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Greetings from the East



How is a Mason made? Is it the conferring of the Degrees, the Obligations? Are we true Masons when we reach the Third Degree? Could wearing the hat of the Worshipful Master make us a Mason?

Recently I read an article by Dewey Wollstein, Past Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Georgia. In the article he points out that there is a "danger line" in every mason's life. There is a point where we cease to be the Candidate and become the audience of Masonry. Instead of maintaining an active role in the lodge we become complacent. We lose the viewpoint of a Candidate and no longer seek light.

As Masons it is necessary for us to participate in each degree as if we were the Candidate. By such actions we may hear a word or phrase that may open a new door for us in Masonry. We may be inspired to ask questions and seek answers to the new found Masonic lessons behind these doors. In finding answers to our questions, we may then share this with our brothers. Increased participation by all will bring great fellowship to the lodge. Ask yourselves "What is it that you most desire?"

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

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Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it of taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort.

- Carl H. Claudy

STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS



Appendant Bodies Word Search

There are eight (8) appendant bodies hidden in the puzzle below. Can you find them?

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T D E B F J G T Q O X R R
A S C O T T I S H R I T E
L H H Z V R K C I G S B N
L E L R K C L M R F Q O R
C D T R I Y G O N J O I U
E Z O B T N T S E J N Y O
D Y J Z N T E Q T G I M J
A U I U O T L R U J R M O
R E A S T E R N S T A R S
S E V L E W T H G I H P A
C Q C T H A P D Z I U G J

Eastern Star Grotto High Twelve Scottish Rite Shriners Sojourners Tall Cedars York Rite



FAMOUS FREEMASON: Edgar Mitchell



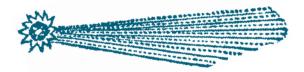
Edgar Mitchell is an American Naval Officer, aviator, test pilot, aeronautical engineer, parapsychologist, and NASA astronaut. Mitchell became a Naval pilot in 1954 after completing Officer Candidate School the year before in Rhode Island. After serving in Okinawa and on two US aircraft carriers, Mitchell was accepted by NASA in 1966.

Mitchell was a backup Lunar Module pilot on Apollo 10. He served as Lunar Module pilot on Apollo 14. In 1971 Apollo 14 landed on the moon in the Fra Mauro Highlands region of the lunar surface. He became the 6th person to walk on the lunar surface.

Mitchell has a strong belief in the Paranormal. On his return trip from the moon in 1971 he conducted experiments in ESP with friends on Earth. He has also made strong claims about the existence of aliens and the authenticity of the Roswell UFO incident. At one point he made reference to a "cabal of government insiders" hiding the truth about the Roswell incident. He has since made it clear that was his own speculation.

In his youth Mitchell was a Boy Scout and a member of the Order of DeMolay. He was inducted into the DeMolay hall of fame. Edgar Mitchell is a member of Artesia Lodge No. 29 in New Mexico.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



We humans are fragile beings. Doesn't matter how large or how small we have grown, a carelessly spoken word or unthinking action can injure us. Too often too few of us stop to consider the impact that the words and ac-

may adversely affect another person.

Remember the adage, "You have but one chance to make a favorable im-

tions we employ

pression"? You also have just one chance to preserve a friendship.

As Freemasons, we are taught to act and speak with the concern that another may interpret us much differently than we intend. Once a feeling is hurt the healing process may take a long



time. We've all known Lodge members who refuse to darken our doors again because of some misunderstanding. No amount of apologies has closed the wound that was opened by a misspoken word or act.

Creating an awareness of this human vulnerability and striving to use greater caution during our conversations, within as well as outside the Lodge, we can become guiding examples of the love the Great Architect of the Universe wants us to show. We must learn to practice charity, reverence, goodwill and peaceful existence at all times.

Bro. Phil Keyes

Chaplain

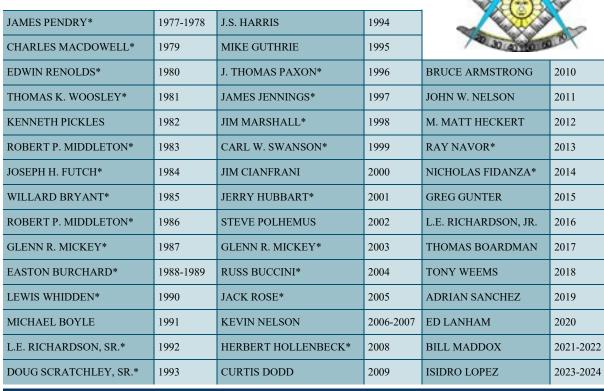
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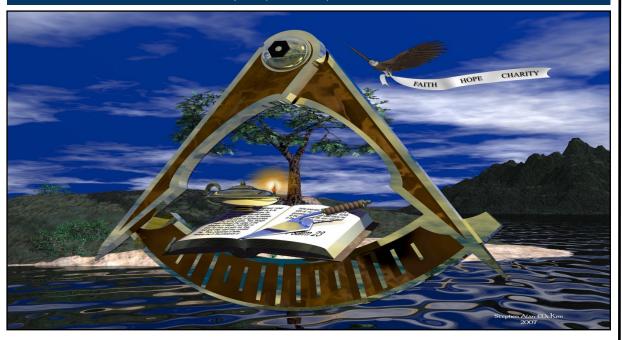


PAST MASTER





* Indicates Deceased



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