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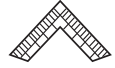
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Regular Communications

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm

From the East



David A. Patriarca · Worshipful Master

As you began the first steps of your journey into Freemasonry you were hoodwinked at the start of each of your first three lessons so that you may better hear their meanings and not be distracted by the surroundings of the lodge room.

Upon being brought to light during your third lesson your attention was directed to a symbol that denoted you have or were about to receive all the light that can be imparted to you in a lodge of master masons. Not to be confused with other light sources.

Each of us, whether Freemasons or not seeks light but what is light? When defining it we might associate it with education, experiences, knowledge or even understanding. What we can probably agree on is that in the absence of light there is darkness. There is where we began our journey into Freemasonry, in darkness to it's secrets and the lessons we were about to experience.

On being brought to light the lesson didn't end but rather continued and additional light was imparted upon us. You may then have joined an appendix body of Freemasonry and there began a journey seeking even more light.

As the Worshipful Master of a Lodge, you are not only entrusted with the tools and properties of the lodge but also with providing light to your members. This is often done through mentoring sessions or scheduling speakers at meetings and as Freemasons we will also continue to seek light during our usual vocations.

The lesson here today is only to remind you that although the hoodwink has been removed, if you fail to open your eyes, you will remain in darkness and miss so many beautiful lessons not only taught within the fraternity but more importantly those lessons taught in life. And so my brothers keep both eyes open and look for the answers to the

many questions that you may have and as you find your answers you will find the light shining brighter.

From the West



Michael A. Aladich, Jr. • Senior Warden

At our March Mentoring Committee meeting we discussed The Grand Lodge's Constitution and By-Laws, however the focus was solely on Title Four (Grand Lodge By-Laws). That being said, we did briefly touch on an extremely important piece of this document. So important in fact, it was designated the top spot, Title One, Landmarks. The Landmarks section of The Grand Lodge Of The Most Ancient & Honorable Society Of Free & Accepted Masons Of The State Of New Jersey is the cornerstone on which the institution of Freemasonry is erected. These statements are the pillars that support us as a Craft and are the core beliefs that we as masons have taken obligations to always keep in the forefront of our minds. I hope you all take some time to read each of our Ten Landmarks and remind yourself the severity of each statement, as this truly is the foundation on which our symbolic temple is built.

Title 1. Landmarks

As reported by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

1. Belief in God as the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler of the Universe.
2. The acceptance of the revealed Word of God as the rule and guide for our faith and practice, and its visible presence in every lodge.
3. The Grand Master is elected by the Craft, and holds office until his successor is duly installed. He is the ruler of the Craft and is, of right, the presiding officer of every assemblage of Masons as such. He may, within his jurisdiction, convene a lodge at any time or place and do Masonic work therein; may create lodges by his

warrant and arrest the warrant of any lodge. He may suspend, at his pleasure, the operation of any rule or regulation of Masonry, not a "Landmark." He may suspend the installed officers of any lodge and reinstate them at pleasure, and is not answerable for his acts as Grand Master. He may depute any brother to do any act in his absence which he himself might do if present.

4. A Masonic Lodge must have a Master and two Wardens, and, when convened for Masonic work, must be duly tyled.
5. No person can be made a Mason unless he is a man, freeborn, of mature and discreet age, of good character and reputation, and having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art and of being advanced to the several degrees, nor unless he apply for admission without solicitation, and take upon himself the Masonic obligations. Nor can he be admitted to membership in a Masonic lodge except upon a secret ballot by the brethren of that lodge.
6. Masons, as such, are equal, possess the right to visit every lodge or assembly of Masons where their presence will not disturb the peace and harmony of the same, and to appeal to the General Assembly of Masons, or its substitute, the Grand Lodge, whenever aggrieved by any act of a lodge.
7. The Master of a lodge, before his election as such, must have served as a Warden. He and the Wardens are elected by the members of the lodge, but hold their offices by virtue of the warrant of the Grand Master, until their successors have qualified. They are his representatives in a lodge, and are not, therefore, responsible to the lodge for their official acts, nor can they be tried or disciplined by their lodge during their term of office.
8. Every Mason, for Masonic purposes, is subject to the jurisdiction of the lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides.
9. The legend of the third degree; the means of recognition; the methods of conferring degrees; the obligations of those degrees

and the ballot of every brother are and must continue to be inviolably secret.

