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**From the "East":**

No input this month

**From the "West":**

Brethren, I found this short article to be right on target from my personal experience. I hope you will take a few minutes to read it and think about the message.

Not One Person, (By Brother Dan Weatherington, from the Masonic e-mail journal CINOSAM)

Not one person ever joined Masonry because George Washington was a Mason. Not one person ever joined Masonry because Harry Truman was a Mason. Not one person ever joined because of any of our great Masonic heroes. Joining doesn't make you any of those people.

Not one person ever joined in order to give a million dollars a day to charity, or homes, or crippled children. You don't have to be a member to give money.

Not one person ever joined because our ritual is outstanding, or our minutes are accurate, or a hundred other things we worry about. They don't know about our ritual.

They joined because someone they knew and admired was a Mason. It could have been a father, a friend, a man down the street, or someone a thousand miles away.

Who, it didn't matter. They admired him and wanted to do the things he did, and they did it by the millions.

Want to help our growth? Be the kind of man someone admires. Someone will notice.

Please don't forget the Saturday breakfast. The income generated by this is critical for us to keep out Lodge afloat. Please come down and help for a few hours if you can.

Hope to see you soon, Rick

### **From the “South”:**

The Three Degrees of Craft Masonry - Below is a brief examination of the three degrees and what the candidate for admission can expect to learn by partaking in them.

*1st Entered Apprentice* - The first degree of Craft Masonry, the Entered Apprentice Degree is symbolic of birth. The candidate in a state of darkness is brought into the lodge not knowing what will follow but trusting in his guide to lead him along the way in his quest for light (knowledge). While little of an historical sense is revealed to him, he is instructed about the inner workings and principles of the craft and during the lecture is taught the antiquity of the society as well as the symbolism of King Solomon's Temple and its building, completion and dedication.

*2nd Fellowcraft Degree* - The second degree of Craft Masonry, the Fellowcraft Degree, is symbolic of life. The candidate begins by proving that he is in possession of the lessons learned in the 1st degree. He is instructed in the advancement of the operative workmen of biblical and medieval times and how they were paid for their labors. The lecture furthers the Fellowcraft's understanding of the completion of King Solomon's Temple and it's importance.

*3rd Master Mason* - The third degree of Craft Masonry, the Master Mason Degree, is symbolic of death. Like the Fellowcraft degree the candidate begins by proving that he is in possession of the lessons learned in the 2nd degree. He is taught the legend of Hiram Abiff, the Grand Master of the Masons who built Solomon's Temple, and how he was slain for not betraying the secret of a Master Mason. The candidate is then made to represent the fallen Master Mason as a lesson in preparing for the life that lies beyond this one. The lecture furthers the newly raised Master Mason's understanding of the legendary history, symbolism and inherent philosophies of Freemasonry.

Remember that the August stated meeting is Past Master's night and W/B Reggie will be making “Reggie's Ribs” for dinner. I suspect Bro. Michael Belle Isle with also need some help on Saturday to serve Pancakes. See you there.

### **From the Secretary:**

I have been speaking with the Senior Warden about his calendar for the upcoming year. I know he has a lot of activities in store for the Lodge, and I know he would love to hear from the brethren about any ideas they may have for the Lodge, or an event they may like to do in the upcoming year. Bro. Rick's year is beginning to fill up as he plans for visitors, and making arrangements for events for the lodge. So if you do have some ideas you may want to see him soon so that the required time may be set aside.

As always, if you haven't paid your dues/assessment for this year, you need to do so now. We still have over three dozen brethren who are not up to date. It is not a good situation for the lodge to have so many brethren in arrears, especially as we are so late in the year. Please pay your 2010 dues before I send out the dues notices for 2011.

**Highlights of the “Stated”:**

- The Lodge voted in favor of the resolution to require the incoming Worshipful Master to submit and get approved, a budget for his ensuing year.
  - The Worshipful Master discussed the Lodge picnic for August.
  - VWB Marion Windell discussed the Grand Master’s motto for the year, “Working Together”, and talked about the proficiency program and district events.
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*In Memoriam*

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**August Anniversaries**

Charles Meyer	63	Rodney Smith	58
Richard Lesperance	58	William White	57
Matthew Boyeson	57	Roy Compton	49
Glenn Whitehead	42	Hugh Myers	37
Donald DuBois	36	Jacob Cohen	36
Darrell Brown	33	Francis Hughes	29
Charles Davis	23	Philip Bleyhl	22
Robert Miller	19	Christopher Nagel	18
Richard Janoe	8	David Sherman	4
Thomas VanHemel	4		