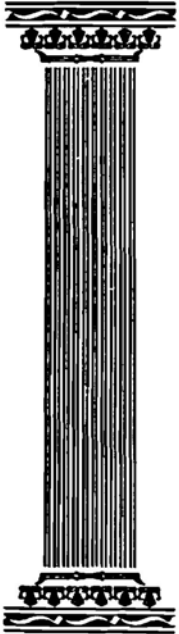


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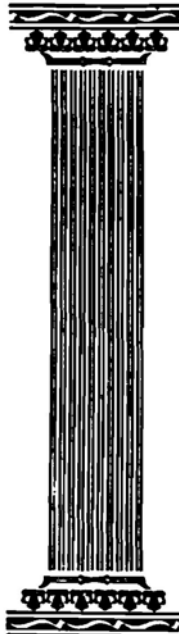
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Masonry – A Family Tradition



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**Stated Communications
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11:00 A.M.
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Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren of Seat Pleasant Lodge,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this my final bulletin for SPL No.218. If I had my choice of directions in which to go I would be around as long as God planned to assist with my Lodge's business. On the one hand I feel I failed the Lodge by not developing an interesting and meaningful program of activities to motivate the members to come to their lodge. So mote it be! I do thank those officers and members who stood by our lodge and me in keeping things moving for all of us. Just remember, it is your lodge and any small contribution will be appreciated. Please consider being a mason enough to support the efforts of our incoming officers for 2009. Give Dan a call and volunteer in some way to help him. He is a hard worker and needs your support.

I feel I am a better man and mason by having served and wish the incoming officers the rewards gained only by serving others.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Urban T. Peters, PM, Worshipful Master

REMINDER: House of the Temple visitation on November 1, 2008. Please contact SW Brewer to make reservations.

A vote was taken at our October 11, 2008 meeting and the 2008 revised by-laws passed. Our stated meetings will now begin at 10:00am.

What Kind of Mason are You?

I tend to see things in "threes," such as looking for three reasons for something to occur, three fundamental stages of growth (such as the three degrees), or identifying three characteristics of something, such as Masons. In my travels through the fraternity, it has been my experience that there are three distinctly different types of Master Masons in the world: Anonymous, Amateur, and Professional.

ANONYMOUS MASONS

These are the Masons who loyally pay their dues but are never seen in the Craft Lodge. They are either incapable of attending (due to a short cable-tow, they live out of town, or simply don't care), or they joined for the notoriety of being a Mason in the hopes it might help their professional career, or they joined in order to advance to another Masonic related body, such as the Shrine, and never look back. Lodge Secretaries are familiar with the Brother's name, but cannot place a face to it. The anonymous Mason is also commonly referred to as the "M.I.A. Mason" (Missing In Action).

AMATEUR MASONS

Perhaps a better adjective for this type of Mason is "casual" as they tend to dabble in the fraternity. For example, they may occasionally make an appearance in the Craft Lodge, send in a donation for a worthy Masonic cause, or read a book or article pertaining to the fraternity. They truly like being a Mason but balk at making a major commitment to it, such as becoming an officer or serving on a committee. They are also the first to complain when a dues increase is proposed or if the Lodge doesn't look quite right. Instead of becoming more active and finding out the cause of the problems in the Lodge, they find it easier to grouse from the sidelines thereby disrupting harmony.

PROFESSIONAL MASONS

In every Lodge there is a handful of Brothers you can count on for leadership and to lend a hand when the chips are down. They are intimate with the mechanics of the Lodge and the fraternity and do not hesitate to step forward when needed, and help mentor younger and less experienced Brothers so they may grow and take their place in the Craft Lodge hierarchy. The Professional Mason is not a zealous control freak with a huge ego, but rather is unselfish and appreciates the power of teamwork and the tenets of Freemasonry. He rightfully understands that Freemasonry is more about the overall Brotherhood as opposed to the glory of a single individual.

The 80/20 rule (aka "Pareto's Principle") which is a management concept commonly found in business, whereby 80% of the work is performed by 20% of the workers. We see this not only in business but in any nonprofit organization, including Freemasonry. Do not be alarmed, this is natural. In the Craft Lodge, 80% of the work is performed by the Professional Masons, and the remaining 20% is squeezed out of the Amateur and Anonymous Masons. If this is true, the Craft Lodge becomes in danger if Professional Masons are eliminated. Another danger is when an Amateur Mason rises and is elected to the East. This type of person is more interested in obtaining a Past Master's apron, than doing anything of substance.

