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March 9 March 23



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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brothers - I hope this Trestle Board finds you well. It appears that there is a light at the end of the tunnel! More light, as the COVID is better understood. We had individually contained sandwiches at our last meeting. I will strive to have something along these lines at all meetings in the future.

Brother Richard Williams will be balloted on at our first meeting in March. He has petitioned the Lodge for affiliation. The Widows and Past Master's Barbeque is slated for April 18th, at W.: Tom Boardman's home. If you plan to attend, please contact him. You could do that at the 2nd and 4th meetings on Tuesdays. The gavel drops at 7:30, and a lite meal at 6:30.

It was good to see Brother Jack Geisinger, W∴ Eddie Reynolds, and Brother Kenny Wingard back among the Brothers. Do drop in, we'd love to see you.

Yours in Christ, W∴ Bill Maddox, PM Worshipful Master



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

The Gentleman in the room

As Masons we all know the two subjects that are prohibited from being discussed in Lodge: politics and religion. It's okay to have these discussions, just do it outside the Lodge.

This is where you are called upon to be gentlemen. There is no need to be confrontational. That's only going to make matters worse. If you feel a person's statements need to be addressed, do so with the same harmony and brotherly love you find in Lodge. Set the example. Be the gentleman in the room.

In public, remember that you are the greatest symbol of Freemasonry that your friends, coworkers and neighbors know. People will be listening and watching. Will they see a Mason discussing a topic rationally and without personal attack? Will they hear a Mason speaking his mind without anger or malice?

Remember who you are and what you have been taught. Remember who you represent in the eyes of society. Speak your mind, enter into civil debate, challenge the statements of others, but do it as a gentleman and a Mason.

Be the Gentleman in the Room!

Stay safe, brothers! See you in Lodge. R∴W∴ Ed Lanham, PDDGM Senior Warden



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

In light of the fact I have missed some meetings and will be out a few more due to my work, I don't really have a column for the trestle board this month. However, I would offer these words of wisdom from a famous Mason instead:

"Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can see"

—Samuel Langhorne Clemens aka Mark Twain Polar Lodge No. 79 St Louis, Missouri

Fraternally, W∴ Greg Gunter, PM Junior Warden



FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Spring greetings my Brothers. I hope this finds you all healthy and doing well. While the health of many individuals is fading, the health of the Lodge is likewise in peril. We have lost members through health concerns, moving away, and general loss of interest. The list of those who have not yet paid dues for 2021 is much longer than I like to see. Our Lodge will survive only with your support. It is up to each one of us to step up and become active and stay active in our Lodge. Come out and spend some time with a great group of guys. You will find it well worth your time and the Lodge will grow and prosper.

Fraternally, Nicholas S. Fidanza, PM Secretary



THE CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

The term "Light" has special significance to us as Freemasons, especially when it is preceded by the word "more". Light also has great significance throughout the Book of the Holy Word which is useful in guiding our daily actions. We are constantly urged to peruse its pages and gain a greater understanding as to the reasons for the special significance of Light.

In Genesis 1:3-4 (NRSV), the opening verses of the Bible, we find: "Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness."

As the memory of this verse "lights" up our minds you may recall several other aspects of our Masonic training and teachings, and delve even deeper into your Bible for more insight to these valuable teachings.

Phillip Keyes Chaplain



Past Masters

JAMES PENDRY*	1977-78	JIM CIANFRANI	2000
CHARLES MACDOWELL*	1979	JERRY HUBBART*	2001
EDWIN RENOLDS	1980	STEVE POLHEMUS	2002
THOMAS K. WOOSLEY*	1981	GLENN R. MICKEY*	2003
KENNETH PICKLES	1982	RUSS BUCCINI*	2004
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1983	JACK ROSE*	2005
JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984	KEVIN NELSON	2006-07
WILLARD BRYANT	1985	HERBERT HOLLENBECK*	2008
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1986	CURTIS DODD	2009
GLENN R. MICKEY*	1987	BRUCE ARMSTRONG	2010
EASTON BURCHARD*	1988-89	JOHN W. NELSON	2011
LEWIS WHIDDEN*	1990	M. MATT HECKERT	2012
MICHAEL BOYLE	1991	RAY NAVOR	2013
L.E. RICHARDSON, SR.*	1992	NICHOLAS FIDANZA	2014
DOUG SCRATCHLEY, SR.*	1993	GREG GUNTER	2015
J.S. HARRIS	1994	L.E. RICHARDSON, JR.	2016
MIKE GUTHRIE	1995	THOMAS BOARDMAN	2017
J. THOMAS PAXON*	1996	TONY WEEMS	2018
JAMES JENNINGS*	1997	ADRIAN SANCHEZ	2019
JIM MARSHALL*	1998	ED LANHAM	2020
CARL W. SWANSON*	1999		

*Indicates Deceased

