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From the EAST



Of late I have been missing in action due to a couple of minor procedures but I am on the mend and want to thank those who sent get well cards, called on the phone or sent get well emails. I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone and assuming my duties in November.

The November 10th Stated Communications will be our Officers Recognition meeting and I'm hoping for a nice turn out in recognition of our officers. Our ranks are growing, and I understand that we will have a few petitions to vote on at our next meeting. We are hoping to have a Fellow Craft degree in November but no definite date has been set, we will keep you all informed.

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From the WEST



Brothers All,

The Thanksgiving Holiday is just around the corner! Let us all remember to be thankful for the plentiful bounty of God, and extend our hand to relieve those who are not so fortunate. Inserted below is a short excerpt pointing to a very early act of relief within our fraternity.

"The term, "Masonic Benevolence," encompasses a wide spectrum of the acts of Brotherhood. It is a traditional example of "the Masonic Way. " The first recorded act of Masonic Charity is found in the minutes of The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. I of December 27, 1729. "And lastly The societie upon applicon from one David Mitchell/ a poor distrest jounayman mason/ appointed Henry Wilson, their former Warden, to give him three pounds scots And to take credite therefor in his accompts."

Since that time Masonic Lodges throughout the world have dispensed charity to poor and distressed Brethren and extended it to their widows and orphans. Charity contains the lubricant and the cement of life. It is an essential ingredient of Masonry. It has been said that "the Masonic Way is to give without remembering and to receive without forgetting."

There are countless instances of Masonic charity that are never recorded. The "charity box" was used in many lodges, with Brethren contributing according to their conscience and abilities, and the funds being used at the discretion of the Master or of these funds being used for such things as
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On November 22, the 404 club will hold a Spaghetti Dinner at the Shrine Club. Tickets should be available at our next Stated Communications on the 10th.

W.:M.: Pete Raymond

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firewood for a Masonic widow, crutches for a Brother's invalid daughter, or a horse so a Brother could do his spring plowing. Even today, lodges perform thousands of acts of charity which are not recorded. For specific needs, the hat is still passed. To aid the distressed is a duty incumbent on all mankind, but especially an obligation of Masons."

Have a Happy Thanksgiving Brothers, see you at our next stated communication!

On the Level,
Bro. Peter Carter



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The Chaplain's Corner

FROM THE CHAPLAIN:
MASONIC QUOTES BY BROTHERS

Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it

is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principals which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.
(George Washington)

Lets keep Slim's daughter, Cliff McPhee, Chuck Taylor, Peter Carter' son, Bill Harms and his wife and all others that are sick and in distress that you may know of in our prayers.

R.:H.: Lucky Lee, Chaplain

From the SOUTH



This November we will be having Beef Stew and Cuban Bread made by Brother Cliff.

As the year winds down and cold weather returns to the state I am looking forward to seeing the many snowbird Brothers returning to Lodge. So let us welcome them and have a great lunch and fellowship with all our Brothers.

Novembers LAP day will be at Red Lobster in Spring Hill on Rt.19. Come, bring your Ladies and enjoy the friendship.

Thank You All From The South

J.:W.: Dennis

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Did you know?

The strongest muscle in the human body is the tongue and the hardest bone is the jawbone. (No Mother-in-law jokes please.)

Human feet have 52 bones, accounting for one quarter of all the human body's bones.

Feet have 500,000 sweat glands and can produce more than a pint of sweat a day.

The acid in your stomach is strong enough to dissolve razor blades. The reason it doesn't eat away at your stomach is that the cells of your stomach wall renew themselves so frequently that you get a new stomach lining every three to four days.