

We had the opportunity to see three brothers receive their 50 year pin and one brother who received his 40 year pin. What a honor to have been a part of the evening!

I hope you all enjoy your summer and be

safe on your Journeys. We will see you in the fall and God bless you all!



Senior Warden's Greetings

Here we are again. Half-way through our Masonic year, at Arlington Lodge. Our last meeting before going dark for the summer, is June 8th. Dinner is at 6:30; meeting at 7:30 PM. If you are a member of this lodge, or any lodge, please join us that night!

Recently, I became aware of a Masonic organization, funded by our Grand Lodge, but not a part of Grand Lodge. It is Washington Masonic Charities. Within this organization are four units: Children (or Youth programs), Library and Museum, Older

Adults / Community Outreach, and Scholarships.

There is an interesting anomaly among Masons. Ask ANY Mason for help, and if it's in his power to do something, he will! But, that same Mason will seldom, if ever, ask for help from his friends and Brothers. The Older Adult programs are designed for members of lodges, and the lodges themselves, to provide help for Seniors, and disabled, whether or not they are Masonically affiliated.

To attempt to bring these programs to Arlington, I am

asking everyone who reads this, and knows of any member, Past Master and widow, to email or call our Secretary, WBrother Ken Shotwell, at shotwell@seanet.com, (425) 923-0250, so we can update our records. Also, if we can help anyone, in anyway, please, feel free to call any of our Lodge Officers. It is our obligation to help one another, and I hope everyone will participate in this. I am particularly interested in making contact with widows and Past Masters.



Join in the fellowship at Lodge while sharing dinner before the meeting @ 6:30 PM; Donation of \$7.00 appreciated

Meeting & Program Schedule

May 11: Dinner 6:60; Stated Meeting 7:30.

May 25th: Dinner 6:30; Stated Meeting 7:30.

June 8th: *Hawaiian Shirt Night!!!! COME DECKED OUT IN YOUR BEST AND MAYBE UGLIEST SHIRT!!!* Dinner 6:30; Stated Meeting 7:30.

Remember Lodge is dark!!! June 22 through July & August.

JULY 4TH: ANNUAL PARADE....COME JOIN US IN WALKING WITH THE FLOAT.

September 14th: CASUAL DRESS NIGHT!

Dinner: 6:30; Stated Meeting: 7:30.

SEPTEMBER 21st: CITIZEN OF THE YEAR! 6:30 PM!!!!

September 28th: CASUAL NIGHT

Dinner: 6:30 Stated Meeting: 7:30.

October 12th: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dinner 6:30; Stated Meeting 7:00.

October 26th: PAST MASTERS NIGHT

Dinner 6:30; Stated Meeting: 7:00

WORDS WORTH REPEATING

Lives of great men all remind us;

We can make our lives sublime;

And, departing, leave behind us;

Footprints on the sands of time; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Ideals are like stars. You will not succeed in touching them with your hands but, like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides and, following them, you reach your destiny; Lower Colombia Trestle Board.

MASONIC QUIZ

1. Who are the Saints John?
2. Of what value has the Hebrew language to Freemasonry?
3. What does the name Boaz mean?

Happy Birthday!



Birthday Wishes For The following Brothers:

June:

Arthur Flores

Hank Qualey

FLAG DAY

In the United States, **Flag Day** is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution

of the Second Continental Congress.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is in Fairfield, Washington. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible excep-

tion of 1918, and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events.



Secretary's Message

Brethren, as we are fast approaching the "dark days" of our Lodge year.....I wish all of you a great and safe summer. I look forward to seeing each of you in September.

MASONIC QUIZ ANSWERS

1. St. John, the Baptist & St. John the Evangelist.
2. Because of the definitive nature of the alphabet making it a key to many words in Masonry.
3. Literally, fleetness, strength.



Happy Lodge
Anniversary to
the Following
Brothers

June:

Jim Weiss

James Stutzman

Jim Smith

MASONIC EDUCATION

THOSE SEEKING THE TRUTH

by Brother Terry Crosby Jr.

Let me open by saying that "bad" publicity is still publicity and that any seed when planted has the "potential" to grow.

I didn't grow up around Freemasons and as far as I know none of my relatives are Freemasons. So, as you can see, my knowledge of Freemasonry wasn't just limited, it was non-existent.

