



Hay Market Lodge No. 313

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TRESTLEBOARD

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Worshipful Master's Theme

"Who Can Best Work and Best Agree"

Greetings From The East



Greetings Brethren,

September brings a lot of activities to the Lodge which we will kick off at our Monthly Stated. At the Stated Communication on the 14th the Lodge will observe Public Safety Night. This is an excellent opportunity to bring the family or a non-Mason friend to the Lodge for dinner and an open program on Public Safety. As is our practice we will serve dinner at 6:30 PM and the program will follow dinner. Those Brethren who might use this occasion to bring their family or a non-Masonic friend to the program should feel free to depart prior to our tiled meeting.

Next, on Saturday, September 19th, the town of Haymarket will be celebrating Haymarket Day and the Lodge will be sponsoring an Open House & Child ID Program at the Lodge. This will be yet another excellent opportunity for you to Bring A Friend, who you think might be interested in becoming a member of the Fraternity to the Lodge along with your family and his. Your friend and your family can take advantage of the many events being planned by the town and also learn about the Lodge and Freemasonry in a relaxed and social atmosphere. Bro. Bill Robinson is coordinating activities with the town of Haymarket, Bro. Joe Higgs has enlisted the services of both the Fauquier and Prince William County Sherriff's Departments to assist with the Child ID Program and Bro. Ian Forbes is working to be sure there are refreshments available all day. I know Bro. Forbes has sent out an e-mail asking for assistance in the kitchen and I encourage you to respond and let him know if you can help. The Lodge is also looking to the Brethren for assistance for all of the Haymarket Day related events. Call me and I will put you in touch with the Committee Chairman. If we all work together this should be one of our most successful months to date.

The next major event in the month of September will be Ed Ray's Ritual School which will be a District wide event hosted by Hay Market Lodge. Our Ritualistic Instructor for the Friday evening and Saturday sessions will be none other than Most Worshipful George Bernard "Bernie" Dungan. As the event is being hosted by Hay Market Lodge and the school is named in recognition of our own RW William E. Ray, Sr., I would hope that all of you will make an extra effort to attend.

So my Brethren, this pretty much sums up events for September. Come out, bring the family, support the Lodge and do what you can to receive the wages of a Master Mason.

With your help, Hay Market Lodge is having a great year. Come out and participate if you have not done so this year.

Fraternally,
E. Allen Wade
Worshipful Master

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Wor. James E. Kraut 703-743-1602

Celestial Past Masters & Members

"We will cherish their memory in our hearts"

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Hay Market Day & Child ID

Joseph A. Higgs 540-349-9283

Hawaiian Shirt Night

George R. May 703-378-4529

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Fred A. Jennell 703-609-3800

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Michael R. Mc Elroy 540-937-5387

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Vetrans Night

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Grand Master's Theme

"Discovering Our Potential"

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Happy Masonic Birthday

Maurice R. Beacham	9-24-1990
John C. Desmedt	9-20-2004
Fred A. Jennell	9-03-1975
Michael R. Mc Elroy	9-29-2008
Gary E. Mc Gaughey	9-14-1973
William L. Pierce	9-25-1990
Michael W. Rackley	9-28-1992
William R. Skidmore	9-11-1993

HONORARY MEMBERS

MW George H Chapin	1969	40-yr. Member
RW Wayne W. Grindle, Sr.	1982	27-yr. Member
RW William E. Hershey, Jr.	1976	33-yr. Member
Bro. Rex F. Hoskins	1948	61-yr. Member
RW Lomaye "Chips" Hurley	1956	53-yr. Member
RW William E. Ray, Sr.	1958	51-yr. Member
Wor. William C. Robinson	1988	21 yr. Member

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Everyone is encouraged to contact me about articles or information that might be included in future Trestleboard Publications.



