



LEGISLATIVE ACTION AT TWELFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Of the eleven Resolutions submitted for consideration at the Twelfth Annual Communication, two were adopted; one will be carried over to next year; three were rejected; and five were withdrawn.

The following Resolutions were withdrawn: 93-1 on changing the date or time of a Stated Meeting, 93-3 permitting Lodge business and balloting to be done when the Lodge is open on any Degree, 93-5 approving the concept of Russian residents as candidates for Masonry, 93-7 approving the concept of changing the Grand Lodge Officers' terms of office to two years, and 93-11 providing for formation of a Lodge of Research.

The following Resolutions were rejected: 93-4 requiring two or more black cubes to reject a petition, 93-6 changing the date of the Annual Communication back to February, 93-9 allowing the Apron to be worn under the coat. However, the Grand Master issued a ruling during Grand Lodge that allows a member of the Grand Lodge of Alaska to wear his Apron under his coat when visiting a Jurisdiction where such wearing of the Apron is allowed.

Resolution 93-8 to create the office of Grand Treasurer will be carried over to next year.

The two Resolutions that passed were: 93-2 allows the Grand Master to temporarily change the date or time of a Lodge's Stated Meeting, and 93-10 allows an additional Past Master's Jewel.

GRAND LODGE APPROVES INCREASE IN PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

One of the Grand Master's Recommendations that was approved at the last Annual

Communication was a \$1.00 increase in the Per Capita Fee to help offset the cost of publishing and mailing the Grand Lodge bulletin.

This means that the Per Capita Tax will be raised to \$16.00 beginning with the 12/31/93 assessment. Each Constituent Lodge is responsible for the additional \$1.00. Their Per Capita Fees will increase by the number of members they report at the end of 1993.

CONTACT THE GRAND SECRETARY IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON MAKING ANY VISITATIONS

As usual, the Grand Secretary is pleading with anyone how will be attending any of the Grand Master's Visitations to call the Grand Lodge Office with your intentions. Particularly the Visitations involving an overnight stay, we need to make plans for hotel rooms or you may find yourself sleeping on the floor.

Last year, a number of brothers showed up unannounced at the visitation to White Pass Lodge No. 1. As the meal was catered out of Juneau, the caterer had to do some real scrambling to prepare those extra meals. I'm not sure that everyone got fed that night.

All it takes is a quick phone call with your name and the visitations you plan on attending. The answering machine is on if I'm out of the office.

Also, start making your plans for your Annual Communication in April of 1994. We will be in Sitka and we expect the Hotel accommodations to be fairly full. We will need to know ahead of time the number of rooms we expect to use.

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The success of the fraternity

depends

on the interest of our members

Editorial...

A new format appears with this issue
of *The North Star*

The editors plan four annual issues
with a publishing date of April 5, July
5, October 5, and January 5.

Deadline for copy will be March 15,
June 15, September 15, and December
15.

The new format was designed to allow
greater space for news and information
about Grand Lodge activities.

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE

By

John H. Grainger
Grand Master

This year Alaska was represented by
four elective Grand Officers at the
Grand Masters Conference held in
Little Rock, Arkansas. Officers
present were your Grand Master,
Grand Secretary, Senior & Junior
Grand Wardens.

Members of the craft may wonder what
is the Grand Masters Conference, what
does it accomplish?

The Conference of Grand Masters is
the keystone of a series of meetings
which takes place annually at the time
of Washington's birthday. It is just
what the name implies: a place to
confer, to come together to exchange
ideas, information, and opinions.

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**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
JUNE 15, 1993**

The Annual Meeting of the George
Washington Masonic National
Memorial Association, and the Annual
Meeting of the Masonic Service
Association of the United States are
held at the Conference of Grand
Masters.

The Masonic Service Association,
formed of and supported by American
Grand Lodges, reports on
what functions and plans
for the future. Their
primary function and
activities are: Educational,
Informational, Hospital
Visitation, Distribution of
Disaster Relief and
SERVICE to the Masonic Community.
Each member Grand Lodge is entitled
to one vote at their annual meeting.

Newly added is the Annual meeting of
the National Masonic Foundation for
the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol
Abuse Among Children. The Grand
Secretaries hold their Annual Confer-
ence at this time. Also held is a
meeting of the Committee of Fraternal
Relations.

