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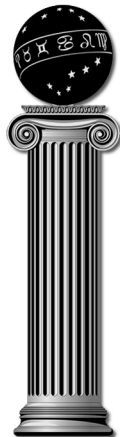
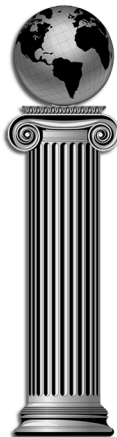
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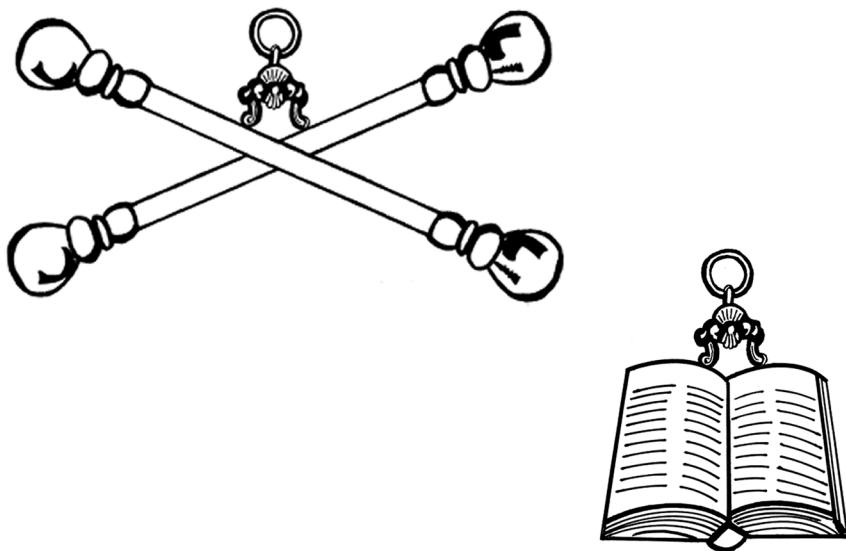
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- Sam House, Trestleboard Editor

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Very quickly, however, by the 1300s, marshal came to signify an official post, especially in government, usually very powerful. An example of this use can be illustrated by this line from the Scott's play Ivanhoe in 1819: "But High Marshal of England! That is indeed a prize worth playing for." One can assume the high ranks the word came to describe were a result of the importance of horses in the preindustrial world, especially to the military. In fact, along with various positions in court systems and law enforcement, marshal is commonly used in military terminology-as a noun to describe a high rank above even general (Field Marshal) and as a verb to describe the act of moving and arranging forces (to marshal the troops). The verb form of the word provides a meaning most relevant to Masonry-to count, usher, or arrange people for a specific purpose. For example, this quote describes organizing people into a review or procession: "We were marshalled in order and soon started." Those readers who have witnessed the 1st and 3rd Degrees of Masonry have seen our marshal performing this act, usually with some difficulty since many of our members have never quite learned where they are supposed to stand at key points.

Through this examination of these words' histories, we can better see the specific Masonic principles behind both the choice of the officers' titles and their designated duties. For variety, my next "Lamp of Knowledge" article may address a different topic, but later on I will return to this project and finish the word origins of our remaining officer positions. If anyone would like to see another significant word related to Masonry explored, or any other topic that may be interesting and instructive to discuss in this column, I take requests. Please let me know, and I'll do my best to essay it here in the near future.



From the East



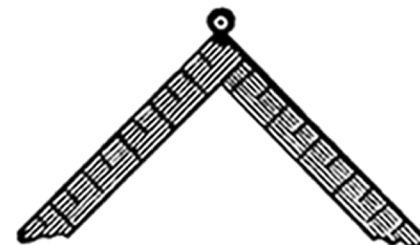
Why I Decided to Have No More than One Candidate Ceremony per Degree Night

First, candidates of all three degrees have gone through quite a time either to anticipate or prepare for getting their degrees. In the case of the Entered Apprentice, it is the anticipation, and in the cases of the Fellow Craft and Master Mason, it is the preparatory work, including memorization and attendance at meetings. These reasons in themselves are good enough to ensure that the night of a candidate's degree should be special and shared with no one else. Second, the lodge has convened and prepared for the degree only for the sake of that individual and not a group of them. Third, Masonry is not about bringing into our fold as many as we can. We are not nor should we be judged by how much or a certain quota we can fill. Our first and foremost effort is to take good men and make them better. We can only accomplish this, if we concentrate on one man at a time and not expect a group of them to become good only because we pass them all at one sitting.

