



WEBB LODGE No. 1454
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Stated Meeting Third Tuesday each month
May 13, 2021/6041



FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:



Brethren,

In our May stated meeting, we will begin with an 'Open' forum once again, prior to the tiled business meeting, with a special guest speaker who will present a "Masonry and Music" lecture. Please attend, bring your wife, significant other, and friends to experience the event. Reach out to a brother who has not attended lodge in a while and 'Bring a Brother Back'!

These are opportunities to leave our family at home, 'Masonically Widowed' again. The May stated meeting will result in a total of 8 'open' forums where we have opened the doors to our family and friends for a presentation. Involve them in your attendance in the lodge when they are offered. This will be the last time, in this Masonic year that we will have that opportunity. In June we will focus on the officer elections for the ensuing year.

We have accomplished much this year, even though we endured the Covid – 19 issues. The lodge finances have improved due to the Webb Fraternal Organizations involvement and decision made on utilities. We have remodel plans in the making which will give us a lodge room to be envied by others in the making. We have a 'Smoke Pit' in the making to assist us in fundraising. We have given out numerous awards, some posthumously, and recognized some very special people for their outstanding work in Masonry, and outside of the craft.

The 30th Anniversary 'Challenge Coin' fundraiser has been an added benefit for the lodge checking account. We have more coins to sell and fundraise for the lodge. Please help us help ourselves financially by participating in distributing these beautifully designed one of kind coins!

Personally, I have reached out to many of the lodge brethren, as well as some widows by phone calls, emails, text messaging, and 'Thinking of You' greeting cards, on multiple occasions over the year. This is something I pray more brethren will take the reins and reach out to our brethren and widows without being directed to do so. Behold how nice and pleasant it is when brethren communicate, socialize, and share fellowship in the aura of friendship and brotherly love.

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

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Be well, stay healthy



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:
From the West:



Signs and Symbols

Masonry is full of signs and symbols and they are meant to have relevance to our lives. As humans, we tend to know what we want to do but at times we find ourselves deviating from our principals and regretting decisions and actions made in “the moment.” How many times have we said to ourselves, “sheesh, what was I thinking?”

In religion, there tends to be punishment tied to ungodly behavior. If you sin, you are going to be punished, or you will be cast out of God’s presence. Religion then starts to list the sins and points out the actions and thoughts that may separate you from your God. Some religious teachings explain what sins are and tell you not to commit them, but if you do, here is the list of things that you must do to get right with God.

Masonry is not a religion. Its teachings are based on some biblical principles but also on some basic instruction of how you should live your life and how you should treat your fellow man. There is no religious wrath that will be brought upon the Mason for a lack of adherence to Masonic teachings. There may be some kind of cause and effect that might befall the Mason that doesn’t practice the precepts and lessons taught him, but then again, maybe not.

What I have found is that treating your fellow man “by the square” is likely to keep you out of trouble. It will probably improve the relationships that you have. It may even make it easier to fall asleep with a clear conscience. “By the square” means that you should treat your fellow man in a way that you wish someone would treat you in a similar situation.

If I am feeling down and troubled, I would like to be encouraged and listened to. When I meet with someone who I find out is down and troubled, do I encourage them and really listen to what they have to say? Do I try to find a way to avoid that person, so they don’t bring me down? If I need a helping hand for an upcoming move, wouldn’t I want some to help? Do I volunteer to help someone else move? Do I avoid their calls because I don’t want my weekend ruined?

Now that we know what treating someone “by the square” is, using a symbol to help us remember how we should act can be helpful. We remember that our obligations to each other are made by placing our hand on the square. It is no small matter that we have the square as one of the principal symbols of Masonry.

Treating someone in a manner that you would like someone to treat you, if you were in similar circumstances, may go against our selfish nature, but in reality, we are better served by serving others. Our lives will be richer and more blessed by remembering the square and what it means to act “by the square.”

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FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN:

Dew and Oil,

In our Masonic symbolism oil is associated with corn and wine as an element of consecration and as wages of a Fellow Craft. In the 133rd Psalm oil and dew are associated as symbols of God's blessings, and in some other Biblical passages dew is substituted for oil in connection with corn and wine as symbols of blessing.

Gen. 27:28 "Therefore God gave thee of the dew of Heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine."