10. Ancient Craft Masonry includes only the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees.

From the South



David W. King · Junior Warden

“An it be within the length of your cable-tow”

The use of the cable-tow may seem strange however, it symbolizes the very essence of Masonry. The word *cable* in Hebrew is “khabel” and means rope. In our system of imagery which veils and yet reveals, it teaches to those who have eyes to see and are ready to learn it’s symbolism. The dictionary defines cable-tow as purely Masonic in it’s meaning however, Masonry has its own vocabulary.

If a lodge is a symbol of the world, our initiation is our birth into the world of Masonry, then the cable-tow is comparable to the cord which unites a child to its mother at birth. As the physical cord is cut and replaced by a tie of love and obligation, so too when the cable-tow is removed because the brother, by his oath is now bound by a tie stronger than any physical cable. What was once an outward physical restraint has become an inward moral constraint. Force is now replaced by love, an inner obligation and is now the basis of brotherhood.

An example may be found in the Holy Bible, I Kings 20:31,32, and is almost Masonic. The King of Syria, Ben-hadad had been defeated in battle by the Israelites and were making a plea for their lives. They approached the King of Israel ‘with ropes upon their heads’ and speak of their ‘Brother Ben-hadad’:

- 31 “His officials said to him, “Look, we have heard that the kings of Israel are merciful. Let us go to the king of Israel with sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads. Perhaps he will spare your life.”
- 32 “Wearing sackcloth around their waists and ropes around their heads, they went to the king of Israel and said, “Your servant Ben-Hadad says: ‘Please let me live.’” The king answered, “Is he still alive? He is my brother.”

The cable-tow was the visible symbol of a vow in which a man has pledged his life and has pledged to save another’s life at the risk of his own. The length and strength of the cable-tow is then the measure of a man’s ability to fulfil his obligation and his sense of the moral sanctities of his obligations. A testament to his moral character. Just as in his oath he agrees to forfeit his life if his vow is violated therefore pledging his life to the service of the Craft. He agrees to go to the aid of a Brother ‘if within the length of his cable-tow meaning, if within his power to do so. Becoming a great symbol that Masonry weaves between men, making them Brothers.

But, let us not forget that a cable-tow has two ends binding the Mason to the Fraternity and the Fraternity to each man in it. We see that the Fraternity is under obligation to it’s members to guide, instruct and train them for the services to both the Craft and humanity. Control, obedience and guidance; these are the three meanings of the cable-tow.

In closing, I would ask each Brother to reflect upon this when called upon to participate in functions in and about the Lodge. Remember, a Mason’s charity, including time and resources should be extensive. Thank you for continued support and I hope to see you in the Lodge!

SOURCES

The Holy Bible, I Kings 20:31,32

The Square Magazine

Webster’s Dictionary, Cable-Tow



Mason's Progress

Awaiting Ballot for Membership

Mr. Geoffrey Allen Chidley

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1992	Hank Pierre (Pyramid Lodge #92)	2004	Hank Pierre (Pyramid Lodge #92)
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1997	Michael A. Ramirez (Mariner's Lodge)	2016	Scott W. Daily (Beverly-Riverside Lodge)
2003	Scott Wiese (Princeton)		

In and About the Temple

Brethren, you and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to participate in the following Masonic events.

May

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| May 5 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| May 7 | 7:00 p.m.: | District Lodge of Instruction, hosted by Burlington Lodge #32, 2308 Mount Holly Rd, Burlington, NJ. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| May 8 | 6:30 p.m.: | Dinner followed by |
| | 7:30 p.m.: | Regular Communication. |
| May 12 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| May 19 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| May 22 | 6:30 p.m.: | Dinner followed by |
| | 7:30 p.m.: | Regular Communication.
Speaker: W.B. Larry Craver, on Blue Lodge, York Rite, and Scottish Rite history. |
| May 23 | 7:00 p.m.: | Grand Lodge of Instruction, hosted by Burlington Lodge #32, 2308 Mount Holly Rd, Burlington, NJ. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| May 26 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| May 27 | 11:00 a.m.: | Memorial Day Event, Bordentown City. |

June

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| June 2 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| June 4 | 7:00 p.m.: | District Lodge of Instruction, hosted by Beverly-Riverside Lodge #107, 621 Chester Ave, Riverside, NJ. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| June 9 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| June 12 | 6:30 p.m.: | Dinner followed by |
| | 7:30 p.m.: | Regular Communication. |
| June 16 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| June 17 | 6:00 p.m.: | Fellowship Dinner. <i>Roast Chicken.</i> |
| June 23 | 7:00 p.m.: | Rehearsal. <i>All officers must attend.</i> |
| June 26 | 6:30 p.m.: | Dinner followed by |
| | 7:30 p.m.: | Regular Communication. <i>Masonic Jeopardy.</i> |