Here Grand Officers can become
acquainted with visiting Masonic
leaders from abroad.

The Conference has no legislative,
executive, or judicial powers. It can-
not infringe upon the sovereignty of
Grand Lodges either individually or
severally. The Conference exists only
to share Masonic experiences and
information, and discuss mutual
problems.

Conference Committee for next year's
Conference are chosen at the Grand
Masters Conference. This group is the
Planning and Agenda Committee. An

important factor in their selection is
geography, to insure the rotation of
service and responsibility among all
the Grand Lodges whose Grand
Masters participate in the Conference.
Over half of the committee this year
was selected from the mid-west and
western part of the United States.

Conclusions

The Grand Masters
Conference provides an
opportunity for Grand
Officers to acquire more
information and insight into
the cooperative achieve-
ments of American
Freemasonry.

The Alaska Grand Lodge can gain
immeasurably by continuing their
association and attendance at the
Grand Masters Conference of North
America

From the Senior Grand Warden:

Prince Hall Recognition To Be or Not To Be

Brethren, many of you have expressed
an interest in granting some type of
fraternal recognition to Prince Hall
Lodges in this state. Others have said,
"No. Way."

For this Grand Lodge to legally
recognize Prince Hall, we will have to
make some constitutional changes to
our Masonic code. This will take 2 or
3 years to accomplish.

Therefore, the purpose of this article is
to determine how many of you would
like to see fraternal recognition
granted to Prince Hall Lodges. If the

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This section is devoted to our District Deputies

attacks on Masons by the Anti-Masonic Southern Baptist faction and others. First, 5,000 copies of the February issue of the Scottish Rite Journal will be mailed to Southern Baptist leaders and over 30,000 copies to every Blue Lodge in America. Then, before the Southern Baptist Convention in June 1993 the Center will use radio, television, and news papers to tell the true story of Freemasonry.

A new book of importance to every Free Mason has just been published. A PILGRIMS PATH, "one man's road to the Masonic Temple" by John J. Robinson the author of "Born in Blood". In this book he tells about his travels for the past three years and how he's refuted some of the damaging allegations by attackers. "A PILGRIMS PATH" will help arm Freemasons with the answers to the attackers.

By special arrangement with the author and publisher, a cash contribution of \$5.00 will be made to the Center for Masonic Information from each purchase of a "A PILGRIMS PATH" between now and June 1, 1993, the total cost is \$11.95. Until June 1, 1993 it will not be available any other way. **ORDER NOW!** Make your check or money order payable to M. Evans Co. Inc. and mail to: Department (M), M. Evans Co. Inc., 216 East 49th Street, New York, NY 10017-1502.

I would like to urge you to purchase a copy of this book. I would also like to urge all of you who have a copy of the February issue of the Scottish Rite

Journal to read it and share it with your family and friends.

V.W. Robert L. Fulton, DDGM #2

District No. 3

First and foremost I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have had a chance to express their support for the Traveling Gavel. I believe it to be a great way of promoting fellowship among the lodges of District 3.

I'd also like to thank RW Brother Hank Dunbar for making the gavel. His imagination and craftsmanship in woodworking and the selection of the birch and diamond willow are part of the spirit that goes with the fellowship that it represents.

The design, engraving, lettering and purchase of the plate attached to the gavel are the efforts of RW Brother Hobbs and myself.

In addition to the above I would also be remiss if I didn't say that Brother Loyd Williamson, SW of Glacier Lodge made the carrying case for the Gavel. Thanks Loyd!

To learn more about the program you should visit a lodge in District No. 3. For the curious, or uninformed, the lodges in District 3 are Matanuska No. 7, Mt. Susitna No. 8, Glacier No. 10, Eagle River No. 13, Adak No 14, Aurora No. 15 and Anchorage No 17.

Good Luck and Keep it Traveling!

V.W. Pete Nilles, DDGM #3

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse

Most adults today were raised in a family where one parent worked and there was constant supervision of the children. That's no longer the case. Both parents work in most families; and if the children have supervision after school it is usually a neighbor or some other child care arrangement. Children spend a lot of time away from their parents and when the parents do come home from work they are often too tired to spend quality time with the children. We frequently do not spend enough time together in positive interaction. Our children are influenced by what they see on television (frequently glamorizing alcohol, drugs, sex and violence) and what they see their parents and other adults doing and saying.