Deut. 33:28 "Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his Heavens shall drop down dew."

However, there is a difference - dew is the symbol of heavenly blessings; oil of earthly joy. Oil is the material result of the spiritual dew.

Taken from the Masonic Concordance of the Holy Bible by Charles C. Hunt

Brother Joseph Scholari, PM



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James Kenyon Clardy



Greetings Brothers!

Brothers, as this physical year comes to a close and we prepare for the next, I first want to give Thanks to you and our officers for the state of our finances. Last September, the WFO agreed to rent the building with bills paid to us. This act alone reduced our operating cost and stabilized our budget.

Secondly, our annual investment return from Grand Lodge has been diminishing over the past 10 years to the point that we had to beg/borrow funds to pay our pro capa to Grand Lodge. We appealed to you and the \$27.50 per Endowed and Life member was met. Regular dues already included the pro capa. A big Thanks to those brothers who stepped up with donations. We set those funds aside from the operating budget with the results that we now have the annual pro capa to Grand Lodge covered.

Last is a thank you to those who have supported the fund raising efforts. Those funds do directly to the operations account. It should go without saying that the better we do here, the less we need from our brothers to supplement. It takes a small effort to make a major difference.

Again, a big thank you to those that have made our finances stable again. We are now exploring other ways to grow out income and reduce the burden on our brothers.

In Brotherly Love,

Fraternally,

J. Ken Clardy, Treasurer
Treasurer Accounts





FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:



This is the month of May ... somewhere there is a song about it.

But when I think of May I also think of being kind and polite. So when someone asks “can I have a beer” now say “May I Have a Beer? How many beers would a person get if he only asks in a friendly, polite way?

Now let us apply this politeness to modern life. Does honey always get more than vinegar? Maybe not always, but I much like the taste of honey. Even in our small sphere of our home – wife and kids, mother-in-laws, etc. If you word the sentence correctly, you could be polite and say anything you want.

Words a stronger than the sword – the Bible which was written long ago still has very strong words to develop all kinds of emotions – love, hate, envy, etc. The damage done is so much greater than a sword.

The Lord's Prayer is about 50 words while Obamacare was 1700 pages ... which set of words has had the greater impact upon America.

Back when I was a paralegal, I would summarize depositions. The rule was that 10 pages of testimony could be summarized into only one page. That tells me the whole deposition was 90% useless – but only if the attorney charged by the word!

Therefore, can the month of May be just that “May I whatever”, “May we whatever” and keep the comment to less than 10 words? Short and sweet – still gets the job done.

A farmer friend of mine was standing out in his field and was milking one of his happy cows when a fly flew into one of the cows ears and came out in the milk. The farmer stated that that was just like a lot of his meetings – in one ear and out the utter.

Stay safe and happy – too many funerals are there not to be happy while we can.

Until next time, My Brothers, SMIB

***** **IN MEMORIAM** *****

THE ALPHA ---

Webb Masonic Lodge No. 1454 lost a much honored Brother, husband, father. son –

MARCUS MERROW LOWTHORP

God Bless Us All – no known deaths this month

– may Brother Long rest in forever peace and may peace be with his family for ever and ever ...
--- THE OMEGA

Actual Birthdays for and May 2021: Brothers –

Ollie Louis Spiva – 05.17.1945

Lewis Elmore Marchbanks – 05.10.1941

Frederick Ernest Englerth – 05.14.1945

Edgar Castillo – 05.20.1965

Justin Quade Watson – 05.01.1972

John Robert Lockwood – 05.15.1964

William Michael Pilcher – 05.12.1992

Masonic Anniversary for May 2021: Brothers –

Frank Miller, Jr. ... 05.04.1967 ... 54.063 service years

Robert M. Wendell ... 05.16.1989 ... 31.49 service years

Yamen B. Soliman ... 05.21.2001 ... 19.99 service years

Phillip Roger DeLillo ... 05.25.2017 ... 3.97 service years

Fred Irvin Smith ... 05.20.1974 ... 17.81 service years

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

Joyce Moss ... 05.30.xx

Sherri Kay Myers ... 05.06.xx

**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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<http://www.webblodge.org/>

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<http://lodge1454.com/index.php/calendar-of-events>

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<https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/>

