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IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY 2020

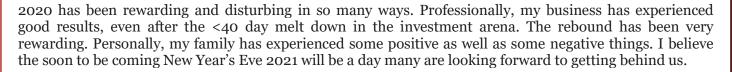






Notes from the East: November 2020 Edition

Brethren,



Webb lodge #1454 has showcased some very good speakers over the past couple of months in our stated meetings. And we have some really good ones coming up. I have opened up the stated meetings with presentations prior to the tiled meeting, to include our family and friends to see in person the good things that are being done in Masonry. Please consider coming back to participate when you can. We grow together, and share much light with each other when we meet in fellowship. Please check out our website: lodge1454.com and review the calendar which is updated regularly.

November is the month of being thankful. Being grateful for the blessings which we have received, and about to receive. Be appreciative of the things we have, the opportunities we have enjoyed, but none more important than being ever thankful for our family and friends.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas is moving forward with plans for the upcoming years' officers and activities. I believe you will be very pleased with how Webb lodge #1454 will be represented in the coming year!

One thing I was taught as I was growing up: Don't have regrets! If you want something, work towards achieving it. If you love someone, tell them. If you need to apologize for something, just do it. Tomorrow is not promised, so plan each day with trying to be the best human being you can be. Pray to our Great Architect of the Universe for guidance in your decisions. Forgive those who have angered you for whatever reason, and work on your Masonic ritual daily! Attend a Committee on Work Forum when you can.

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:

As Masons we are taught to let the Bible be the rule and guide to our faith and practice. We should look to the bible for the teachings that will improve our faith in God. We are also to look to the good book for guidance in becoming that beacon of light to our fellow masons and to the world.

The apostle Paul wrote to the early Christians almost 2,000 years ago. If we can take some of the lessons from a portion of those letters and apply them to Masonry, we might see how they coordinate with other Masonic principles we have heard. Applying these truths to our lives and living them out as an example to others; we will be better served, our fellow man will be better served, and Masonry will be more accurately represented.

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give Satan a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as your faith in God has forgiven you. Follow God's example and walk in the way of love.

If I have the gift of logic and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over all my time and physical strength to others, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Masons are reminded that we should be all about Faith, Hope and Charity, but without love, these are just things. Faith is empowered by love. Hope is made complete in love. Charity without love is just pity.

Arm yourselves with these principles and live your life so that the light of God shines through your interaction with others. Not just to your fellow mason, but to every person within your circle.

Kevin Dean Moss, PM Senior Warden 2020-2021

Regards and may peace and harmony prevail!



"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

Brother Benjamin Franklin Grand Master of Pennsylvania 1790 And that is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!!!

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







James Kenyon Clardy

(the new old man in the house)

First of all, I want to thank all that attended last month's Stated Meeting where I received my 50 year award recognition. I was truly humbled!

What happened to Oct? We are into Nov and in a downhill slide to the hallow days and a new year. Dues are coming in and our finances look better at this point. If you have not started thinking about fund raising, please do so and communicate your ideas / suggestions to one of the officers for consideration. I have started thinking about some serious New Year's Resolutions and my wish list (Yea, Like I am gonna loose that weight this year!). Finding a way to gain Lodge financial solvency and maintain it is in my top 10. I humbly ask that you join me in this quest.

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

J. Ken Clardy, Treasurer Treasurer Accounts







FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

I enjoy the James Bond movies. One of his shows named "You only live twice" has this wording in its song – "You only live twice – once for yourself and once for your dreams".

I think that there are two thought patterns: the theory and the practice. My theory sometimes never matches my practice, but as Momma Cass say – how do you have a dream come true if you have no dreams.

I apply my theory of Masonry to Masonry and sometimes walk away sad. Did I misjudge, misunderstand, or am I still waiting?

One of my positions within Masonry as being the Secretary of the Fort Worth Masonic Service Bureau as formed in 1914 is to assist Brothers and their families. One of my duties is to assist and/or provide funerals for Brothers. Over the last five years, I have been involved in so many that I no longer keep track. My theory of the funerals is that each lodge will conduct and staff funerals for their own Brothers. But the practice is so far from the theory that I get very upset. How can a lodge not honor their own?!!! This is enough to make me sick.

Many of my Brothers know that I am working on the transition team for RW Ken Curry. I have attended the training sessions for the new DDGMs all over the state. In my presentation, I have provided on a thumb drive a 40 page Burial Manual to serve as a guide book so that each lodge can live up to their duties and honor widows and families. I have also provided a trifold sheet "My Masonic History" for each Brother to complete providing his full Masonic history – not just Blue Lodge.

Maybe I – just a lodge secretary – can bring closer the theory and practice of funerals. Maybe lodges will understand and practice the final degree as well as they practice the EA, FC, and MM.

In the last full Masonic Year, Tarrant County Districts 64A, 64B, 64C, and 64D which have a membership count of 4772 preformed 66 EA, 51 FC and 28 MM for a total of 145 degrees. BUT the final, fourth degree in which there is little or no practice has 186!!! District 64 lost 41 more Brothers than we brought in.

Maybe my presentations, my manuals and my trifold history sheet will bring some attention to the State of Texas Grand Lodge of Texas to bring that "burial or fourth degree" into attention.

I had one DDGM telling me that a Brother in his lodge stood during a stated meeting stating that he did not want a Masonic Funeral as he knows that no mason would appear.

This is very sad to report – but true. Since January until the end of the third quarter 2020, there have been reported to GLOT almost 340 deaths for just Tarrant County. I just how many lodge funerals were conducted for that same time period?

'nough Said

Until next time, My Brothers, SMIB

Actual Birthdays for November: Brothers -

Michael McClain 11.06.1972 Christopher Howard 11.04.1987

Masonic Anniversary for November: Brothers -

Marcus M. Lowthorp, 11/19/1964, 55.94 service years
Robert J. Elrich, 11/20/1975, 44.88 service years
Daniel Lynn Page, 11/04/1982, 38.02 service years
Rolland Don LaLone, 11/23/1999, 20.98 service years
Jeffrey Wayne Baldwin, 11/20/2008, 11.98 service years
Jimmie Joe Mason, 11/15/2010, 9.99 service years

Masonic Spouses – out of respect for our ladies, no years are listed:

No Sister's listed Birthdays for this month

November upcoming events ...

Nov. 2 – online GLOT Grand Communications registration

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day (USA) ... Remembrance Day (Can)

Nov. 11 – Masonic Service Bureau meeting at Tarrant Lodge

Nov. 11 – Arlington Lodge Cornerstone – Arlington ISD

Nov. 14 – Moslah Shrine Sportsman Specials – call office for details

Nov. 17 – Webb Stated Meeting

Nov. 19 – Moslah Shrine Gin Club Meeting

Nov. 21 – Moslah Shrine Car Show at Temple

Nov. 22 – Fort Worth Parade of Lights

Nov. 26-27 - GLOT closed

Nov. 26 --- Turkey Day – be very thankful for what we have and how we live.

Nov. 30 – Exam at Ridglea No. 1341 with RW Jim Rumsey

<u>Just remember Brothers – on Thanksgiving Day when we all are together for our meal –</u>

<u>the toast could be one of the following two:</u>

Have a Happy Turkey Day or Have a Happy Day you Turkey ...

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.

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