Too frequently we see our communities experiencing problems which are of crisis proportions and still don't get involved. We believe that there is some governmental agency to take care of the problem; or that we have nothing to contribute; or that we are inadequate to the task or a number of other reasons. By not raising our voices and being heard we become a part of the problem. Our silence is frequently interpreted by the young as an attitude of acceptance. By not speaking up and becoming involved our children and grandchildren believe we approve of what is happening. Our world is faced with ever greater challenges every day. The progress in technology can't seem to keep pace with the ever mounting problems that we seem to experience. Our population is growing at an alarming rate and as it does we as a people seem to drift further apart. We seem not to have a sense of community.

Alcoholism and other drug abuse casualties continue to mount. I say "other drugs" because, make no mistake, alcohol is a drug; perhaps the most dangerous of all drugs because it has gained wide public acceptance. It is one of the largest contributors to the advertising industry. Alcohol is glamorized in advertising and we are taught, at a young age, if we are to be appealing to the opposite sex

and successful in business we must drink. Most social occasions involve alcohol and children quickly learn that to have a good time you must drink alcohol. Victims of this disease are being affected at younger and younger ages. It is not unusual for children to experience their first drink of alcohol in elementary school. Some become addicted by the time they are in their early teens.

-Alaska's suicide rate is twice the national average (over 1/3 of all Alaska suicides are between the ages of 15 and 24) and the alcohol related death rate is 1.8 times the national average.

-There were 1,587 cases of child sexual abuse in Alaska in 1987. 78.9% of the abusers and 63.3% of the perpetrators of incest were under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the offense.

*make no
mistake, alcohol
is a drug*

-Alaska's fire death rate is 2.5 times the national average. In 1987 50% of all fire deaths in Alaska were alcohol/drug related.

Our fraternal forefathers were leaders in our new nation. When leadership and commitment were called for they stepped forward. We are in a crisis of a different kind. We have a leadership vacuum in our communities. The abuse of alcohol and other drugs can only occur in an environment which condones that behavior. Silence is interpreted as acceptance and even approval. We either are a part of the solution or a part of the problem. It's up to us. If you want to get involved contact your lodge's Alcohol and Other drug Abuse Committee.

**Jim R. McMichael, PM, Chairman
Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
Committee**

If you have questions and would like to have them addressed, send them to WB Jim R. McMichael through the Grand Lodge Office.

Don't Drink & Drive

Letters to the Editor & Letters of Special Interest

Здороваться, (Greetings)

Having traveled to Magadan, Russia twice and having hosted many visiting Russians I have become interested in continuing a relationship with the people of the former Soviet Union. So, when the Grand Master asked me to write a small article for you I gladly accepted.

The people of Russia are great. As you may have expected, it was our respective governments that made for the strife of the cold war. And you, as Masons have an opportunity to see for yourself. The Rotarians of Alaska and the Yukon and CRAFT (Center of Russian American Friendship and Trade) have set up a charter with Aeroflot for an eight day visit to the City of Magadan in the Russian Far East and we would like to invite you to come along.

The charter is set to leave Anchorage at 7:00 P.M. Friday June 11, 1993 and will return Sunday June 20 after eight days and nights and only five days away from your work. The cost is \$895 for the charter, \$30 for your visa fees, and \$30 to join CRAFT. You should need no more than \$50 for spending money.

Each traveler will stay in the

home of a Russian family - kind of like bed and breakfast. Your family will be chosen to have common interest in your profession or hobby. About 40% of your time will be taken up with tours, luncheons, banquets, and picnics. The remainder of your time will be available for meetings or business contacts, or for one or more extra tours (for a small additional fee) like jet helicopter flightseeing, AN2 (the worlds largest single engine aircraft) flight-seeing or even pilot orientation, or a guided tour of a gulag (prison labor camp).

Come join us in spreading interest in Masonry. I have already hosted several Russians at the Wednesday luncheons at the Shrine Temple and they were very interested in our Fraternity. Contact me at 694-9602 or Fax 694-8979 or at P.O. Box 770787 Eagle River, Alaska 99577 and I will be more than happy to share more with you.

Traveling to the East. (20 time zones)

До Свидания (Good By)

Ваш Брат (Your Brother)

Мег Джирард (Meg Girard)

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My Membership Card

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2-1/3 x 3-1/2 inches in size. It has no intrinsic worth, it is not a bond nor a check, or a receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my Masonic Membership Card.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and inuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry, and the sick; and be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among friends and brothers.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to protect and defend mine as I have sworn to defend and protect theirs.