Lodge & District Calendar of Events

September 14, 2009 - Stated Communication
Public Safety Night - Program open to friends and family. Hay Market Lodge 313, Dinner starts at 6:30 PM - Reservations Required - Contact Bro. Ian Forbes, Senior Steward. Seating capacity limited to 65 people.

September 19, 2009 - Lodge Open House
Hay Market Lodge 313 - Doors open at 8:00 AM
Child ID Program 8:00 AM thru 3:00 PM,
Coffee, juice and pastries 8:00 till 10:30 AM,
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Soda 11:00 AM till 2:30 PM

September 21, 2009 - Lodge Ritual Class
Hay Market Lodge 313 - 7:00 PM Wor. Bill Johnson, LIW, is available for work and instruction.

September 25th & 26th 2009 - Ed Ray Ritual School
Hay Market Lodge 313 - September 25, 2009 - 6:00 PM, Light refreshments upon close of the evening session, September 26, 2009 - 8:00 AM - Breakfast served before AM session

September 28, 2009 - Lodge Ritual Class
Hay Market Lodge 313 - 7:00 PM Wor. Bill Johnson, LIW, is available for work and instruction.

October 10, 2009 - Masonic Family Day
Grand Lodge of Virginia 4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond - Watch the October Trestleboard or contact Bro. Bruce Silvernale for details. This is open to family and non-Mason friends.

LIVING PAST MASTERS

1974	Vernon L. Squire
1976	Donald V. Osborne
1978	Gary E. McGaughey
1979	John D. Rosenberger
1981	William E. Ray, Sr.
1982	Robert E. Marshall
1985	Jay C. Skinner
1986	Wm. E. Hershey, Jr.
1987	Lomaye Hurley
1988	Wayne W. Grindle
1989	L. Guy Tippett, Jr.
1990	L. Guy Tippett, Jr.
1992	Alex E. Constant, Jr.
1993	Charles V. Gardner
1994	William C. Robinson
1995	Charles B. Darley
1996	David A. Bowman
1997	Charles E. Smith
1998	Charles V. Gardner
1999	Edward E. Groff
2000	Donald J. Kerr
2001	Donald J. Kerr
2002	Charles L. Benson
2003	Charles L. Benson
2004	Ralph A. Ring
2005	Donald J. Kerr
2006	Lyle G. Beefelt
2007	James E. Kraut
2008	James E. Kraut

Notes From The Secretaries Pad



Greetings Brethren,

By now I hope you have visited the Lodge website and seen the photos of the August Stated which was designated Shrine Night and the dress for the event was Hawaiian Shirts. We were treated to an excellent presentation from Noble Bennie Bough, High Priest & Prophet and Membership Chairman for the Kena Shrine Center and Illustrious Howard Sobel, Potentate of Kena Shrine also addressed the Brethren and friends attending the event.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 50 Year Veteran's Certificate and lapel pin from the Grand Lodge of California to Bro. Barney Settles, who is a sojourning Mason residing in the Gainesville area. The presentation was made by RW Donald Kerr, our DDGM and Bro. Settles briefly addressed the Lodge and expressed his gratitude to the Lodge for making the presentation.

But enough about August, looking ahead to September, I believe we will have to modify the calendar and add a couple more days in order to accommodate all of our plans. There is little I can add to what the Master has said or what the calendar shows. It is my sincerest hope that I will see most if not all of you at one or more of the planned September events.

As always my Brethren, please call or e-mail me if you have questions or if I can otherwise be of any assistance to you. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Bill Hershey, PDDGM
Secretary

The Traveling Gaveler

I recently attended Gulf Breeze Lodge in Pensacola Florida and am pleased to report that Freemasonry is alive and well. A splendid meal was followed by homemade ice cream and fresh strawberries. One of the great things that I enjoy about visiting Lodges in other jurisdictions is the subtle differences in ritual work, yet the similarities in fundamental Masonry. How boring it would be if throughout the world, everything was identical.

