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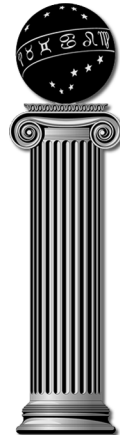
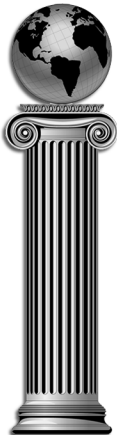
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# From a Brother



## The Door, the Floor and the Trinity of All Things. (Part I)

Strange thing, when you become a Mason, a Brother, you realize all that you thought you knew was nothing you knew, to find out all the answers were already there... When you took those first steps through that door, you realized you were blind, ready to be led into a ritual that would teach you to recognize the meaning of the light into which you were being brought. When we saw the checkerboard floor, all clean and radiant, you thought many things as a mortal man, but as you progressed you realized it is the template of your daily life, literally a chessboard, and you are one of the pieces in a sense, as well as the opponent against the most complex and astute adversary you will ever encounter, Life!

Just like the actual game itself can be lengthy so are the years of our lives, constantly in contemplation (once we have acquired certain knowledge) of our next move on the board, making the appropriate move to gain, and not bereave, our strengths, resources and ability to continue forward.

The Trinity of all Things is simple but complex, they are: Situation, Circumstance and Condition, the three factors that will determine anything and everything in all our lives, even "to whom, what, why, when and where" we bow and submit to the big three!

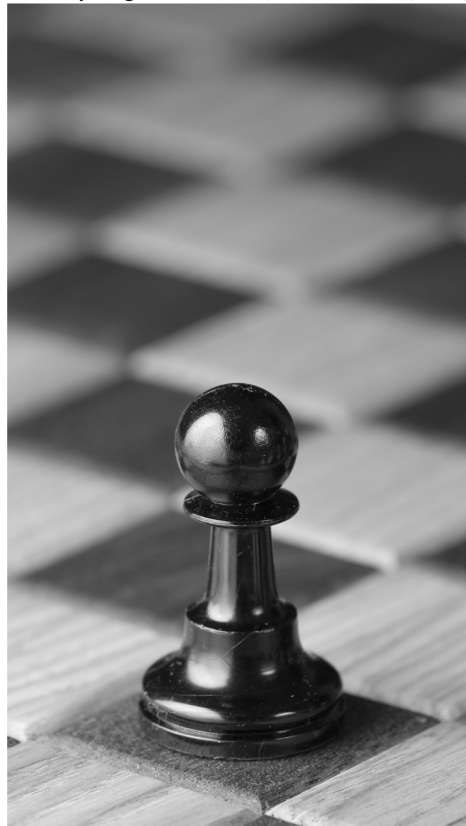
Will Masonry reveal to us the answers, the "what's and why's?" Does the strategy stay the same on the board of life? Will the "Will," if there is but one by the Divine Architect of the Universe, be carried out for our personal benefit?

Masonry will not give us the answers so to say, "it is or it will be," but in another more defined way designed for the individual as to whom it may be applied, and just as the strategy is so necessary on that board so is it in our daily movements through time and space, it will tell us that, as individuals, "We must share with all living things."

Freemasonry is one of many keys handed down to us, if not by Destiny, or by Fate, then by the "Big Three"!

To Be Continued...

Simbawani Anad,  
Provisional Tyler



# From the East



## Bidding Farewell to Summer 6014

As we say goodbye to Summer time and prepare for this year's Autumn, there are quite of few special items coming up for us all.

Grand Lodge's Annual Communication will be in San Francisco, October 10th-12th. I highly recommend attendance, especially for recently-Raised Master Masons (or anyone who has yet to attend) to witness what happens at the Grand Lodge level of our Fraternity. If you can R.S.V.P. for the Grand Master's formal banquet dinner on October 11th, it's a perfect way to celebrate with and show gratitude for Most Worshipful Cooper on the last night of his year Installed as Grand Master.