It tells me that if I would ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune, through no fault of my own, the hand of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body friends and brothers who will recall my virtues, though they may be few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.

It tells me that and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud, yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends and brothers that numbers in the millions.

Author Unknown:

Submitted by R. J. Lirette, PM No. 8

My Brother

Masonry means much more
Than the wearing of a pin,
Or carrying a paid up dues receipt
So the Lodge will let you in.

You may wear an emblem on your coat
From your finger flash a ring,
But if you're not sincere at heart
This doesn't mean a thing.

It's merely an outward sign to show
The world that you belong
To this fraternal Brotherhood
That teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried
Within the human breast
Till Masonic teaching brings it out
And puts it to the test.

If you can practice out of Lodge
The things you learn within
Be just and upright to yourself
And to you fellowman;

Console a brother when he's sick
Or assist him when in need,
Without a thought of personal gain
For any act or deed;

Walk and act in such a way
That the world without can see
That none but the best can meet the test
Laid down by Masonry;

Always live up to your trust
And do the best you can,
Then you can proudly tell the world
You're a Mason and a Man.

Author Unknown

Definitions
Luxury Hotel
"Where you are
greeted with open
palms"

majority of you would like to recognize Prince Hall, we will draft resolutions to make the necessary changes in our code.

However, if the majority do not want to grant this recognition, there is no reason to waste a lot of time on an issue that will be defeated. Let us know how you feel. The opinion of all Master Masons is welcome.

(See attachment to send your opinion) Return as soon as possible but no later than May 31, 1993 so the results can be given in the next bulletin

GRAND MASTERS VISIT TO ADAK RESCHEDULED

The Grand Masters Visitation to Adak Lodge No. 14 has been rescheduled for May 6, 1993. The change was made to combine the visitation with the Scottish Rite Degrees and Shrine Ceremonial. The Grand Masters visitation will be on Thursday May 6th along with a 3rd Degree and Past Masters Recognition.

As of this time, the Scottish Rite Degrees will be on Friday, May 7th and the Shrine Ceremonial will follow on May 12th. Travel days are May 11 & 13.

Reeves Aleutian Airlines is the only airline serving Adak at the present. The flight travels Monday-Friday only and round trip airfare is \$525.00 with two weeks advance purchase. Anyone eligible

for military transport should contact the appropriate people at Elmendorf.

Anyone wishing to go to Adak must have security clearance. This clearance takes 30 days. Please contact the Grand Secretary with your full name, date of birth, place of birth and Social Security number no later than **April 8**. Without this clearance, you may be denied admittance to the island.

Richard D. Bender,
Grand Secretary

Well ----Are You?

Are you an active Mason
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just content
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?
Do you ever go to visit
A Mason who is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "clique"?
Think this over, Mason,
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active Mason
Or do you just belong?

Enjoy!

Deputies of The Grand Master *This section is devoted to our District Deputies*

DISTRICT NO. 1

The Grand Master has scheduled his official visits to the Fairbanks area Lodges in April.

The first visit will be to Tanana Lodge No. 3 on April 15th. Tanana Lodge will have a dinner at 7:00 PM prepared and served by Rainbow Assembly No. 1. The stated meeting will start at 8:00 PM.

The second visit will be at Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 on April 16th with a dinner at 6:30 PM served by Eastern Star Chapter No. 18. Meeting to follow at 7:30 PM.

The third visit will be to North Pole Lodge No. 16 on April 19th with a dinner at 6:30 PM served by Rainbow Forget Me Not Assembly No. 14. Meeting following at 7:30 PM.

Reminder: The Ladies are invited to all of the dinners!

The Grand York Rite session will start on Friday April 17th. They have made arrangements for staying at the Bridgewater Hotel at the following rates; Single \$50.00, Double \$55.00 and triple at \$60.00. I have contacted the hotel and made arrangements for the same rates. To make your reservations, just call 452-1442 and identify yourself as a Grand Lodge Mason for the special rates. It is preferred that you call during the week, Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If you have any questions, you will need to talk to Sheldon at the above listed number. If you need any more information please do not hesitate to

contact me at 488-6341.

