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Greetings from the East



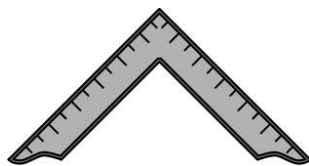
Greetings Brethren,

First I would like to remember Worshipful Nick Fidanza. He will be greatly missed by the brethren of LaBelle Lodge.

Congratulations is in order to our two newest Entered Apprentices, Bros. Jacob Cuellar and Kyle Mayne. We are looking forward to assisting in their Masonic journey.

Please remember that we have our fund raiser set for December 15. We will need assistance with this endeavor.

Fraternally yours,
Isidro "Izzy" Lopez, PM
Worshipful Master
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STATED COMMUNICATIONS SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS



October 10

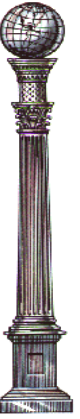
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October 24

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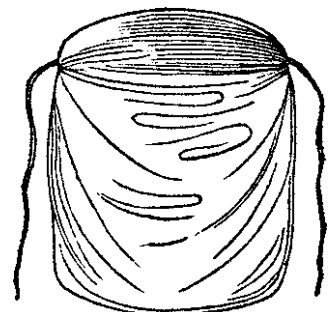


A memorial service for our Worshipful Brother Nicholas Fidanza is going to be held on NOVEMBER 19, 2023. It will be at the Carlson Methodist Church located on 310 Campbell St. in LaBelle, beginning at 2pm.

Worshipful Bill Maddox will deliver a Eulogy and Worshipful Tom Boardman will be officiating a Masonic memorial service.



Please join us in welcoming our newest Entered Apprentice Brothers Michael Castillo from Sugarland No. 281, Kyle Mayne and Jacob Cuellar from LaBelle No. 379.



REMEMBER YOU'RE A MASON

By Robert Pinkerton

When the pressures of recession
Make us concentrate on greed,
Take heed, a worthy Mason
Cares about another's needs;

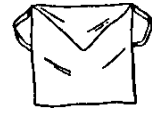
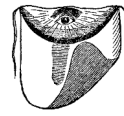
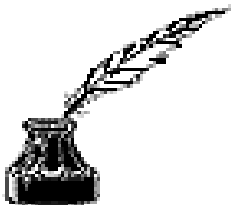
Don't let pressures of the moment
Make your obligation sway,
Stop and help a fallen brother
Or another by the way;

What you give is like a bubble
Whenever you assist,
What it costs in time and trouble
Is, soon after, never missed;

Brother, bear that obligation
You accepted on your knee,
It's in direct relation
To your own security;

Never hesitate, my brother
Square your actions now and say,
"I'll remember I'm a Mason,
"And behave like that today;"

"With regard to human kindness
And the 'Golden Rule', I pray,
I'll remember I'm a Mason...
And behave like that today."



Quote of the Month

"We are committed to excellence in our lives and we are not willing to compromise ourselves for the sake of popularity. One time, the great German mathematician, Karl Gustav Jacobi, was asked why he decided to spend his life at work in such an obscure field. He replied, 'For the honor of the human spirit.' That is the reason why we, as Masons, give our lives affirming our beliefs in moral conduct, brotherhood and compassion. We do it for the honor of the human spirit."

—Stanley F. Maxwell



CHAPLAIN'S NOTES



Brother Allen E. Roberts has authored numerous books and articles, and conducted seminars for over 40 year in support of Masonic education and leadership training.

"Every person in this room knows something no one else knows," he is credited with saying to emphasize the truism of his statement. His lecture was reinventing the wheel. "A wise

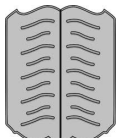
leader seeks to improve on previous ideas as did Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. Both improved ideas of others and made the world a better place for all of us. At first the personal computer was available only to wealthy businesses, but people improved them and the world's communications system has been revolutionized. For hundreds of years Freemasonry has been the leading fraternal organization in the world. The morality of man has been set, it has stood for justice for all people, and has been far ahead of its time. By taking ideas from our past we can more quickly achieve our goals of today.

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FAMOUS FREEMASON



Harry Houdini



Born March 24, 1874 - Died October 31, 1926

Harry Houdini was a Hungarian-born American Illusionist and Stunt Performer.

Houdini was born on March 24th, 1874 in Budapest, Austria-Hungary (now just Hungary) as Erik Weisz.

Houdini arrived in the United States on July 3rd, 1878 with his pregnant mother and four brothers. The family settled in Appleton, Wisconsin where his father served as a Rabbi. In 1887 the family moved to New York City, New York.

Houdini began his magic career in 1891 and initially had little success. He changed his name to Harry Houdini after a French magician named Jean Eugène Robert-

Houdini. He initially focused on card tricks and even billed himself as the "King of Cards." Most magicians at the time saw Houdini as a competent magician, lacking the finesse for slight of hand magic. Before long he started experimenting with escape acts.

In 1893, while performing with his brother "Dash," Houdini met his future wife Bess. She joined the act and a year later Houdini and Bess were married and the act was renamed to "The Houdinis." In 1899 Houdini met Martin Beck in Minnesota who booked the act on the Orpheum Vaudeville circuit. In 1913, Houdini introduced the Chinese Water Torture Cell where he was suspended upside down in an overflowing water tank while handcuffed.

Later in life as the President of the Society of American Magicians he wanted to keep professional standards very high by exposing fraudulent performers. In the 1920's he turned his attention to alleged spiritualists and mediums. He was a member of the Scientific American committee offering a cash prize to anyone who could prove their supernatural abilities.

Prior to his death Houdini and his wife Bess setup their own test for the alleged mediums. They decided on a code word, after Houdini's passing, he planned to communicate from beyond the grave if possible. Bess held séances for 10 years on Halloween none of them were successful. After the final unsuccessful attempt Bess put out a candle left burning by Houdini's picture since his death. She was quoted as saying "ten years is long enough to wait for any man."

Houdini passed away on October 31st, 1926. The official cause of death was peritonitis secondary to a ruptured appendix. Witnesses to an incident in Houdini's dressing room prior to his death said a McGill University student challenged Houdini about his belief in miracles in the Bible and whether it was true he felt no pain when he was struck in the stomach. The man began striking Houdini below the belt while Houdini was lying on a couch due to a broken ankle. Houdini was able to stop the man's blows, but the damage was done. After performing in the evening Houdini got a 102° fever.

Houdini was a member of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568.

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PAST MASTERS

JAMES PENDRY*	1977-1978
CHARLES MACDOWELL*	1979
EDWIN RENOLDS*	1980
THOMAS K. WOOSLEY*	1981
KENNETH PICKLES	1982
ROBERT P. MIDDLETON*	1983
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
JIM CIANFRANI	2000

JERRY HUBBART*	2001
STEVE POLHEMUS	2002
GLENN R. MICKEY*	2003
RUSS BUCCINI*	2004
JACK ROSE*	2005
KEVIN NELSON	2006-2007
HERBERT HOLLENBECK*	2008
CURTIS DODD	2009
BRUCE ARMSTRONG	2010
JOHN W. NELSON	2011
M. MATT HECKERT	2012
RAY NAVOR*	2013
NICHOLAS FIDANZA*	2014
GREG GUNTER	2015
L.E. RICHARDSON, JR.	2016
THOMAS BOARDMAN	2017
TONY WEEMS	2018
ADRIAN SANCHEZ	2019
ED LANHAM	2020
BILL MADDOX	2021-2022
ISIDRO LOPEZ	2023

* Indicates Deceased



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