Also, on Sunday, September 28th, we will have our Grand Standard Bearer Reception for Worshipful Mahmoud Ghaffari and an Hiram Award presentation to Worshipful Masato F. Taguchi. It will be an historic event for our Lodge when we honor these two Worshipful Brothers. Definitely, it is a program that you will want to attend. Feel free to bring your spouse and friends (Reservations for attendance can be made via the PayPal button on the front page of our website at ).

Lastly, on Sunday, September 14th, we will have another public DVD screening hosted by our Esoterica Committee. From 1-3pm (and with light refreshments) we will screen "The Quantum Activist", a documentary by Amit Goswami, PhD on how quantum theory supports a deeper understanding of the nature of consciousness and expands our definitions of the Divine Creator, Whom we also call The Great Architect of the Universe.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer, Brethren!

Fraternally,  
K.L. Burgess, II,  
Master







# From the West



## A Cable's Length from Shore

The entered apprentice goes through his degree and learns his penalties, often not fully understanding some of the details, including the measurement of a cable length. We understand that it is a measurement of distance. But how and why was it chosen for our craft?

At the time that freemasonry was being formalized and lodges were being established, Great Britain was the world's major naval power. The British navy had its Articles of War, with which each enlisted man was familiar. The penalty for treason was to be hanged from the yardarm and then, after a suitable time, buried a cable's length from shore in the tidal flats, which was considered neither sea nor land; and it was where the garbage was also dumped, the proper place to bury a traitor. A cable's length was a term used in naval and maritime settings and this is more than likely the reason for such form of measurement to be included in our allegory.

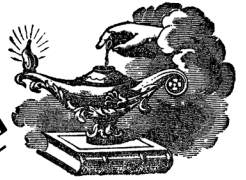
A cable is made by first twisting fibers into yarn and the yarn is then twisted the opposite direction, or counter twisted, into strands. Multiple strands are then counter twisted to form the rope. Several ropes are then counter twisted to form the cable. If it wasn't for each successive part being twisted the opposite direction the whole cable would unwind once tension was released, but the care paid to building to the cable's strength is based on the unity from the several parts composing it.

Now, all the cables on board a ship are all the same length. That's because of the length of the ropewalk where they are made. Some are 100 fathoms, while others could be as long as 130. In the British Navy, the standard length of a cable is one hundred fathoms, or six hundred feet. That was chosen because it is one-tenth of a nautical mile. Thus, we understand the cable's use a measurement of distance.

Adam Wolf,  
Senior Warden



# From the Lamp of Knowledge



## Cleopatra's Needle; And Its Link To Freemasonry

Greetings Brethren!

A few weeks ago at the Esoteric Club meeting I had the pleasure of sharing some information about "Cleopatra's Needle," an ancient Egyptian relic that resides today in Central Park, NYC. Since the presentation was well received, it seemed appropriate to share some of the details for those who were not in attendance that day.

As many of my brothers at Foshay know, I grew up in NYC and often travel there. As a child, I found the fact that an actual, ancient Egyptian relic stood in a lonely part of Central Park almost unbelievable. But what is more remarkable is how much more important this symbol from my childhood would become to me later in life.

Cleopatra's Needle was carved from the quarries of Aswan and originally erected in Heliopolis nearly 3500 years ago, in 1450 B.C. It was then moved to Alexandria and placed in the Caesarium, a temple built by Cleopatra. The needle is 69 feet high and weighs approximately 224 tons.

The needle was gifted to America by the Khedive of Egypt. But, what does this have to do with Freemasonry? Enter William H. Vanderbilt; tycoon, philanthropist and Freemason. Vanderbilt offered \$100,000 to anyone who could organize an effort to retrieve the obelisk from Alexandria. The offer was accepted by Henry Honeychurch Gorringe, a Lieutenant Commander of the US Navy, and also a Freemason. Vanderbilt and Gorringe then arranged a team of experts, (many of which were Freemasons) to set out on the expedition.