My journey to becoming a Freemason started with "bad" publicity. A co-worker of mine, at the time, was and still is an anti-Mason. There wasn't a night that didn't go by at work without some comment being made about the "evils" of Freemasonry. This constant onslaught of his opinions finally started to get to me. The hard soil (my head) opened up and accepted the seeds. Questions started sprouting up, my curiosity was piqued and I had to find out for myself if this group was as bad as he believed.

First things first, where did someone find information on a secret organization. I

do a lot of research on the Internet so I started there. For a "secret" organization I could not believe the wealth of info on the Internet. The more I dug the more I found. Sure there were the anti-Masonic sites as well as the good ones but a new perception was taking hold.

I started to read things about brotherly love, relief and truth. A necessity to believe in a supreme being. The true freedom of religion, nationality and opinion. Compassion for our fellow man. The practice of supporting your community and government. The need to strive for knowledge and wisdom. And I could go on and on but the main thing that really struck home was this simple concept, the practice of the teachings of Freemasonry makes a good man better.

This research was reinforced when I discovered that there were Freemasons right in my plant at work. The answers that I received to the many questions I asked followed what I had already read about on the Internet. I also learned that I had to petition the

lodge that I wanted to join and I learned a little about the process of becoming a member.

What a drastic difference this picture was compared to my first introduction to Freemasonry. In my heart, at this point in my journey, I felt that being a Mason was a good thing and that it was something I wanted to do.

From my first phone call to my becoming a Brother in this great fraternity, it has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. I want to thank all the Brothers in the Argus Lodge for their part in helping me on the road to my becoming a Mason. My deepest thanks goes out to my sponsors for opening the door and to my coach for helping me through it.

If you are someone who is looking to find out what Free Masonry is all about, don't do so with the motive of proving something or someone wrong or right. Do so to find the true answers to the questions in your heart and mind. The rewards of truth are immense.





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WMC MASONIC EDUCATION

MASONIC RELIEF

A lodge shall be the sole judge of Masonic charity. The Grand Lodge shall not invade the rights of a Lodge to appropriate funds for relief work.

A Master may draw upon the funds of the Lodge in response to an application for assistance or relief when the Lodge is not in session. The Lodge By-Laws shall specify the maximum amount permissible for such relief.

A Lodge may, by a provision of its By-Laws, create a special fund for charitable and relief purposes. The By-Laws shall specify the conditions and restrictions for receiving, holding and administering trust funds for such purposes.

A board of relief may be established by a Lodge, or by individual Brethren. A Masonic Relief Association may be established by agreement between two or more Lodges. Such Boards and Associations shall be guided by just and equitable principles of benevolence for dispensing relief.

Boards and Asso-

ciations shall publish and issue no later than April 30th of each year to each member Lodge an annual financial statement summarizing the following data for the previous calendar year:

- ◆ Cash Receipts
- ◆ Cash Disbursements
- ◆ Profit and/or Loss
- ◆ Assets on Hand
- ◆ Earning report and their distribution for the preceding year. In addition this report will include a budget plan for the year.

- A Lodge is under no obligation to pay the debts of a deceased members.
- A Mason's former wife has no claim on Masonry after she is legally separated from her husband.
- The wife and minor children of a Mason who has been suspended or expelled are not entitled to Masonic relief while he is under the sentence, nor after his death, should he die without being reinstated; and
- A Lodge is under no obligation to extend Masonic aid or privileges to Non-Affiliated Masons who have resided within

the Jurisdiction of the Lodge for one year without affiliating with the Lodge and contributing to its dues.

Any person claiming to be a Mason from another Grand Jurisdiction and applying for visitation to a Lodge in this jurisdiction or seeking monetary or other assistance from the Lodge shall be required. In the absence of personal avouchment, to exhibit a properly attested diploma, certificate, or other documentary evidence of his Masonic standing, if demanded by an member of the Lodge.

A Lodge or brother Mason Has no right to claim reimbursement for charity bestowed or relief given to the sick, needy or distressed or for expenses incurred in the burial of the Fraternal Dead.

Washington Masonic Code, Chapter 23-
Masonic Relief

Editor's Comments

Brothers, as you can see from the article above, I have re-started the series of citing various sections of the Washington Masonic Code. I

also intend to reenergize the trestle board with other information that hopefully will be both educational and informative. For example

were you aware of a program entitled "Proficiency in Lodge Management"? Stay tuned; we may all learn more!



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