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Mixing with the World

When moving through the line to become Master, opening and closing a Master Mason's Lodge can be an intimidating piece of ritual work to learn. Yet, when mastered, it is one of the many beautiful parts of our work.

When the lodge is opened there is that injunction on how to behave, so as not to disturb the tranquility that should pervade our meetings. Similarly, at the closing charge, we are reminded that we are leaving that special place and going out into the world again. We are reminded how to meet, act and part as Masons, but we often don't think about how to behave in the world as Masons. We know we should "do good unto all," but there is so much more to being a Mason. The following was shared with me and it needs to be front and center, not only on our newsletter, but in our hearts and minds.



***** Freemasonry is *****
kindness in the home,
honesty in business,
courtesy in society,
fairness in work,
pity and concern for the unfortunate,
resistance toward evil,
help for the weak,
forgiveness for the penitent,
love for one another and,
above all,
reverence and love for God.
Freemasonry is many things but,
most of all:
Freemasonry is a way of life.

From The East



Although there seems to be no vacation from the work of the lodge, it has been nice to get away. Knowing that the lodge has been in great hands with the Senior Warden in June, and the Junior Warden in July, has allowed me to be gone to two conferences with less worry about what's happening back home. Thank you, brethren, for your work in my absence. [Except for losing the song sheets]

One of our two air conditioning units upstairs decided to quit working. Our Building and Grounds Chairman, working with his faithful A/C man presented the lodge with a very attractive proposal to replace both units [26 years old each]. We have the money in the building fund to cover the cost, but it depletes the fund by half. If you are in a position to help the lodge with the cost of the two units, your donation to the building fund is most appreciated.

As usual, we have a lot going on in August. Join me if you are able as we travel to visit other lodges. Our speaker at the stated meeting is Right Worshipful Billy Irving, the District Instructor of Work for the 36th Masonic District. I look forward to being with the Grand Master at Bremond Lodge No. 241 on the 18th and at Great Bridge Lodge No. 257 on the 24th. We have our Community Builder's Awards Night on the 30th. Dinner will be served at 6PM and our award recipients will be honored at 7PM.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Worshipful Master

From The West



This has been a busy but relaxing month. We raised Brother Ben Jamal the day after Independence Day, I worked the remainder of that week, and then Teresa and I took off for a couple weeks in the Rocky Mountains. The docket held Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, The Black Hills and The Badlands, Little Big Horn, Yellowstone and The Tetons, Great Salt Lake, The Arches of Utah, and a stop in Denver to visit my newlywed son and his beautiful wife. Added pleasure was added to the trip by the country DJs of XM Radio.

A massively high volume of email awaited my return to work, and the Lodge Breakfast and more degree work awaited my return to the Lodge. Both

were tackled with pleasure and enthusiasm as our wonderful trip had completely recharged my batteries.

I hope each of you are able to get out and spend some special time with your special people throughout the year. Each life is a generous gift of time from God; make sure He knows that you love Him with your whole heart, and make sure He knows that you love your neighbor as yourself. I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Senior Warden

From The South



The dog days of summer are said to occur between July 3rd and August 11th. This happens when Sirius, the "dog star," rises and sets with the sun and is supposed to be the hottest time of the year. (Personally, I thought Sirius was the cool radio where I listen to the Elvis channel) Here in Virginia Beach, we get to enjoy the sweltering heat and crazy high humidity into late September. Just last week we saw the mercury rise to 100 degrees and the heat index hit close to 110. Now that's hot! I bring this up, not to state the obvious, but to remind everyone that during this time we need to look out for our elderly Brethren and Masonic Widows. Take a few minutes to give them a call and check on them. Make sure they're doing okay and ask how their air conditioning is holding up in this heat. Seniors are prone to heat related illnesses and a simple phone call might be just what it takes to uncover a need. At the very least I know the call will be welcomed and appreciated.

Brother Chris Anders, Junior Warden

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in August:

Dorothy Hudson	August 7 th
Joyce Stukekey	August 11 th
Sarah Faye Ward	August 13 th
Samia Salesby	August 26 th

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact Right Worshipful Bill Knowles or the Secretary.

Flag Presented to Lodge



At the July Stated Communication, Brother Matt Esper presented the Lodge with an American Flag flown over the Ground Mobility Compound in Afghanistan on June 1, 2016.

Community Builder's Award

The Community Builder's Award is designed to recognize and show our appreciation for outstanding community-oriented achievements of

non-Masons who reside and work in our city. There are many hard working, dedicated men and women in our community who have served others with no expectation of reward. We have selected two recipients and want to show them that we are proud of their good works, that we are happy that they are personally instrumental in making/building our communities into a better place for all people to live, work, and play. Our two honourees are John Brewington, Conductor of the Tidewater Winds, and Dr. Sandi Billy, Director of the Center for Sacred Music at Virginia Wesleyan College. Come out on the 30th to learn how these individuals have enriched our community and to show your support for their work.

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