So, the question arises, "*What kind of Mason are you?*" I guess it ultimately comes down to why you joined the fraternity. If you are truly seeking further light, then you are on the right path. If not, you will probably be nothing more than an Amateur or Anonymous Mason, and we have too many of them already

November Trestleboard

- 1st State Communication Seat Pleasant Lodge meet at Centennial Lodge at 9:00am to travel to the House of the Temple in Washington, DC. Vote on Grand Lodge Constitution changes to membership. Jobies will host a breakfast at 8:00am at Centennial.
- 4th Warden's Night at Mt. Herman Lodge. Dinner at 6:30pm, Degree at 7:30pm
- 14th Grand Master's Banquet
- 15th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
11:00am Luncheon, 1:00pm Communication
5:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Installation

Masonic Birthdays for November

Thomas Edmond Murphy 51 Yrs.
William Aaron Edwards 32 Yrs.
William Wirt Ellin 34 Yrs.
Howard L. Simmons, Jr. 16 Yrs.
Andrew Griffith 12 Yrs.
William G. Hinton, III 17 Yrs
Harry M. Cotten 44 Yrs.
Byron L. Jones 38 Yrs.
Blaine W. Massey 22 Yrs.
Charles L. Dean 40 Yrs.

Total Masonic Years of 306.

Trestleboard for December

4th 7:30pm District School of Instruction at Oxon Hill Lodge. TOPIC: Installations

6th 10:00am Seat Pleasant Lodge Stated
Communication, Election of Officers for 2009.
Vote on Petition of Re-instatement for NPD of Wayne M. Deen, age: 70, employed by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, who resides at 326 Barksdale Ave. Waldorf, MD 20602.

Masonic Birthdays for December

William Harry 53 Yrs.
James H. Powell 32 Yrs.
Rudy E. McCumber 29 Yrs.
Wendell R. Wilson 55 Yrs.
Kenneth R. Jordan 29 Yrs.
Robert E. Micer 41 Yrs.
Glynn H. Owens 41 Yrs.
David H. Boggs 48 Yrs.
Grover D. Brewer 20 Yrs.
Willie H. Houchens 20 Yrs.
William I. Heath, Jr. 59 Yrs.

Total Masonic years of 427.

Brethren:

There is only one proposed amendment change for ballot at the Annual Communication to be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008.

Amend the following provisions of the Grand Lodge Constitution to provide that:

1. After receiving their first degree, Entered Apprentices will become dues-paying members of their Lodge with certain limitations, such as: (1) they will not have the right to vote; (2) they cannot be elected or appointed to a Lodge office; (3) they can only sit in Lodge when it is in the first degree.
2. Entered Apprentices who do not progress beyond the first degree can continue to be members of their Lodge as Entered Apprentices as long as they continue to pay dues,
3. Similar rights and limitations will apply to Fellowcrafts who do not progress beyond the second degree.

To see the entire amendment please contact the lodge secretary. Seat Pleasant will vote on this proposed amendment at our November stated communication.

PETITIONS

For re-instatement of NPD: Wayne M. Deen

Committee: Frank Wilburn, PM Chairman

Bill Hines, PM

Jesse Reisman

From the West

Brethren,

This past year has been a very busy one for me. I have traveled over 3,000 miles and attended over 60 lodge meetings, rehearsals, anniversaries and memorial services. All in the name of brotherly love and to get Seat Pleasant's name out there. We stated a website for Seat Pleasant, to give us an electronic presence, from which three requests for petitions were received. Unfortunately, these requests had to be referred to other lodges. Your lodge needs your help! I have sent out letters to individual brethren and the Worshipful Master has put out a request for brethren to fill the chairs. As of this date we still need help, as only two have come forward. The Centennial THC and the IOJD have both scheduled benefit breakfasts prior to each of our meetings, beginning at our October Stated. Therefore, when you come out to lodge, come early and enjoy a hot and delightful breakfast and fellowship. They start at 8:00 am and end with our meeting. The schedule for next year is full, as we have a guest speaker or a play at each meeting, all on Masonic topics.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Dan Brewer, SW

From the South

PM Gerry Rapson is now at home after his rehab.

