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Worshipful Master Robert M. Oakliff's Message

"If you keep Masonry in front of you, it will lead you. If you place yourself in front of Masonry, it will never catch up."

Dear Brothers,

You have once again given me the pleasure of be Worshipful Master. I look forward to 2017 being a very productive year. We are having are installation at our first stated communications with a dinner.

For our first communications in February we will have a small presentation on Masonic funerals.

We have an Entered Apprentice Degree planed for our communications in February with a dinner to proceed the meeting.

There will be a Rusty Masons night planned for our first communications in April where we will hope to see all brother masons that have not attended lodge for a while, with some trivia during the meeting to refresh the brothers memories.

As always I am looking forward to serving you this upcoming year and hope to see you all at Lodge meeting and Fellowcraft Club.

Fraternally yours;

Robert M Oakliff, WM

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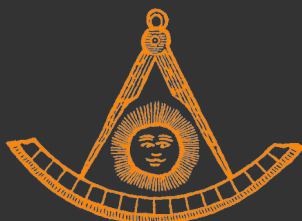
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Living Past Masters

John L. Gilbert 1969
Robert O. Anderson 1973
Gerald J. Nash Jr. 1974
Roger W. Guild 1975
Keith G. Johnson 1976
Gerald J. Nash Jr. 1977
John B. Sterry Sr. 1979"
Richard R. Washburn 1980*
Donald W. Goodrich 1982*
George H. Swanson Jr. 1984
John B. Sterry Jr. 1985
Paul H. Rasch Jr. 1986
Richard R. Washburn 1987*+, 1988+*
David W. Ives 1989*, 1990*
Paul H. Rasch Jr. 1991
Rodney A. Spooner 1992*, 1993*
David W. Ives 1995*, 1996*
Richard R. Washburn 2000*+
Robert W. Doak 2001*
James A. Tyler Jr. 2002*
Robert E. Godwin 2003*
Frederic W. Frost III 2004*
David A. Berndtson 2005*
James H. Landry 2006*, 2008*
Frederick W Frost III 2009*
James H. Landry 2010*
Ronald W. Kutz 2011, 2015
Thomas P. Keser 2012*
Thomas F. Mumford 2013*
James W. Hartzell, Jr. 2014
Robert M. Oakliff 2016, 2017

*" Past Associate Grand Marshal
+Past District Deputy
Mason-of-The-Year



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar of Lodge Events

Jan 5

Stated Communications – Installation (7:30 PM)
Dinner 6:30 PM

Jan 19

Stated Communications (7:30 PM)

Jan 31

Blue Lodge Council – St. John's #2 6:30 PM

Feb 2

Stated Communications - Masonic funerals (7:30 PM)

Feb 16

Stated Communications - EA Degree (7:30 PM)
Dinner 6:30 PM

Mar 2

Stated Communications (7:30 PM)

Mar 16

Stated Communications (7:30 PM)

Mar 30

BLC Table Lodge – Warren #51 6:30 PM

Apr 6

Stated Communications -Rusty Mason's Night (7:30 PM)
Dinner 6:30 PM

Fellowcraft Club every 2nd and 4th Thursday with Lodge of Instruction
for Brothers not yet Master Masons at 7:00PM

Please see our web site for last minutes changes

www.warrenlodge51.org

Or

Warren Lodge #51 on Facebook

Don't Forget!!

On your way out of the house when heading to Lodge don't forget that non-perishable food item for the Portland Food Bank!

EMAIL NOTICE

Brothers if you would like to receive future issues of the Trestle Board by E-Mail please send your E-Mail address to me. My address is kesertom@gmail.com. I will add you to our list. You may also receive other important Lodge communications from time to time via E-Mail

A MASONIC TRESTLE BOARD IS A DESIGN BOARD FOR THE MASTER WORKMAN (ARCHITECT) TO DRAW HIS PLANS AND DESIGNS UPON TO GIVE THE WORKMEN AN OUTLINE OF THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED. IN TODAY'S TERMS, WE MIGHT CALL IT A BLUEPRINT.

IT IS ONE OF THE 3 MOVABLE JEWELS.

A TRESTLE BOARD IS A FRAMEWORK CONSISTING OF (USUALLY 3) VERTICAL, SLANTED SUPPORTS (OR LEGS) WITH ONE OR MORE HORIZONTAL CROSSPIECES ON WHICH TO HANG OR DISPLAY AN ITEM. TODAY, IT IS BETTER KNOWN AS AN "EASEL".

IN THE DAYS WHERE LODGE WAS HELD IN SECRET AREAS AND ON HILLS AND VALES, (VALLEYS) ONCE LODGE WAS IN SESSION, THE TILER (OR TYLER) WOULD DRAW AN OBLONG (RECTANGULAR) OR OBLONG SQUARE DEPICTION (IMAGE) INTO THE DIRT THAT REPRESENTED THE FORM OF THE LODGE.

AGAIN, ONTO THAT TRACING BOARD WAS DRAWN THE ARCHITECT'S PLAN...THE WORKING TOOLS IN THE DEGREE THAT WAS TO BE WORKED.

THROUGH THE YEARS, THE MASONIC TRACING BOARD PROGRESSED TO CHARCOAL OR CHALK ON THE FLOOR OF TAVERNS WHERE LODGES WERE HELD BACK IN THE 1700s. AFTER THE LECTURE, THE STEWARDS OR THE ENTERED APPRENTICE, AS A LESSON IN SECRECY, WOULD GET A MOP AND BUCKET AND REMOVE ALL TRACE OF THESE DRAWINGS.

