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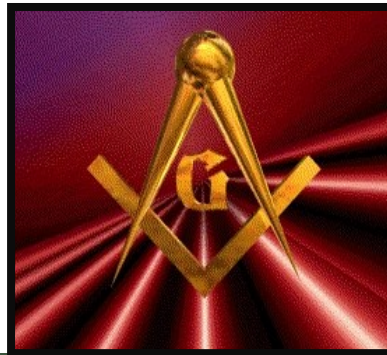


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Greetings from the East

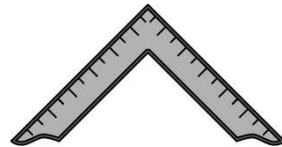


Join me in congratulating our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother George Benjamin. Thank you to all the Brothers that attended and made it a memorable time for Brother Benjamin. Let us

all remember that as we were once the youngest Entered Apprentice Mason, that we should be ready and willing to assist the newly-obligated Brother through his Masonic journey.

It is always a great sight to see the lodge filled with members welcoming our new Brothers. I encourage all of our members to come out for great fellowship.

Fraternally yours,
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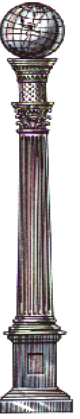
STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS

July 11

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting

July 25

6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting



We would like to wish Bro. Denver Smith and his family the best of luck on their move to Indiana.

*Safe travels
and Godspeed!*



Congratulations to Bro. George Benjamin on being initiated an Entered Apprentice!

HOW TRUE

By Bro. Anse Cates

Oh, yes, we are all Craftsmen
and very proud to be;

We wear our pins and rings
for everyone to see.



But let us pose the question,
even though the thought may sting-

Would you know me for a Mason,
if you did not see the ring?



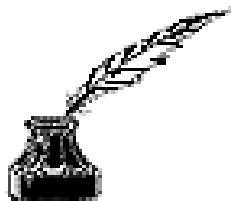
True we show Tenets
of our ancient hallowed Creed.

Not just on coat and finger,
but by words and deeds.



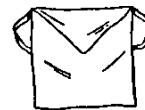
There's one thing to remember,
if I've learned my lesson well

My deeds do more convincing
than my finger or lapel.



Freemasonry
The Grand Architect of the Universe
Gave Us the Canvas.....
What Picture Will You Paint?

Stephen A. McKim 2004



Quote of the Month

“Educate your children to self-control, to the habit of holding passion and prejudice and evil tendencies subject to an upright and reasoning will, and you have done much to abolish misery from their future and crimes from society. “

— Bro. Benjamin Franklin



CHAPLAIN'S NOTES



Two words, “Under God”, were inserted into the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954 and were added partly to distinguish the United States from the atheistic Soviet Union. This was during a time when the Cold War was raging and the Russian Government was expanding its efforts to spread communism. While adding “Under God” came long after the Pledge was first introduced, the words certainly reflect what has been a part of America’s heritage since the beginning years of our republic.

Worshipful Brother General George Washington in 1776 wrote in his General Orders to his army: “the fate of unborn millions will now depend, Under God, on the courage and conduct of this army.” At the dedication of a military cemetery on the battlefield at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln said; “We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, Under God, shall have a new birth of freedom.”

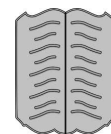
America was founded on the Godly principles of freedom and a belief in Divine authority. Our beloved fraternity has long embraced these ideals and today stands with other patriots in defending and promoting the concept of “Under God”.

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FAMOUS FREEMASON



Paul Revere



Paul Revere was an American silversmith, merchant and patriot in the American Revolution.

Revere was born in the North End of Boston on December 21st, 1734. Revere left school at 13 to apprentice with his father, a silversmith.

In 1754 Revere's father passed away and Revere was too young to become the master of the family silver shop. In 1756 he enlisted in the provincial Army to serve during the 7 years war, known in the America's as the French Indian War. His time in the Army was very short and by 1757 he was back in Boston and was married to Sarah Orne.

In 1765 the economy in the colony's was not good and was made worse by the Stamp Act. This caused Revere's business to falter and for a brief time Revere took up dentistry.

Also in 1765 the Sons of Liberty formed and coincidentally met at the Green Dragon, the same meeting place as St. Andrews Lodge. Frustration over a variety of policies coming from England and King George III had Revere making a variety of engravings about the events occurring in Massachusetts at the time including the Boston Massacre and a bowl commemorating the Massachusetts assembly's refusal to retract the Massachusetts Circular Letter. The Massachusetts Circular Letter called for colonial action against the Townsend Acts.

In 1773 Revere along with several Sons of Liberty companions boarded the merchant ship Dartmouth, dumping the tea in it's hold into Boston Harbor. The event now known as the Boston Tea Party was further protest to the Acts of King George III and England.

In 1774 a year before his famous ride, Revere rode to Portsmouth New Hampshire on rumors the British were landing troops there. The Portsmouth Alarm as it is now called turned out to be a false alarm, it did inspire a rebel assault on Fort William and Mary where gun powder supplies were seized from 6 British soldiers guarding the fort.

On April 18 1775 Revere's famous ride took place. Riding from Charlestown to Lexington Revere avoided British patrols until being stopped just short of Lexington by a British roadblock. Held captive with other patriots Revere used every opportunity to warn the British soldiers not to continue on to Lexington. Eventually Revere and the other captives were able to scare off the soldiers who released them and returned back to the main British unit.

Revere was able to help John Hancock, one of the leaders of the revolution, and his family escape from Lexington.

During the American revolution, Revere was a military leader and participated in many battles and events of the war, some positive and some utter failures like the Penobscot disaster.

Revere passed away on May 10th, 1818.

Revere was a member of St. Andrews Lodge in Boston and was the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts from 1794 to 1797.



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