One of the principal tenets of the kind of work I do is attention to detail. This also bodes well and should bode well in our Masonic lodges. By paying attention to this detail, that the night belongs to one brother and one brother only, we would have accomplished this task. Every detail of the program for that night is geared towards one brother. From calling out his name at several intervals in the degree (and not sharing that with any other brother), to the lecture which should be read only to him, by looking at him straight in the eye, to the congratulation and the speech he gives the lodge. At some point invariably the master also makes the mention that this night belongs "to you" and that "you have embarked on a journey." This Journey cannot be shared with other. He has to find his way and how to make himself better. It cannot be accomplished by following others nor by copying from another brothers' path.

I hope that we can continue this path and ensure that a brothers' journey stays special and memorable.

Fraternally,
Mahmoud Ghaffari, Master





From the West



Leapers, Tradition Holders and Bridge Builders

Last month, my article was a revisiting of the organizational tool, Solomon's Wheel, that Brother Wolf had mentioned was shared with us during the 2013 Master & Wardens Retreat. The Wheel is essentially a visual representation of the seven Foundational Principles that encompass the values of our Fraternity as a whole. Another bit of insight from the Retreat was, not only a review of our principles, on both individual and organizational levels, but a new perspective in understanding how the filter of personality patterns effects the subjective interpretations of our principles. The three distinct personalities that we explored were: The Leapers; The Tradition Holders; and The Bridge Builders.

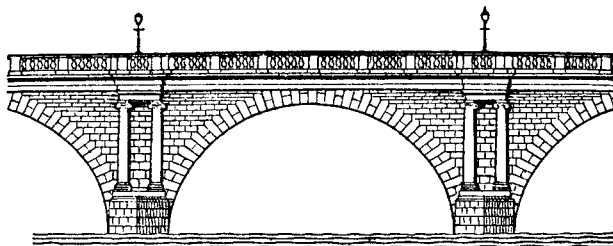
Essentially, The Leapers are the ones who propose and mobilize new innovations; The Tradition Holders preserve and maintain the continuity of our legacy, heritage and customs for countless future generations; and The Bridge Builders mediate between innovation and long-standing traditions through calculated research, analysis and exploration of the options to determine when is best to maintain and when or how is best to advance into new territory.

A healthy Lodge requires all three personality types to be well-represented and active. And a closer look will reveal that, ultimately, each individual Brother has some elements of each of the three types within him.

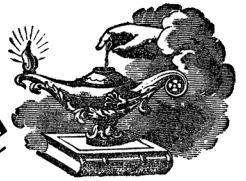
Let us be mindful of this as we celebrate our diverse perspectives while standing together, upon the level, of the tenets of our ancient and honorable Fraternity!

Fraternally,

K.L. Burgess II
Senior Warden



From the Lamp of Knowledge



Marshal and Chaplain

In last month's "Lamp of Knowledge" I began a series that explores the meaning and history of the lodge's officer names, in hopes that by understanding why a position was given a particular title, we may better comprehend the nature of that officer's role in our ritual. After steward and tyler last month, we now move on to chaplain and marshal.

The more straightforward of these two is "chaplain." It is derived from the Latin word cappella, which means "small cloak or cape." It was specifically used by the Frankish kings to describe a relic, the cappella of St. Martin, which was often carried into battle or used as a sanctified object before which one would swear obligations or oaths. Later, the word denoted the sanctuary in which the cappella was kept; the people set to guard it were called cappellani. Still later, in early French, the word became chapele, which then entered Middle English, soon lost the final e, and became chapel as we know it today; however, by this time it more generally described many types of holy structures (besides churches) and the chaplains were the attendants of the buildings. Often, chapels were private, say on a military base or a nobleman's estate, or perhaps a space devoted to worship in a college or prison. Their distinction from actual churches can be seen in this quote from 1875: "In the East, as the rule that there should be only one altar in a church has always existed, chapels have rarely formed parts of churches."

Chaplains themselves are clergy who conduct religious services in the private chapel of a sovereign, lord, or high official of a castle, garrison, embassy, college, school, workhouse, prison, cemetery, or other institution, or in the household of a person of rank or quality, in a legislative chamber, regiment, ship, and so forth. This is a significant distinction that supports the Masonic principle that the active Lodge is not a religious space in the same sense as a church or synagogue, which would have a minister or rabbi; the Masonic title of chaplain indicates someone who says and leads prayers, but in a private and non-religious venue.

The term "marshal" is somewhat more interesting in its origin and development. The word derives from a couple of Germanic roots—mare (horse) and shalk (servant). When it came into English, it was most likely to be spelled marescal, the first of thirty or more variant spellings. The original English meaning of the word was simply "horse servant" which came to replace an earlier English synonym, horsthegn. By calling one a marescal, or horse servant, one meant the profession more commonly known today as a "farrier," one who tends horses and treats their diseases and injuries.

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The Order of DeMolay & The International Order of Job's Daughters



A Primer for Supporting Higher Education

With the month of May having passed, Brother Michael Hartman has made the following recommendations in this article:

For suggestions for lodge involvement, read this HOW-TO article from The Leader. For more leadership opportunities, visit masons4youth.org

Support of higher education has been a hallmark of Masonic Charity. The California Grand Lodge Masonic Foundation publishes a Scholarship Guide each year with dozens of scholarships and interest-free loans available to high school seniors, under-graduate and graduate students. It is found at:

<https://www.freemason.org/doc/Scholarship%20Guide.pdf?id=20044>

Adult advisors of all three youth groups should endeavor to make members aware of these opportunities, and provide the necessary letters of recommendation so the selection boards can make educated choices on the most qualified students. Many of these opportunities are taken advantage of by few applicants, and often are not awarded due to lack of applications.

Another common misconception is that only the most active and participating members should be endorsed by adult advisors. This is not the case. Many members have made important contributions and participated in the groups for years during their early youth, and have been focused on their education and school extracurricular programs of late. Keep in mind that family and education must always come first, and that a holistic and well-rounded individual makes for an excellent candidate. Also, recommendations can come from ANY person who knows the member and can speak to their candidacy.

I would be remiss not to mention the numerous long-term savings plans available in the marketplace. Most popular is a 529 plan which offers unlimited contributions from unlimited participants, no age limits on use, available for all higher education through Ph.D programs, and flexibility to change beneficiary to any family member or even themselves without federal income tax penalty, and some states also offer deductions. Additionally, grandparent contributions to 529 plans are not counted against child financial aid eligibility, nor are grandparent direct payments to universities. Another strategy is to pre-pay and lock in future tuition at today's rates. Many investors have been purchasing investments with maturities due before the start of each year of school to ensure adequate funding is in place.

As members of Masonic orders, we have a responsibility to share the many charitable programs available to qualified students. The value of education, the encouragement we can provide cannot be overstated. Let's celebrate commencement of the 2013 student year by spreading awareness of these programs.

Fraternally,
Michael P. Hartman

From the South



Saints John

When our ritual states "As the sun at meridian height is the beauty and the glory of the day," what exactly is meant by meridian height and why is it so significant to us in our ritual? This is the apex of the sun and it is at its closest point to the earth diurnally at the Summer Solstice, which is approximately June 24th. This day has been adopted as the day honoring Saint John the Baptist, which parallels Saint John the Evangelist, who is celebrated December 27th or at Winter Solstice when the sun is at its nadir. Masons have honored these saints for as long as we can trace. The Grand Lodge of England was founded in London on St. John's day in 1717.

Who was Saint John the Baptist? He was described in the New Testament in the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Baptist, who was said to be a cousin to Jesus Christ, was known for his faith and duty to God, concepts universally familiar to every mason. He was known for baptizing believers in the Jordan River and teaching followers that they must not deviate from a righteous and devout life. Followers would flock to him to hear him preach of purification and repentance in the blazing midday sun. He was eventually beheaded by the order of King Herod. If we look back even further we see that celebrations were occurring on these dates, from ancient times and the medieval church renamed these holidays after the two saints. There is a certain universality of these holidays as they appear in many different cultures, both modern and ancient. Observances of the solar year became understood as the distinctions between day and night, with the high noon equating with the Summer Solstice and midnight respectively with the Winter Solstice. The summer was particularly important to operative Masons, as this was the time of year when they earned the majority of their wages due to the extended length of the day.

