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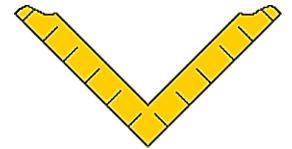


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Your frequent appearance at our regular meetings is earnestly solicited.

From the East



Brethren,

What a year 2015 has been so far for Harmony Lodge. We set three (3) specific goals of participating in more community events, conducting proficient work and creating excitement in our younger Brethren, while re-engaging our older Brethren, and updating our physical Lodge décor as well as our website.

- ❖ Our participation in the Water Festival Parade was a wonderful success. We had 12 Brothers enjoying a morning of fellowship while handing out water bottles to parade-goers. We handed out over 250 waters and hopefully started a new program of community involvement that will last for years to come. Our next community events for 2015 are:
 - Annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th from noon to 2:00 pm at Harmony Lodge. Lunch will be served and annual awards for EMS of the Year, Mason of the Year, and Brotherhood certificates and pins will be presented.
 - Night on the Town, which is scheduled for Friday, December 4th from 6-9 pm with preparation and set up from 3-6 pm. Brothers Jeff Light and Bob Bundy are heading up this event, so please feel free to contact them for details on how you may help. Brother Light may be reached at **(843) 812-7709** or via email at jeffl@bcgov.net and Brother Bundy may be reached at **(843) 263-8125** or via email at bob@bundyimc.com.
- ❖ This year to date, we have performed an Entered Apprentice Degree, a Fellow Craft Degree, and a Master Mason Degree. Conducting these degrees at the highest level of proficiency for the benefit of the candidate is always our primary goal. However, one of our secondary, but equally important goals, is to have ALL roles in ALL degrees be performed by Harmony Lodge Brothers. And to the credit of our Brethren, we did this. And to go one step further, the Master Mason degree was conducted entirely by Past Masters of Harmony Lodge. We began our year by asking our new Brothers and Past Masters what degree roles they wanted to perform. Then we made a master list and held practices. And now we have several Brothers who know multiple parts and can perform different roles in different degrees. It is exciting to see so many new faces looking for ways to participate in Lodge.
 - At present, our Officer Nominating Committee is compiling a list of candidates for our annual 2016 elections scheduled for our Regular Communication on November 12th. If you have any interest or want to nominate a Brother, please contact Worshipful Paul Griffin, Worshipful Bill Ten Eyck, or Worshipful Howell Youmans.
- ❖ In updating our Lodge's physical décor, we are adamant that we continue to honor and respect our past while living in the 21st century. To that end:

- We hosted a closet clean-out in February.
- Key sets for all lodge officers were re-cut.
- Brother Jeff Light has been updating our announcement boards and creating a board of Past Grand Lodge Officers who are members of Harmony Lodge.
- Worshipful Brother Scott Robinson has been refurbishing our lighting and draperies.
- Brother Stokes is in the final phase of upgrading our glass casings, which host our ritual relics.

In ensuring that we are prepared to reach the Brothers of the 21st century, we have been working in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of South Carolina to ensure we have a state-of-the-art website. Our new website is Harmonylodge22.com and is in a modern platform that is user-friendly as well as allowing us easy access and content control.

We only have a couple of months before we close out 2015 and I am hoping we can finish strong. It is exciting to see so many faces old and new in the Ritual Room for work and communication. Let's continue to enjoy Fellowship, perform quality work, and engage as many of our Brethren as possible in our work as Masons. I hope to see you in Lodge again soon. Remember to bring a Brother with you, especially one we have not seen in a while.

Fraternally,

Christian Sherbert, WM



Brethren,

The Mason as a Citizen

Hardly a speech is made to interest and inspire an audience of Master Masons which does not refer to the Mason's duty as a citizen.

The great lesson of life as taught in the Master Mason degree is integrity, fidelity to trust, staunch loyalty to duty in the face of the greatest odds and most severe temptations. Many acts which are with difficulty proved to be illegal all may see as unmoral. It is these, perhaps, more than the infraction of the letter of the law, which the Masonic citizen will avoid, if he lives his Masonry.

For instance! A Master Mason possesses a valuable painting. He insures it for a thousand dollars. As he leaves his house to go to Lodge, the nail pulls out of the wall, the picture falls and the glass breaks, cutting the valuable canvas to ribbons. Being in a hurry and there being nothing to do about it, the Mason leaves the wreck on the floor and goes to Lodge. While he is away, his house burns down.

A man might collect that insurance and still be a *good citizen* according to the law. But a good Mason would not collect it – even if the man who sold him the insurance and the man in the insurance company were *not* Masons. A real Mason will not wrong any man, Mason or not, out of the value of a penny, even when the letter of the law permits it.

It is well understood in all Masonic Lodges that politics are never to be discussed. In the Lodge we meet upon the level and part upon the square. We are not Democrats, Republicans, Socialists, New Dealers, but Masons. Similarly, no Lodge may take any political action; to do so would be to draw upon it the immediate censure of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

But neither of these prohibitions means that Masons should not study political economy; even as a Lodge, Masons may listen to talks upon the science of government, which is, of course, a *political* matter if the word is used in its broad acceptance.

It is the duty of all citizens to be interested in the public schools. The prosperity and progress of this nation rest on education and the very life of Freemasonry depends upon the quality of its membership. Therefore, the Mason as a citizen has two reasons for his support of the public schools.

