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From the EAST

From the moment we first stood in the northeast corner of the lodge as entered apprentice masons, we have been taught that it is necessary that there should be "wisdom to contrive, strength to support and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings." These are the three great supports of masonry.

We know that wisdom represents the East and the Master of the Lodge and is symbolized by the Doric* column as it combines the beauty of the Corinthian with the strength of the Doric. Solomon is represented in speculative masonry as the type, or representative of wisdom due to the character given him in the First Book of Kings (chapter four, verses 30 through 32). "Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country and all the wisdom of Egypt, for he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite and Heman and Chacol and Darda, the sons of Mahol and his fame was in all the nations round about."

Strength is represented in the symbolic lodge by the Senior Warden and the Doric column as it is the most massive column in all the orders of architecture. Hiram of Tyre becomes the Archetype for strength because of the assistance he rendered by providing the men and materials needed for constructing the temple.

Beauty we are told is represented by the Junior Warden as he symbolizes the meridian sun, "the most beautiful object in the heavens", and by the Corinthian column as it is the most beautiful of the ancient orders of architecture. The archetype becomes Hiram Abiff, the widow's son, due to the great debt owed him for his skill in decorating the temple.

The understanding of the three great supports of masonry is essential to the lectures of the symbolic lodge and is repeated in each of the degrees. This repetition is done to impress upon us the importance of these attributes, but is there a deeper meaning?

Food for thought until next month when we will pursue this even further for more enlightenment for all who care to learn, and perhaps to teach those who are less informed as we may be. Remember that we all started with a knock at the door, seeking for more light, and all who listened, learned.

Wisdom, Strength and Beauty – How can you go wrong with a trio like that backing you up.

Worshipful Master - Ben Edney

Past Masters

R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33 ^o	2017
W.: Dennis Suarino.....	2016
R.:H.: Peter A. Carter.....	2015
W.: Pete Raymond	2014
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee	2013
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33 ^o	2012
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33 ^o	2011
W.: Charles "Chuck" Taylor*	2010
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee	2009
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee	2008
W.: Henry Oppenborn, Jr. 33 ^{o*}	2007
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee	2006
W.: Robert "Buzz" Bernard.....	2005
W.: Charley Rhodes*	2004
W.: Charley Rhodes*	2003
W.: James McIntosh.....	2002
R.:W.:John "Lucky" Lee	2001
R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen 33 ^o	2000
R.:W.: Paul Miller	1999
R.:W.: Paul Miller	1998

From the WEST

THOUGHTFUL MINDS:

- 1) "Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things."
- 2) "Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today."
- 3) "This is as true in everyday life as it is in battle: We are given one life and the decision is ours whether to wait for circumstances to make up our mind whether to act, and in acting, to live."
- 4) "It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."
- 5) "The worst thing that happens to you may be the best thing for you if you don't let it get the best of you."
- 6) "We are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free."
- 7) "True satisfaction comes from getting the job done. The key to a successful leader is to earn respect-not because of rank or position, but because you are a leader of character."
- 8) "You have to remember that the hard days are what make you stronger. The bad days make you realize what a good day is. If you never had any bad days, you would never have that sense of accomplishment!"
- 9) "Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others."
- 10) "Memorial day isn't just about honoring veterans,

its honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that's a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve. It's a continuation of service that honors our country and those who fell defending it."

Lucky Lee: Senior Warden

Happy Birthday To:



Chris Edney	Sep 2
George Faunce	Sep 3
Mike Cota	Sep 4
Wayne Smith	Sep 5
Adam Wilkinson	Sep 6
Bob Taber	Sep 18
Ernie Polk Jr.	Sep 28

2018 Trestle-Board Boosters

**Fred & Dottie Basehore
Buzz & Gwen Bernard
Whitey & Margie Cassell
Ben Edney
Chris Edney
Lucky Lee
Brian & Paula Lee
Ed & Lil Gingrich
Hank McInturff
Dave Murray
Slim & Anita Owen
Pete & Mary Raymond
Jesse & Heather Renfroe
John & Carol Ross**
Be a BOOSTER!
\$10.00 will get your name here for a year.



From the SOUTH

LAP Day for September 25
 Will be at
 Outback
 In
 Spring Hill



Greetings from the South

THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

It is universally recognized that the four principal Cardinal Virtues in Masonry are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. These are often represented by various figures, usually female. Origin of the Cardinal Virtues: It may be stated that the Cardinal virtues have been connected with Masonry since time immemorial. One source has suggested that the 'cardinal virtues came from the Latin word "cardo", meaning "a hinge." ` Old Roman writers applied 'cardinal', meaning the most important, to the four points of cast, west, north and south, and to the winds blowing from those directions.' East symbolized wisdom; west, strength, north, darkness., and south, beauty.'

It has been suggested that the Cardinal Virtues (that is, the most important virtues) were associated by the philosophers of Ancient Greece well over 2000 years ago and handed down through the ages in the group of four.' They have been found in a book of the Apocrypha, the Wisdom of Solomon: 'Wisdom teacheth temperance and prudence, justice and fortitude, which are such things as men can have nothing more profitable in life.'

The Cardinal virtues, 'which we know in everyday life as good judgment and common sense, moderation and self control, courage and endurance, and honesty and sincerity; they are the marks of one who in the words of the Ancient Charge is "a good man and true".'

J.:W.: Chris Edney

The Chaplain's Corner

Remember all our Brothers and their Ladies – remember also all those serving in the military and all “first responders”.

Locally we have:

Lucky Lee, John Perry, Tom Stratford, Bob Thompson, Silvia Hartsfield, Ray Vance, Ed Gingrich, Dottie Basehore, Tim Tyler, Ray Davidson, Loretta McDermind, Brad Johnson.

All who are in need of prayer.

R.:W.: Slim - Chaplain

God Bless America

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