LaBelle No. 379 Free & Accepted Masons



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AUGUST 2023

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Greetings from the East



It is hard to believe that over half of the year has passed by. The Lodge received two petitions that had their first reading at our last meeting. These petitions will follow the usual

course and hopefully we will be having an Entered Apprentice degree soon.

I would like to thank all those who attended our last meeting and witnessed the great catechism work by Brother George Benjamin. We will soon be scheduling his Fellow Craft Degree.

We will be having a First Responder Appreciation night on October 10. Please come out and show your appreciation for our local First Responders.

Fraternally yours, Isidro "Izzy" Lopez, PM Worshipful Master Phone: (239) 462-2101

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STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

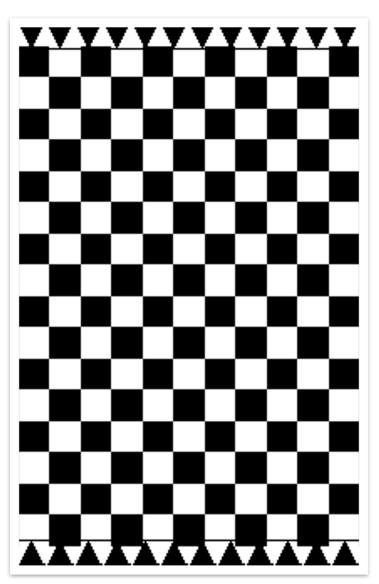
August 8

6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Meeting

August 22

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THE PLUMB

By Bro. Neal A. McCauley (From The Builder, Anamosa, Iowa, August, 1915)

Build up your life like the temple of old With stones that are polished and true; Cement it with love, and adorn it with gold As all Master builders should do:

Upon a foundation, well chosen and strong,
Build now for the ages to come:

Make use of the good, while rejecting the wrongAnd test all your work with the plumb.











Quote of the Month

"There is no telling how many miles you will have to run while chasing a dream. Persistence and perseverance is the key. I may not be there yet, but I'm closer than I was yesterday."

Brandon Garic Notch







CHAPLAIN'S NOTES



Rabbi Binyamin Elon, a member of the Israeli Knesset, wrote: "I believe that if you do not know how to read the Bible, you cannot understand a daily newspaper. If you do not know the Biblical story of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you cannot possibly understand the miracle of the modern State of Israel."

Israel declared itself an independent nation in 1948 just after World War II and the murder of 6 million Jews by Nazi Germany was daily headlines around the world. Israel claimed an area at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, about the size of New Jersey, that was controlled by larger and more powerful governments. Today Israel has a population of about 9 million people and is almost constantly in jeopardy of attack from anti-Semitic neighbors.

Rabbi Elon based his remarks on Biblical facts. Facts which placed the nation in a part of the "Land of Milk and Honey," promised to the Jews by God in the Book of Genesis. There is much to be learned from reading the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments. That is where us Gentiles received the blessing of God's salvation.

Phil Keyes Chaplain

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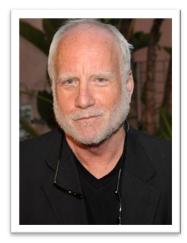
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FAMOUS FREEMASON

Richard Stephen Dreyfuss





Richard Stephen Dreyfuss is an American actor and activist.

Dreyfus was born in Brooklyn, New York on October 29, 1947. His father disliked New York and moved the family first to Europe, then to Los Angeles. Dreyfus attended Beverly Hills High School. He attended San Fernando Valley State College which is now California State University, Northridge. During the Vietnam War, he was a conscientious objector and spent two years in alternate service as a clerk in a Los Angeles Hospital.

Dreyfus began his acting career in his youth, first starting at the Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills Arts Center and Westside Jewish Community Center. His career would span across television, movies and live theatre. In the 1960's he appeared in such television shows as *Gidget*, *Peyton Place*, *That Girl*, *Bewitched* and *The Big Valley*.

Also in the 1960's Dreyfus began appearing in films. His first film role was in the movie the *Graduate*. In the movie he has one line, "Shall I get the cops? I'll get the cops". In 1973, he appeared in *American Graffiti* with Harrison Ford and Ron Howard. In 1975 he starred in the movie *Jaws* and in 1977 in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* - both were directed by Steven Spielberg.

In 1978, Dreyfus beat Marlon Brando's record for the youngest recipient of a Best Actor Academy Award. Brando's record was set when he was 30 years and 360 days old. Dreyfus was 30 years and 125 days old. The Academy Award was for the move *The Goodbye Girl*. In the movie he plays a struggling actor who falls in love with a woman who is occupying the apartment he sublets with her 10 year old daughter.

Dreyfus continues to act and lend his voice to a variety of parts. He reprised his role from the movie *Stand By Me* when he did a voice on the show *Family Guy* in episode *Three Kings* (also 3 *Kings*). In the episode the show spoofs three Stephen King based movies including *Stand By Me* which is based on a novella by King called *The Body*.

Outside of acting, Dreyfus started The Dreyfus Civics Initiative (TDCI). The purpose of the organization is advocate for the teaching of civics in a pre partisan way, giving young people a foundation in what civics are before the rhetoric of the political landscape are brought into the debate. TDCI reflects Dreyfus' belief that civics in American education are critical to future generations and that America is a nation dependent on unique ideas and values which were established during the Enlightenment. That those values and ideas are what make up the Constitution, Preamble and the Bill of Rights.

Dreyfus has also been an outspoken critic of the media in politics and in forming pubic opinion. He has expressed sentiments in favor of right to privacy, freedom of speech, democracy, and individual accountability.

In June of 2011, Dreyfus was made a mason "at sight" and was made a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of the District of Columbia.



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CHARLES MACDOWELL*	1979
EDWIN RENOLDS*	1980
THOMAS K. WOOSLEY*	1981
KENNETH PICKLES	1982
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JOSEPH H. FUTCH*	1984
WILLARD BRYANT*	1985
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1986
GLENN R. MICKEY*	1987
EASTON BURCHARD*	1988-1989
LEWIS WHIDDEN*	1990
MICHAEL BOYLE	1991
L.E. RICHARDSON, SR.*	1992
DOUG SCRATCHLEY, SR.*	1993
J.S. HARRIS	1994
MIKE GUTHRIE	1995
J. THOMAS PAXON*	1996
JAMES JENNINGS*	1997
JIM MARSHALL*	1998
CARL W. SWANSON*	1999
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