No doctrine is more fundamental to America than the separation of church and state. No body of men insists more strongly that the individual brother need subscribe only to “that Religion in which all men agree” (Old Charges). Freedom to worship God was the reason for the perilous voyage and the privations of the Pilgrim Fathers. Separation of church and state is a natural outgrowth of freedom to worship as we please. Masonry has only the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man for her religion – the foundation of all religions, a faith in which Presbyterian and Parsee, Methodist and Mohammedan, Buddhist and Brother of Christ may, and do, agree.

As a citizen, a man is expected: To obey the law; to uphold the Constitution and government; to do his duty in jury service; to go to the polls and vote; to bear arms when called to the colors; to pay his just share of taxes; to take an intelligent interest in his government, his party and political economy; to support the public schools; to reverence and honor the flag; to keep peace; to serve his country, state, county and town when called to leadership; to live so that his neighbors are happier for his living.

Underlying all Masonic duties are those which are meant when it is said to the newly-raised Master Mason:

“You are now bound by duty, honor and gratitude, to be faithful to your trust to support the dignity of your character upon every occasion, and to enforce, by precept and example, obedience to the tenets of our order!”

The Master Mason should be a better citizen than the non-Mason because he knows better, has been better taught, and has pledged his sacred honor.

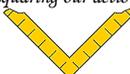
“. . . And Give them Proper Instruction.” The Masonic Service Association, February 1988, pp. 37-8

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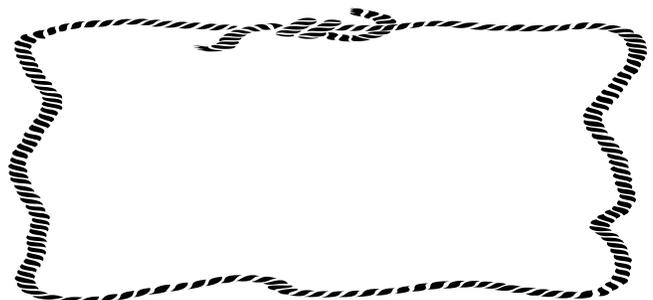
Wit & Wisdom ☺ ☹

- “It takes a great deal of history to produce a little literature.”.....Henry James
“A beautiful soul has no other merit than its own existence.” German poet Friedrich von Schiller
“Truth is the cry of all, but the game of few.”Irish philosopher George Berkeley
“People who drink to drown their sorrow should be told that sorrow knows how to swim.”Ann Landers
“The first and final thing you have to do in this world is to last it and not be smashed by it.” Ernest Hemingway
“You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.” Abraham Lincoln
“The great enemy of clear language is insincerity.” George Orwell
“The highest reward for a person’s toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.” John Ruskin
“Writing is like getting married. One should never commit oneself until one is amazed at one’s luck.”
..... Iris Murdoch
“True excellence is rarely found, even more rarely is it cherished.”..... Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
“Last words are for people who haven’t said anything in life.” Karl Marx
“A good newspaper, I suppose, is a nation talking to itself.” Arthur Miller
“Reason is a slave to the emotions.” Philosopher David Hume
“We are what we pretend to be. So we must be careful what we pretend to be.” Kurt Vonnegut
“The world is full of willing people, some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.” Robert Frost

	<p>"And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house and upon thy gates." Deuteronomy 11:20</p>	<h1>OCT - DEC 2015</h1> <h2>Meetings in the 4th District</h2>			<p>MEAL AT 6:30 and MEET AT 7:30</p>	
<p>Sundays</p>	<p>Mondays</p>	<p>Tuesdays</p>	<p>Wednesdays</p>	<p>Thursdays</p>	<p>Fridays</p>	<p>Saturdays</p>
<p><i>fitting our minds as living stones</i></p> 	<p>First Monday Mt. Moriah 196</p> <p>Second Monday Unanimity 418</p>	<p>First Tuesday Crocketville 248 American 98</p> <p>Second Tuesday Port Royal 242 Hardeeville 348</p>	<p>First Wednesday Low Country Scottish Rite Club Harmony Lodge 7:30</p>	<p>First Thursday <u>Stafford 216</u> Solomon's 1 Savannah</p> <p>Second Thursday Harmony 22 Evergreen 153</p>		<p>Outdoor Degree Cleanup October 10 at 0730</p> <p>Outdoor Degree October 17 after lunch</p>
<p><i>walking uprightly in our several stations</i></p> 	<p>Third Monday Low Country Masters & Wardens Club at Mt. Moriah ...</p> <p>(Second Monday in October)</p>	<p>Third Tuesday <u>Sunset 331</u> York Rite Charleston</p>	<p>Fourth Wednesday Scottish Rite Charleston 7:30</p>			<p>Directions to venue in a following email</p>
<p><i>squaring our actions by the square of virtue</i></p> 		<p>Fourth Tuesday National Sojourners Charleston</p>				
<p><i>traveling upon the level of time</i></p> 	<p><i>spreading the cement of brotherly love</i></p> 	<p>Fifth Tuesday Mt. Moriah 198 Masonic Discussion Group, 7:30 Yemassee</p>				

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It being divided into twenty-four equal parts is emblematical of the twenty-four hours of the day, which we are taught to divide into three equal parts;

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whereby are found eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother; eight for our usual vocations and eight for refreshment and sleep.