Through tremendous effort and engineering, a plan was born. The team arrived in Alexandria and began the monumental task. However, after lifting the obelisk off its pedestal, an amazing discovery was made. Gorringe and his team found what they believed to be indisputable symbols and artifacts connecting Freemasonry to the Obelisk and Ancient Egypt. In the pedestal they found a trowel, a square, a plummet, as well as a perfect cube of polished white syenite in the North East corner, a rough cube of syenite in the center of the pedestal and many other references that Freemason's would recognize. The find was confirmed by the GL of Egypt (they were not in exile at that time) and the decision was made to move not just the obelisk but the entirety of its pedestal, another 50 tons.

Once the obelisk arrived in New York (a journey worthy of its own article), the artifacts were again confirmed to be conclusively Masonic by the Grand Lodge of NY. The pedestal was painstakingly installed on the brow of a hill behind the Metropolitan Museum of Art, exactly as it was arranged in Alexandria.

In 1880, the Grand Master of Masons in NY led a parade of over 9,000 Masons in full regalia, up 5th avenue and into Central Park to Masonically lay the cornerstone of the Needle. The huge assembly ended the ceremony with a battery of three by three, which must have been quite a sight, and sound.

The Obelisk resides in the same location to this day, including all of the symbols found in its base. While there may be some debate about our connection to Ancient Egypt as Freemasons, it's safe to conclude that these great builders found similar inspiration in the same tools and emblems. These Operative Stonemasons and their speculative connection to these tools was enough to cement them for time immemorial, documenting their craft.

Fraternally,  
Bryan Godwin



# Chaplain's Prayer



## GREAT SPIRIT

To the Great Sprit in the Sky:  
The transition from birth to death is but a journey.  
A moment in life happens once.  
Some people live merely in the moment.  
Yet, others keep running and never stop.  
May each live his life to the fullest!  
May each never tire of the surprise and wonder of life!  
May brotherly love and affection be the world's motto!  
May each find a road to travel without pitfalls!  
May mankind heal itself and become stronger!  
And at last, Great Spirit in the Sky, may one's journey be filled with  
friendships, joys, and contentedness!  
Amen.

Edward Calzaretto,  
Chaplain



# From the South



## What is Freemasonry?

In a search for a better understanding of our craft,  
I found these interesting quotes that I would like to share.

Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, not easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God." "Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building, they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character."

--Louis L. Williams

"There are one-story intellects, two-story intellects, and three-story intellects with sky-lights. All fact collectors, who have no aim beyond their facts, are one-story men. Two-story men compare, reason generalize, using the labors of the fact collectors as well as their own. Three-story men idealize, imagine, predict, their best illumination comes from above, through the skylight."

--Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Freemasonry is 'veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols' because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also with the heart."

--C. H. Claudy

Sam House,  
Junior Warden





# Calendar

Meet the Masters & Candidate Education every Sunday 9AM - 2PM  
The lodge is open to guests and men inquiring about Freemasonry.  
Candidates may receive assistance with their Masonic Education.

## September:

Wed 3rd	Stated Meeting & Dinner 6:30pm
Thurs 4th	Building Assoc. Meeting 7:30p
Wed 10th	Lodge is Dark
Sun 14th	Esoterica Committee's public screening of "The Quantum Activist" DVD documentary...open to the public 1-3pm
Wed 17th	Officer Practice (3rd Degree & Grand Officer Reception)
Wed 24th	3rd Degree
Thurs 25th	Social Night
Fri 26th	ILL. ARTURO DE HOYOS, 33° Grand Cross at Santa Monica Masonic Center 7pm
Sun 28th	Grand Standard Bearer's Reception & Hiram Award Ceremony (rsvp for lunch) 1:00-5:00pm

## October:

Wed 1st	Stated Meeting & Dinner 6:30pm
Thurs 2nd	Building Assoc. Meeting 7:30p
Wed 8th	Degree or Practice
Fri 10th- Sun 12th	Grand Lodge's Annual Communication (San Francisco)
Wed 15th	Degree or Practice
Wed 22nd	Degree or Practice
Fri 24th	Prince Hall Day of Honor (rsvp for dinner) 7:00pm
Wed 29th	OSI (1st Degree) at Oasis Lodge 7:00pm
Thurs 30th	Social Night

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