

WEBB LODGE No. 1454 TRESTLE BOARD 7000 Zuefeldt Drive, Arlington, TX 76002 (817) 468-9992 www.lodge1454.com Stated Meeting Third Tuesday each month September 7, 2020/6020







FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Brethren,

The August lodge stated meeting was very special. The open meeting presentation made to so many friends and family members in attendance, was a tremendous story of faith and perseverance. I am thrilled that we had so many seats filled, while practicing social distancing and the wearing of masks as directed by the MWGM. We were also able to present the first stated meeting dinner of the year, also in accordance with the MWGM proclamation standards.

Our Senior Steward, Justin Watson, provided a very good meal. I look forward to more of the same going forward. Brother Chaplain, David Keefer, made his message of faith which coincided with our very special guest speaker. Sometimes we are asked to do something, and at the time we may feel overwhelmed and may not want to be of service, but you do it anyway, and the reward is knowing you've done well, while also helping others.

One of my goals for this year is to do a better job of reaching out to our aged and widowed members. We will be starting a 'Reach out' program to see if there is anything we can do for our aging members, and our deceased members families. If you know of anyone in our Webb Masonic community who could use a helping hand, or just a contact to see how things are going, please let us know.

Two Masonic Cornerstone ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday October 3rd, beginning with opening a MM lodge with Grand Lodge of Texas officers present at 8 AM at Arlington Masonic Lodge #438. The two ceremonies will be begin at 10:00 AM at Arlington ISD structures located at 900 E. Sanford, Arlington, TX 76011. If you can make yourself available to witness these important ceremonies which we as Freemasons do in our community, please make your arrangements to do so. We dress in masonic aprons in public view during the ceremonies. Hope to see you there. Some really good things are being planned for the lodge. Please keep in the loop of information, and even come back to a stated meeting if your schedule will allow.

Until we meet again, may each of you have peace, good health, and may brotherly love and affection prevail!

Be well, stay healthy, Jon K Wych, Worshipful Master 2020-2021





FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN: From the West:

Being a mason is like the Father that gave his two sons each a brand-new Ferrari and then left for Europe. One son excitedly told all his friends about his new gift. Took them for rides and enjoyed the car every day. The other son knowing how critical his father is, parked his Ferrari in the garage and covered it with a tarp to protect it.

After a few years, the father returned and asked his sons to come over with the cars the father had given them. The first son showed up with his car. It was scratched, had a few dents, sounded a little funny, with bald tires, and it smelled a little weird.

The second son showed up with his car on a trailer. When he uncovered the car, it was flawless. It still looked brand new! The father came out to greet his sons and hugged them both lovingly. Then the father looked the two cars over. The father smiled at the first son and said, "You certainly enjoyed the gift I gave you. Wow, this thing is a mess! You must have really enjoyed yourself." The first son said, "I sure did dad. It is a great gift!" Then as he looked at the other car, he knew that the car had not been driven or used at all. The father said, "Son, did you not like the gift I gave you?"

The son said, "Father, I was afraid that you would be upset with me if something happened to the beautiful gift. I loved you too much to risk damaging it. So, I put it in my garage and covered it for protection." The father shook his head in disgust and said, "I gave you this gift so that I could enjoy seeing how much you enjoyed it. Now it looks beautiful on the outside, but because of neglect, it won't even start. You were worried that I would have been disappointed and now your fear has come true. I am disappointed that you stole the joy and pride I would have felt in you, like I did with your brother. The gift was meant to be used and enjoyed. You tucked it away and ignored it."

The father then gave the unused Ferrari to the first son.

As a Master Mason, we are called to be a light to the world. So many times, we receive the light but then do nothing with it. We should do our best to be an example to the community, be involved in the community, promote education, promote charity, promote faith and be full of hope.

Being a master mason is not just going through the degrees, it should make a change (for the better) in our lives and in the lives of those around you.

Kevin Dean Moss, PM Senior Warden 2020-2021

Regards and may peace and harmony prevail!





FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN:

News you can use:

What is a Lewis? A "Lewis" is a Freemasons' son, who has not been initiated into Freemasonry. In stonemasonry a lewis is an iron cramp that is forced into a cavity of a stone to enable the lifting or lowering of that stone. Although it is not a working tool used in Masonic ritual it can be seen as a symbol of strength, which a son is to his father. Under some Masonic Constitutions "Lewises" are granted privileges such as in Scotland where the son of a Master Mason can be initiated at the age of eighteen rather than twenty-one. In England the only privilege extended to a "Lewis", is that he takes precedence if he is one of two candidates at initiation.