THIS, OBVIOUSLY, WAS A SOMEWHAT TEDIOUS AND MESSY PROCEDURE, SO CLOTHS OR RUGS WERE CREATED WHICH COULD BE LAID ONTO THE FLOOR AND SIMPLY FOLDED UP WHEN THE LECTURE WAS COMPLETE.

LATER, THESE CLOTHS (OR RUGS) WERE PLACED ONTO A TABLE. AS TIME PASSED, THEY WERE FINALLY HUNG ONTO AN EASEL...(A TRESTLE BOARD) MUCH LIKE A DRAWING BOARD AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE WHERE EACH WORKMAN COULD RECEIVE CLEAR INSTRUCTION AS TO WHAT HIS SPECIFIC PARTICIPATION ENTAILED.

THE MEANING OF THE WORDS "NOTHING FURTHER REMAINS TO BE DONE, ACCORDING TO ANCIENT CUSTOM, EXCEPT TO DISARRANGE OUR EMBLEMS" IS A REFERENCE TO THE NOW ANTIQUATED USE OF THESE TRESTLEBOARDS (OR TRACING BOARDS) DURING WHICH THE DIRT ON THE GROUND WAS ERASED OR THE CHALK MARKS ON THE FLOOR OF THESE LODGES WAS MOPPED OR SCRUBBED, TO LEAVE NO TRACE OF THE FORM OF THE LODGE OR THE CONTENTS DRAWN THEREON.

THE REASON WHY OUR LINES OF TRAVEL ARE AT RIGHT ANGLES WITHIN THE LODGE AND THUS THE REASON THAT WE "SQUARE" THE LODGE IS A "THROWBACK" TO THE ANTIQUITY OF THE RITUAL.

IF THE BRETHREN WERE TO WALK ATOP THE MARKINGS MADE IN THE DIRT ON HILL AND VALE; ATOP THE CHALK ON THE FLOOR OF THE TAVERNS; OR TREAD UPON AND THUS SOIL THE CLOTHS OR RUGS USED TO PROVIDE THE WORKINGS OF THAT DEGREE, THE MESSAGE OF THAT LECTURE WHICH WAS BEING WORKED COULD BE PARTIALLY OR FULLY DESTROYED.

MANY MODERN-DAY LODGES NOW SIMPLY USE A BULLETIN BOARD OR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER TO NOTIFY THE BRETHREN OF A DEGREE WHICH WILL BE WORKED. OTHERS USE POWERPOINT OR SLIDE PRESENTATIONS.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

Fellowcraft Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. If we don't have a rehearsal scheduled we gather for fellowship and fun on the second Thursday, we grab a bite to eat, watch a movie, play cards, or just talk and relax with our Brothers. Your friends are welcome on these nights.

New brothers are strongly encouraged to attend for Lodge of Instruction while they are in process of receiving their Degrees.

At Lodge of Instruction night we take a deeper look at Degrees, Ritual work, Obligations and Lectures.

Drop in and say hello, stay a little, stay a while. Doors open at 7:00 PM. EA, FC, and MM candidates must attend Lodge of Instruction to advance.

Rusty Masons Welcome!



Community Projects

Food Bank Donations

A free will effort, Brothers are asked to bring a canned good or dry food good, each time we meet, for donation to the Portland Food Bank.

Town Wide Tag Sale

Now an Annual Tradition with the Portland Historical Society, the Brothers of Warren Lodge assist the Portland Historical Society logistical assistance in the Town Wide Tag Sale.

Kenneth Fletcher Scholarship Fundraiser

Warren Lodge supports the efforts of this Fundraiser by providing man power for parking and logistics.

PHS Scholarship

The Lodge provides a Scholarship Award for a deserving High School senior who plans to continue their education.

Girls State

The Lodge provides a Scholarship Award for a deserving High School student selected to participate in Girls State.

Meet the Masons Charity Golf Challenge

A glorious half day of golf followed by a BBQ dinner at Lodge to benefit our Masonic Charities

Brew Chilla

An afternoon of Homebrew and Chili sampling where you get to vote for your favorite. Proceeds benefit the Food Bank and Warren Lodge.

New Ideas are always welcome!
Do you have something in mind?

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

2017 Dues Reminder

Brothers, please remember to keep your membership current.
Send in your dues if you have not done so already
Dues this year are \$80.00.

HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME? - - CONTACT THE LODGE.

We don't know if you don't tell us....

Brothers, if any of your contact information changes
please
Contact the lodge so our records stay current.
New address, Phone, E-Mail. - - Contact the Secretary

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Anno Lucis is Latin for In The Year of Light.

Historical Significance: The Year of Light signifies the date of the creation of the world (approximately 4000 years before the Common Era), as we read in the third verse from the Book of Genesis in the King James version of the Bible as well as in the Torah.

1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

1:2 - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1:3 - And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1:4 - And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Ancient Craft Freemasons in the York and French Rites, residing in Scotland, England, Ireland, France, Germany, and in America, use the words, Anno Lucis.

Relevance: The Ancient Craft Masonic calendar celebrates the creation of the world, approximately 4000 years before the Common Era, or 6010 years ago. The word, "approximately" must be used, here, because, historically, there were many different calendars in use over the last 6000+ years. This makes precise dates very difficult to ascertain. (Some historians believe it to be 4004 years before the Common Era.)

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Jan 2017 to April 2017

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH

7:30 PM

12 FREESTONE AVENUE

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PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT 06480



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LODGE No. 51

12 FREESTONE AVE.
PORTLAND, CT

CHARTERED IN 1811
WARREN LODGE
CONTINUES THE AGE OLD
TRADITION OF
FREEMASONRY AS WE
ENTER INTO OUR THIRD
CENTURY OF EXISTENCE.