V.W. Mitchell R. Miller

DISTRICT NO. 2

Masonry has come under attack many times in its history. The most recent one was at the Southern Baptist Convention held June 1992, at Indianapolis. It was decided there that a study would be made of the Craft. To see if it is, or is not, compatible with the Baptist faith A recommendation is to be returned to the floor of the convention in Houston, Texas on June 15, 16, & 17, 1993. This date will soon be upon us and the decisions made there will have a far reaching effect on our beloved Fraternity.

There's many things we can do to help inform the public about Freemasonry. Sovereign Grand Commander Fred Kleinknecht 33 degree wrote an article in the February issue of the Scottish Rite Journal, entitled "Breaking the Silence". This issue of the Journal should be studied by all Masons. We know where we come from and what we stand for - it is time the general public does!

Lots of information is available to counter these attacks by extremist groups.

The following is taken from the February 1993 issue.

"How You Can Defend Freemasonry"

A Center for Masonic Information has been set up within the Masonic Service Association. It will answer the

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The Parable of Geese in Formation

When you see geese in migration, notice how they fly in a "V" formation. Scientists have now discovered why they fly that way.

1: As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an 'uplift' for the following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

BASIC TRUTH #1: "People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another."

2: Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front.

BASIC TRUTH #2: "If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed in the same way we are going."

3: When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies the point.

BASIC TRUTH # 3: "It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks- with people, as with geese, in formation."

4: The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

BASIC TRUTH #4: "We need to be careful what we say when we honk from behind."

5: When a goose gets sick or wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, then they launch out on their own - or with another formation, to catch up with their group.

BASIC TRUTH #5: "If we have as much sense as the geese - we will stand by each other, just like that."

(We have seen the above "parable" several times in Masonic and other publications. This one is adapted from a copy ascribed to "Pastor Milt Olsen" and submitted by Rich Muris. While we may question the scientific validity of the "discovery," it makes good copy.)

Submitted by David DeHeus,
North Pole. AK.

Grand Lodge Medallions

MW John C. Ingram, would like to remind brothers of the on-going sale of Commemorative Medallions made exclusively for our Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

The committee for the Grand Lodge Medallions, that has always made them available to all attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska have available the

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1993 Medallions. Also, we have a limited number of previous medallions for the year 1985 through 1993. The medallions are becoming more scarce each year and there will be no more struck by this committee. The dies are no longer available for past years..

Two different plaques were made available this year to display the medallions, thanks to the help of WB Wendal Kuecker a member of Kenai Lodge #11. These plaques are being sold through AMRA to raise funds to assist the financial status of the Grand Lodge.

The medallions are being sold by MW, John C. Ingram, also he has a few of the plaques available at the same address. The medallions are still available for \$10.00 each and the plaques are \$25.00 each. Send checks or whatever. Send your request for these items to this address.

Grand Lodge Medallions
John C. Ingram
P.O. Box 377
Soldotna, AK. 99669

Grand Lodge Publication *Supporters*

With this new format and with limited space we seek your contributions and support however, we cannot indorse your business in future issues of the North Star. This is due in part to the Per Capita raise passed at the last Grand Lodge Session which will help offset the cost of publishing

and mailing this bulletin.

This one dollar increase is insufficient to cover the cost of the publication. That's why we seek your support.

Future issues will acknowledge your support on a smaller scale and rates will remain the same. Furthermore, your contributions will be acknowledged to the best of our ability and as space permits.

The next few columns we would like to express our gratitude for the support we have received from the following.

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P.O. Box 190668
Anchorage, AK. 99519**

**For anyone we might have missed
we ask for your forgiveness, it was
not intentional.
Thank you!**

THOUGHT FROM TOM

Well, old TOM's been coming to Lodge right regular for some time now. Feels pretty good, too. Get to learn more about my Lodge, and about Masonry. Learn more about myself, too. Learn something every night. And, of course, there's all the brothers. We get together before and after Lodge for coffee and a little conversation and kidding around. Have a good time, too. Nice guys.

Last Stated, we had a couple of really good discussions. Lots of debate. Too bad more of the brothers weren't there. We always benefit from a variety of opinions, and everybody's thoughts will be heard.