Brother Ed Spencer is walking with a walker, still having a fear of falling again.

Glynn Owens, Junior Warden

Committees for 2008

Communications committee (telephone)

All officers except the WM, Secretary and Treasurer

Sickness and Distress

Glynn Owens, HPM , JW Chairman Assisted by all officers

By Laws Committee

William Hines, Chairman, Dan Brewer SW, Frank Wilburn

Maryland CHiP lodge coordinator Dan Brewer, SW

Lodge Visitation Committee Dan Brewer, SW Chairman

All members of Seat Pleasant Lodge

Lodges: Birmingham, Collington, St. Alban, Camp

Springs, Oxon Hill, Centennial, St. Columba,

Perseverance, Prince Frederick, Shryock (advise SW of

lodge/dates you visit)

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Terry Royce , Chairman William Thomas, Co-Chairman

All members of Seat Pleasant Lodge

Audit Committee

Urban Peters, WM, Dan Brewer, SW, Glynn Owens JW,

William Hines PM, Melvin Harrison PM, Jesse Reisman

Blood Bank Committee

Glynn Owens, JW Chairman

Contact the chairman before you give blood to arrange

to get a blood donor card from Grand Lodge.

Lodge Historian

Jesse Reisman

Lodge Trustees

David E. Amstutz 2010

Glynn Owens 2009

Frank Wilburn 2008

Temple Holding Corporation

Terry Royce, President

William Hines, Secretary/Treasurer

Trustees: David E. Amstutz, Glynn Owens, Frank

Wilburn

PAST MASTERS

1926 -27 U.D. J. L. Hofferbert *	
1927 E. F. Roberson*	1968 John E. Pierce, Jr.
1928 E. F. Roberson*	1969 Boris Tenner* PGI
1929 Thurston G. Brown*	1970 Peter Cleland
1930 Floyd F. Martin*	1971 Kenneth C.Hardesty
1931 H. Raymond Wilburn*	1972 Norman E. Abney~
1932 F. L. Wight, Jr.*	1973 Harry M. Cotton
1933 H. W. Hotchkiss*	1974 James K. Arnold*
1934 Joseph E. Rawlings*	1975 John E. Pierce, Jr. PM
1935 Readus M. Frye*	1976 James H. Hollis*
1936 Carl E. Price*	1977 Chilton T. Walker~
1937 Edwin J. Staats*	1978 James A. Davis*
1938 E. G. Gentile*	1979 Raymond A. Williams, Jr.*
1939 F. R. Colmus*	1980 William D. Hines PGI
1940 Edward H. Schmidt*	1981 Richard T. Price~
1941 L. N. Sylvester*	1982 Wilburn H. Jones*
1942 Elza Job *	1983 Gerald R. Rapson
1943 Preston Tate*	1984 Rudy McCumber
1944 Edwin M. Fisher*	1985 Urban T. Peters
1945 Vernon Keafauver*	1986 Terry L. Royce
1946 C. H. E. Hoofring*	1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr.
1947 Jules DuBost*	1988 Richard H. Gould*
1948 Aubrey E. Amos*	1989 John F. Sullivan~
1949 Charles M. Wilson	1990 Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.
1950 August A. Duchene*	1991 David N. Hamrick \$
1951 Norris C. Robinson*	1992 Boris Tenner*PM PGI PSGS
1952 William T. Alvey*	1992 William H. Thomas+
1953 C. S. Hubbard~ *	1993 Melvin E. Harrison GI PWGT
1953 John E. Ball *#	1994-95 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*
1954 F. L. Freeman*	1996 Urban T. Peters PM PGI
1955 G. Chester Towers*	1997 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*
1956 James W. Patterson	1998-99 John R. Gluth PM+*
1957 Charles T. Glidden*	2000-2003 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*
1958 S. Flory Diehl* PSGW	2003 Glynn H. Owens #
1959 Hector D. Gellerson*	2004 R. Frank Wilburn PM
1960 George W. Allen, Jr.	2005 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*
1961 Lloyd B. Bertholf *	2006-07 Urban T. Peters PM PGI
1962 George J. McCullogh*	
1963 Gordon W. Pearson~*	
1964 Reidar Haug *	
1965 Jesse J Ross*	
1966 Joseph M. Harris *	
1967 C. William McPherson*	

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped