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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho



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2020 Officers		Upcoming Meridian Temple and Activity Schedule (for updates, see http://www.meridianlodge47.org/calendar)
Worshipful Master	Chris Burgess	February 2020 Meridian Lodge #47 8 Temple Board 9:00 am 11 Stated Communication 7:30 18 MM° 25 MM° OES Chapter #66 4 Regular Meeting 28 OV practice 7:00 Job's Daughters Bethel 6 5 & 19 Regular Meeting 7:00 15 Pancake Feed Meridian Gems Rainbow 10 & 24 Regular Meeting 7:00 Treasure Valley DeMolay 13 & 27 Stated Meeting 7:00

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Upcoming 2020 Special Events

16 May Bike Show

22 October Trunk or Treat



All-Temple Cleanup

March 7, 2020

10:00 - ?

Lunch provided

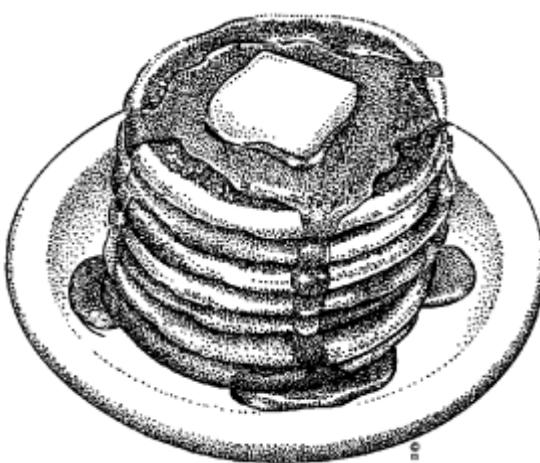
All Meridian Masonic bodies invited to participate

MERIDIAN MASONIC LODGE ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Meridian, ID, January 16, 2020-- The Meridian Masonic Lodge invites applications from worthy graduating high school seniors for its annual Charles Monger Memorial Masonic Scholarship. For many years, the Meridian Masonic Lodge has awarded scholarships to graduating seniors of Kuna and Meridian school district high schools who enrolled in further education the following semester. The scholarship program is named in memory of Charles Monger, whose dedication to the fund was instrumental to its success and is an inspiration to future generations.

The Charles Monger Scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior graduating from the West Ada or Kuna school district. Members of Job's Daughters International, Order of DeMolay, and Order of Rainbow in Idaho are also eligible. Three scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1000. To receive the award, scholarship winners must enroll in an institution of higher learning in the fall term immediately following their graduation. Acceptable post-high school educational institutions include universities, colleges, junior or community colleges, and trade schools.

Selection is based primarily upon an essay written by the applicant, but also considers activities engaged in during high school, including awards, extracurricular activities and projects, community service and/or personal achievement. A written recommendation/character reference from a teacher or counselor will also be required. Awards are not based on grades, but all applicants must show that they are capable of successfully continuing their education after high school. Further information about the scholarship, including downloadable applications, may be obtained at the scholarship web site, www.meridianlodge47.org/scholarship. Applications are due by March 31, 2020.



Pancake Feed

Job's Daughters Bethel 6

February 15th, 2020

Meridian Masonic Temple

8:00 - 11:00am

\$5 for single and \$15 for a family of 4



Raffle Ticket Sales Begin

Proceeds benefit the

Charles Monger Memorial
Masonic Scholarship

\$5 per chance or 3/\$10

Masonry's "Three-Point Lessons"

Freemasonry has for centuries created various concepts and descriptions of 'good work' or the "right way of living," as lessons to its members.

Often, these concepts consist of what can be called "three-point lessons. "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," and "Faith, Hope, and Charity" are perhaps most quoted of these "three-point lessons."

They are thoughts that help Masons build character and pursue the tenets of our institution during a diligent, creditable and honorable life. In fact, those last three concepts are mentioned to a Worshipful Master when he is being installed: "You are to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law, to work diligently, live creditably and act honorably by all men."

According to Albert G. Mackey, "In Freemasonry, the ternary (composed or arranged in threes) is the most sacred of all the mystical numbers." In fact, Mackey says in his Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, "Everywhere among the ancients, the number three was deemed as the most sacred of all numbers."

He adds: "There are in all the degrees three principal officers, three supports, three greater and three lesser lights, three movable and three immovable jewels, three principal tenets, three working tools in the Fellowcraft, three principal orders of architecture, three chief human senses, three Ancient Grand Masters. "

In a 2006 issue of MSA's Short Talk Bulletin, the point is made: "The preponderance of triads, or sets of three items, strikes the newly made Mason. In Freemasonry, there seems to be three of everything.

The columns described in our work may represent Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Entered Apprentices are taught to serve with "Freedom, Fervency, and Zeal." Fellowcrafts are admonished to utilize the "Attentive Ear, Instructive Tongue, and Faithful Breast."

Freemasonry teaches us to "judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice. '

This writer's personal favorite is the "three" that comes from the Entered Apprentice lecture, when the candidate is told that the lambskin he has just received is 'a never-ending argument for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements. "

When he was Grand Master of Indiana in 2004, Richard J. Elman wrote that our goals should include "Making Freemasonry recognizable, desirable and honorable." Perhaps this is a new set of "three-point lessons" for the future.

Think about it. What is your favorite Masonic "three-point lesson?"

MWPGM George O. Braatz, Grand Lodge of Ohio
Past Executive Secretary Masonic Service Association
Emessay Notes, December 2019

Money for College or Trade School

Charles Monger Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by Meridian Lodge #47, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Amount: \$1000

Eligibility: Seniors graduating from the West Ada or Kuna School Districts, or, Idaho members of Job's Daughters International, Order of DeMolay, or Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Deadline: March 31, 2020

Applications and instructions available at:

www.meridianlodge47.org/scholarship

or write to

MongerScholarship@gmail.com