You know, some people say the Lodge is run by Past Masters. You hear this in just about all Lodges. But the truth is that the LODGE IS RUN BY THOSE WHO ATTEND. Sure the Master has authority beyond most parliamentary limits. And if some Past Masters have trouble "letting go", it is because their love of the fraternity prompts them to express their thoughts. But I have never met a Past Master who is not aware of this criticism, and tries to avoid it.

After all, someone has to take part in

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discussions. If there's only Past Masters on the sidelines, then they are going to have a major part in the discussion.

If you were there at the last Stated, you know that even when the discussion got hot and heavy, and everyone said what he thought was for the benefit of the entire Lodge. Even when opinions were opposed, there was nothing personal in the opposition, and we all went away as friends and brothers

If you weren't there, you missed a great chance to help Masonry continue as the active, meaningful, living Fraternity that it has been for a couple of hundred years now.

Seems like Masonry has something to offer to everybody. If you don't find what you're looking for, wait 5 minutes - it's sure to come around. But you'll never know if you don't attend Lodge.

Course, the best way to get what you want out of Masonry is to attend and make sure your interests are known. You don't have to be an officer to be active or to make your thoughts known. There's no more need for memorizing (unless you want to). Just come, speak out, and let the Lodge know what you think. After all, we're all "on the level" in Lodge.

Another reason to come to Lodge is that it needs you. Every member is valuable. You entered the Lodge as a man with certain talents and ideas. You were intelligent, believed in the moral law, interested in your fellow man, and had personal abilities and interests which suggested that you and your brothers shared many common interests.

HAVE YOU CHANGED? I doubt it. If anything, your abilities have become even more fine-tuned.

HAS MASONRY CHANGED? No! It is still the finest fraternity anywhere in the world.

HAS THE LODGE CHANGED? YES!
While Masonry remains constant, each Lodge

changes as it matures. Each brother makes his mark, and moves on, leaving the Lodge a little better, and a little wiser.

This is the strength of Masonry, and this is why we need YOU - your thoughts, your abilities, your special individual strengths.

Any way you look at it, Lodge is a pretty special place. Come and enjoy the work and the Brotherhood. There's a seat reserved just for you.

See you in Lodge, Brother.

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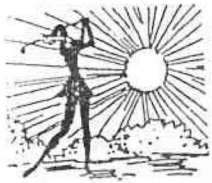


*It is the nature of man as he
grows older... to protest change,
particularly change for the
better.*

--John Steinbeck--

*Freemasonry is a
philosophy of life for the
development of character;
a fraternity of character
in which virtue, goodness
and knowledge are
prescribed and practiced
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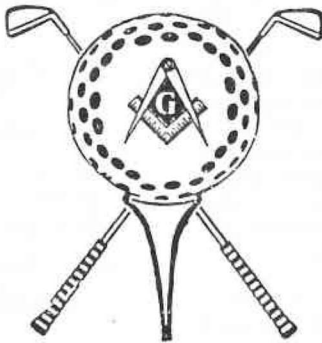


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Fill out and return no later than May 31, 1993.

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A GREAT MASON

Once there was a Mason who found it really hard to learn the ritual and he never was much help in conferring the degrees. He was extremely self-conscious and had no real ability to fill positions of authority; he was not officer material and he never held a lodge office. He never achieved financial success and so could not be one of the larger contributors to lodge charities or the building fund. In all these respects he was a rather insignificant Mason

He did attend every lodge meeting he possibly could, always arriving early enough to assist the Tyler and Stewards in getting things ready.

He was a steady and hard worker on the building and grounds committee; he mowed grass, repaired seats, patched the roof, helped paint the lodge, set out shrubbery, unstopped the plumbing - no task was too distasteful.

He visited the sick and the widows. He went to see and talked with that brother who had suddenly stopped attending lodge. He made sure that each visitor was never made to feel a stranger. He praised the officers, encourage d new members, put his arm around the shoulders of any who were troubled or discouraged, and he had a smile and a cheery "Hello, my Brother" for all he met every time.

Eventually he died. The church could not hold all those attending his funeral. Even the cemetery was crowded. The next meeting of the lodge was just not the same: every member missed him, terribly.

An insignificant Mason?

Certainly not! He was a GREAT Mason! Perhaps no greater have ever sat in Lodge.

Who was he?

Nobody in particular. Most lodges have known him, or his like. And he or someone like him, is still around, still attending his lodge, still doing those little thins. Are we treasuring him and honoring him? Certainly, we ought to for he is a GREAT Mason!

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