

Masters Message



Brethren:

It may surprise some to hear that we have enough Masonic law to warrant the term "Jurisprudence", which infers a system or body of law as opposed to an isolated rule. Others will associate the word "law" with our civil law with its prohibitions, penalties and sanctions. Masonry differs from the state in that the prohibitions are a matter of conscience, and the only sanctions are those of public opinion (Masonic Brethren) and the power of reprimand, suspension or expulsion from the membership.

In spite of these limitations Masonry has a system and body of law which goes back for many centuries. This system embraces both principles and procedure. The principles are to be found in two sources, viz. in what we know as the Landmarks and in the Ancient Charges. Procedure is dealt with in the Book of Constitutions, and also, to some extent, in Grand Lodge decisions.

The Landmarks may be defined as ancient doctrines and customs that are essential to Masonry's Identity; remove a Landmark and Masonry would be something else. For this reason the Landmarks cannot be changed by any Mason, Lodge or Grand Lodge. (cont.)

Schedule of Communications

Wednesday September 5, 2018

6:30 PM Dinner—Dining Room

7:30 PM Stated Communication

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Being the fundamentals of Masonry, the Landmarks constitute its basic laws.

The Ancient Charges require adherence to the moral law, conformity to the laws of the country whose protection we invoke, thrift and honorable dealing in private life, courtesy, and the promotion of the social virtues; that is, working for the good of the community and of society at large. They also call for loyalty to Masonry as a whole, and to our Lodge and Grand Lodge in particular.

Grand Lodge decisions and the edicts of Grand Masters also form part of the legal structure of Masonry. Thus, Masonic Jurisprudence includes written laws, decisions, edicts and unwritten laws, such as the Landmarks and other established practices of the Fraternity. The system is looser than the similar body of law for the government of a nation. Nevertheless, the Craft is well governed.

Mt. Rose Lodge looks forward to seeing you in September and hopes you've had a great summer!!!

Fraternally,

Joey V. Rueckl, WM

Freemasonry's Lesson for Today

The ancient traditions of Freemasonry permit you to influence your qualified sons, friends and co-workers to petition for the degrees. There is absolutely no objection to a neutrally worded approach being made to a man who is considered a suitable candidate for Freemasonry. After the procedure for obtaining membership in a Masonic Lodge is explained, there can be no objection to his being reminded once that the approach was made. The potential candidate should then be left to make his own decision and come of his own free will.

One of the most misunderstood of the laws of Freemasonry is the rule that prohibits the solicitation of a candidate by any Mason. Every man who enters the portals of a Masonic Lodge must come of his own free will and accord but he can only come if he knows of the opportunity.

So far ingrained in our Masonic law is the rule against solicitation that it has unquestionably caused most Masons to refrain completely from discussing Freemasonry with friends and acquaintances who are not Masons. Don't let that happen to you.

The failure of the Masonic institution to make known to the public, that is to non-Masons, its principles and its purposes has, in the past, resulted in both suspicion and antagonism toward Masonry. People are naturally inclined to be suspicious or fearful of those things of which they are ignorant.

From the desk of;
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August Birthdays

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| Rev. V. James Jeffery | 03 |
| Clinton D. Burdick | 06 |
| John S. North | 08 |
| Joe M. Beard | 13 |
| Simon M. Bradbury | 16 |
| Brian Fleischer, PM | 24 |
| John Ilescu, Jr. | 26 |

September Birthdays

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| Stephen J. Walker | 08 |
| John R. Lindell | 15 |
| Kenneth N. McKim, Sr. PM | 19 |
| Roy S. Dawson | 26 |
| Frank W. Jones, Jr. | 27 |

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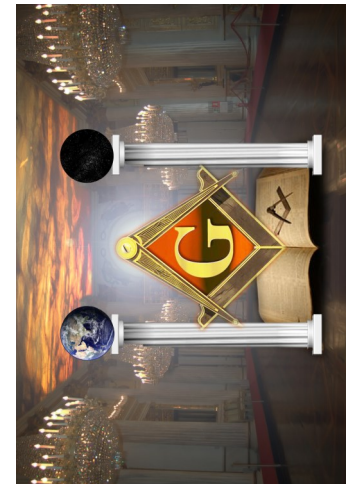
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**Mount Rose Lodge
 No. 40-F. & A.M.**

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 June 8, 1950

*Trestle Board for
 August 2018*

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*Stated Communication  
 First Wednesday of Each  
 Month except Dark in  
 July & August  
 40 West First St.  
 Reno, NV.*