After a brief examination and getting my Passport to Freemasonry stamped, I participated in the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit, and witnessed some of these differences. As in every Lodge that I have attended in Florida, the Worshipful Master relies on the legal Masonic information of the Brethren to open his Lodge; the Word is never taken up. They balloted on a petition in Masonry that was read for the second time, after having been signed by two members of that Lodge (a requirement,) and attested to by three additional references. After the Worshipful Master balloted, the Senior Deacon placed the ballot box on the Senior and Junior Warden's pedestals and turned his back. When they had deposited their ballots, the Wardens tapped twice on the ballot box to alert the Deacon that they were finished, and he continued the balloting process in the Virginia fashion.

Another habit they have in Florida that I've seen several times before is to have the Senior Deacon "introduce and accommodate visiting Brethren". This puts the onus on him to gather information on each visitor prior to the Lodge opening. Small differences but unique enough to draw one's attention.

Several of us will be attending a talk by Ill S. Brent Morris at Andrew Jackson Lodge, #122 later this month, which should be informative as well as interesting.

Fraternally.....WB James Kraut

WHAT IS A CORNERSTONE?

Until the development of steel-frame construction in the 20th Century, most buildings were erected by stacking stone on stone. Each part of the building was marked by ceremonies. The foundation stone was the first stone placed underground at the beginning of the building's foundation. The cornerstone was the first stone placed above ground level-it is a massive stone, marking the northeast corner of the building. At the top of the building was the capstone.

The ceremonies of placing those stones were under the direction of the stonemasons who built the building, although the highest officials of the church and state usually participated, including the king or his representative. These ceremonies were occasions for public celebrations and fairs, each marking the progress of the construction of the cathedral or castle.

Cornerstones have played an important role in the history of our nation as well as Europe. George Washington laid the cornerstone of the nation's Capitol building, both in his role as President of the United States and as a Freemason. Before that, Benjamin Franklin, while Grand Master of Pennsylvania, established the tradition beginning with the cornerstone laying of the state house in Philadelphia.



Cornerstones have traditionally shown the date, the name of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, and the Masonic emblem. Such a cornerstone has been part of the construction or dedication of many federal buildings and seats of state government since these early beginnings. Sometimes, instead of a traditional cornerstone, a plaque is mounted on a building to mark its dedication or rededication. Technically, it is called a "commemorative stone," though it is not a part of the actual structure. The Masonic ceremony is appropriate for these stones as well.

WHY DOES THE MASONIC FRATERNITY PLACE CORNERSTONES?

The Masonic Fraternity, the Freemasons, developed from the guilds of stonemasons of the Middle Ages. We are the oldest and largest fraternity in the world, with a tradition dating back hundreds of years. In North America our forefathers laid the first cornerstones, and we continue in their tradition.

Many organizations do things in the public interest, things related to their own heritage. The V.F.W. holds ceremonies in cemeteries on Memorial Day to honor the men and women who gave their lives in defense of the nation. The American Legion presents American flags to schools and gives programs on flag etiquette. Freemasons conduct cornerstone ceremonies on public buildings that are dedicated to religion, education, civic service, and philanthropy. Many such stones are placed each year.

WHAT IS THE CEREMONY LIKE?

The ceremony has changed very little since George Washington laid the cornerstone of our nation's Capitol with full Masonic honors and ceremonies. The clothing has changed, of course, and much smaller stones are used now, but the rest is about the same. There are two elements to the event - the ceremony itself and the celebration preceding and following it. Usually the audience is called to order, a color guard presents the American flag, and everyone joins in the flag salute. A prayer is then offered.