Every properly-fit lodge has the familiar two parallel lines with a point in the center. These lines represent the two Saints John and our Culver City-Foshay lodge peculiarly illustrates them with a set of columns in the East. The Master's chair in the East represents the rising sun. The two columns flanking the chair would line up with sun directly at the solstices. For instance the sun would rise at the one at the southernmost point at the Summer solstice (John the Baptist) and northernmost point at the Winter solstice (John the Evangelist).

As we approach our Summer solstice, let us challenge ourselves and help out with a project at the lodge, learn that extra bit of ritual, or volunteer to do some work at the Midnight Mission, or volunteer at the local animal shelter!

Fraternally,
Adam Wolf, Junior Warden





Secretary's Corner



Greetings Brethren,

Hopefully, you have received your request to select between your options of receiving a trestleboard by US mail (hard copy) or by e-mail (electronic copy). Many brothers have expressed their preference to have the trestleboard e-mailed to them. This is in part the reason why we sent out the inquiry.

We realize that the inquiry may have caused confusion and that although there is a financial savings to the lodge to e-mail the publications, we shall happily send hard copies to those brothers who prefer them.

If you have not received a copy of the trestleboard by US mail when it was your intention to have one, please contact the Secretary, Clarence Kussner, PM at (310) 398-7683, and we shall reinstate your name on the traditional mailing list.

The committee who composes the lodge trestleboard has worked hard to produce and attractive, inspiring publication and, with it, we hope you will continue to feel a genuine connection with your lodge.

Fraternally,
Clarence D. Kussner, PM,
Secretary



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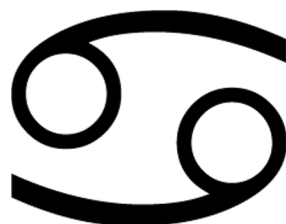
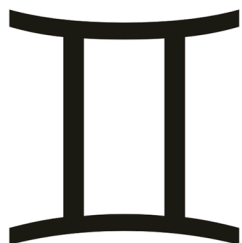
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June Birthdays



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Robert L. Stone	14th
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Nicholas W. Daniels	26th
Andrew R. Gonsalves	27th



If you would like to contact one of these Brothers to wish them a Happy Birthday, you may retrieve their contact information from www.freemason.org

Chaplain's Prayer



A Season of God in our Lives



Supreme Grand Master:
Time passes, seasons change.
There is a time to every season.

A time to be born and a time to die.

This is the rhythm of life.

**May we as God's creatures find comfort and joy
in our friendships and acquaintances!**

May we always help our fellow man!

May we wisely know our friends and foes!

**May those we love the most,
be the anchors in our lives.**

**And may we become better men
through a belief in Thee and our fellow men!
Amen.**

Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



Chef's Menu



Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Chicken Champignon

Sea Bass

Fresh Garden Salad

Au Gratin Potatoes

Mixed Garden Vegetables

French Vanilla Pudding

- Buffet \$15 -

The Stated Meeting Dinner is always at 6:30 PM,
one hour before the Stated Meeting of the Lodge,
which is the First Wednesday of each Month.

George J. Wollin, Tyler

Reports & Announcements



CONGRATULATIONS to our Newest MASTER MASON



Evan Holloway

&



Nathan Rainwater



Our Newest Entered Apprentices...
Simbawanie Anad and Issac Ayala



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.

June

5th	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
6th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
12th	First Degree	7:00 PM
19th	Special Dramatic Presentation (Alchemy)	7:00 PM
26th	OSI 1st Degree	7:30 PM @ Foshay
27th	Social night	7:00 PM

July

3rd	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
4th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
10th	Second Degree	7:00 PM
17th	Second Degree	7:00 PM
24th	Second Degree	7:00 PM
25th	Social Night	7:00 PM
30th	OSI 2nd Degree	7:30 PM @ Ionic
31st	First Degree	7:00 PM

June

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