Did you know the word candidate comes from the Latin **candidātus**, meaning "clothed in white"—a reference to the fact that ancient Roman political candidates often wore white togas (or robes). The word is commonly used today to mean someone who has applied for a job.

Until we meet again on the level of the path of life.



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James Kenyon Clardy

Brothers, I hope all is well with you and your families. The challenges I mentioned last month are approaching. We are entering that part of the year where we are at the end of our income of last year and the dues to be received for next year. Brother Secretary has already sent out dues notices for the coming year. The officers are already considering fund raisers. Your participation in Webb Lodge and the judicious use of finances will be the key to our survival. And our Worshipful Master has an announcement on other finance issues to be made. Do not miss our next Stated Meeting!

Our annual return to Grand Lodge has been made and now starts a new cycle. For those of you like me that are no longer required to pay dues because of Life, Endowment or 50 yr Memberships, the Lodge is still required to pay a per capa on you. I hope you will consider contributing \$30.00 to that fund being set aside from Lodge operations to cover the expense. The intent is that we do not go scrambling for funds needed to pay that obligation.

As always, I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

J. Ken Clardy, Treasurer Treasurer Accounts







FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

The State Flag of New Mexico is a circle in the center with four rays coming from the circle to the top, left, right and bottom, Four is a sacred number which symbolizes the Circle of Life: the four directions, the four times of day, the four stages of life, and the four seasons. The circle binds the four elements of four together. It is a very old American Indian symbol from the sacred meaning to the Zia people. One time in Boy Scouts, we visited a chapel located in the middle of a cemetery in which at the altar was a sand drawing of the New Mexico flag but with only three sets of rays which represented that that person had died and completed their circle of life.

Mother Nature is in charge of the four seasons – winter, spring, summer and fall. Each season has its own purpose and meaning. Starting with Spring – the rebirth of life, flowers, new babies in the animal word, the trees just seem to burst leaves overnight. Next is summer – the sun and the sun tan (Ouch), the warm summer nights and hot days to get out and have fun on the water and lakes. Followed by fall – the slowing down of the fun and growth, time to repair and rethink of past actions. Finally, is winter – the snow, holidays – Thanksgiving and Christmas, New Year's Eve and the hangover New Year's Day.

Then the cycle starts all over again and even though there is always a January 15th, etc., each January 15th is somehow different than the last January 15th and will be the same but different than all the other January 15th.

The same but different – some companies, people and even Masons think and want each day to be the same. Some Masons do not understand that while they want the days to be the same, they themselves are not the same. We experience more weight, less hair, more mood changes, even changes in the taste of our cigars. The lodge maybe located at the same location for years, but with Brother coming and going, the mood and feeling of the lodge – I assure did change!! Dues of only \$90.00 per year will not even pay the electric bill and must be raised to \$130.00 or more just to keep the different the same.

Everywhere we look – the stars 1000 years ago are not in the same positions today as they were back then and in another 1000 years, the same stars will be even more different. No where will it always be the same – Mother Nature, Logic, thoughts – even ourselves are never the same even as little as five minutes ago.

This is food for thought as I have mailed out the lodge's request for dues payment. I have only mailed out the regular dues notice. Webb Lodge has as many endowed Brothers as regular Brothers and even though 27 out of 32 endowed Brothers make no additional 'catch up' payment costing the lodge at least \$20.00 each, they still think we can pay our bills. Please remit at least the \$30.00 we must pay GLOT and other fees on your behalf.

Until next time, My Brothers, SMIB

Actual Birthdays for September: Brothers -

Charles L. Burns, 09/06/1931; Robert J. Elrich, 09/06/1939; Ronald Paul Marshall, 09/14/1943; James Patrick Cotton, 09/15/1944; Carroll Wayne Hunter, 09/13/1950; Charles Lewis Powell, 09/24/1960; David Eugene Cavitt, 09/21/1968; and, Michael Chad Robinson, 09/26/1976.

Masonic Anniversary for September: Brothers -

James Kenyon Clardy, 09/18/1968, 51.06 service years;

David Dwayne Voyles, 09/30/1998, 21.95 service years;

Michael Wayne Whitis, 09/30/2006, 13.54 service years;

Mark James Hayes, 09/09/2005, 11.08 service years;

Larry Michael Roberts 09/15/2009, 10.98 service years; and,

Charles Lewis Powell, 09/29/2015, 4.942 service years.

Brothers:

with all that is going on in our lives, country, world,
business, health, mental and personal

- if you have faith, and if you have faith in God –
then it will all work out for the betterment.
See you next time...

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