What follows next depends on the wishes of those responsible for the building. You may want remarks by local officials (mayor, local clergy, council members, etc.) to precede the Masonic ceremony, or you may want the Masonic ceremony to go first. The Masonic ceremony itself is short. The Grand Master (or a designated officer of the state Grand Lodge) makes a few remarks, introduces the officers participating in the ceremony, and explains their duties. Objects are then deposited into the cornerstone. The ancient working tools of the stonemasons are applied to the stone-the plumb, the level, and the square. With each application of the tools, the officers attest to the fact that the craftsmen have done their work correctly and with skill. The Grand Master or appropriate officer then symbolically tests the stone with three knocks upon it, dedicates or rededicates the building, using the symbolism of corn, wine, and oil, and continues with the wishes of good health and peace bestowed upon the workmen and the people of the state. These three elements have been used in dedications of buildings since the time of ancient Rome, and represent nourishment and plenty (corn), joy (wine), and peace, healing, and comfort (oil). The ceremony ends with an oration about the symbolism attached to a leveled cornerstone and a prayer.

THE CORNERSTONE DEPOSIT

From the time of ancient Mesopotamia to the present, "deposits" have been made in the foundations of buildings or behind cornerstones. Now deposits usually include information about the building, the ceremony, artifacts of the time, and other material sealed away for posterity. For many years, boxes of soldered copper were used to protect the deposit but today containers made of PVC are used. They are more permanent and far less likely to leak. The Fraternity will provide some of the items for the deposit, but, for the most part, the selection is up to you. Providing the deposit can be one of the most exciting parts of the cornerstone event.

THE CORNERSTONE

No size requirements have been established for the stone. Traditionally it is cubical in form with an inner portion cut out to receive the deposit container. However, the wall or pillar where it is to be placed determines its thickness. Usually the architect or engineer should be consulted to determine size. The face of the cornerstone is usually carved with the name of the Masonic group dedicating the stone, the date, the Square and Compasses, and other appropriate information as desired.

THE COMPANION STONE

Sometimes a companion stone is set next to the cornerstone. It is the same size and can be engraved to fit the occasion. If the stone is set on a school, the companion stone might show the names of the architect, the building, and the school board. If it is set on a church, it might show the names of the minister and church board or elders. If it is set on a city hall, it might show the names of the mayor and city council members. Whether or not there is a companion stone and what it says are up to you.

HOW DO YOU ARRANGE FOR A CORNERSTONE?

Arrangements are made through your local Masonic Lodge. Generally, there is no cost for the Masonic portion of the celebration. Often, the Grand Lodge, local Masonic Lodge, or other Masonic group pays for the cornerstone and, if appropriate, a companion stone. The only cost to you is any event you may decide to hold with the celebration, such as public picnics, contests, concerts, etc., and the cost of having a local brick mason actually set the stone in its position in the wall after the ceremony is over. Such ceremonies are almost always covered by the local press, but be sure to notify local newspapers and television stations weeks prior to the occasion, just in case the word did not get to them.

ANCIENT CUSTOMS

No one can say when special ceremonies first were accorded the laying of cornerstones. What is certain is that it is indeed an ancient custom. In the Louvre are two terra-cotta cylinders recovered from the ruins of the city of Lagesh in what was southern Babylonia. Covered with cuneiform writing, these cylinders were foundation deposits to mark the construction of a temple built about 3,000 B.C. by Gudea, ruler of Lagesh. These cylinders were deposited just as coins, medals, and other mementos are deposited during the Masonic ceremony.

Gudea's temple had no cornerstone per se, as it was built entirely of brick, but in all other respects one can imagine a solemn celebration, not unlike a Masonic cornerstone ceremony today, surrounding the deposit of cylinders. Of particular interest to Scottish Rite Masons is the totem of the city of Lagesh: the storm bird, a double-headed eagle which stood proudly as the visible emblem of power and dominion.

Some 2,500 years later, Zerubbabel laid the foundation of the Temple of the Lord, rebuilding the Holy House erected by Solomon. The scene described in Ezra 3:10-12, is both joyous and poignant, with the "young people" happily rejoicing future greatness and the "old men" tearfully remembering former glories:

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because he is good, for his mercy endureth forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy.

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