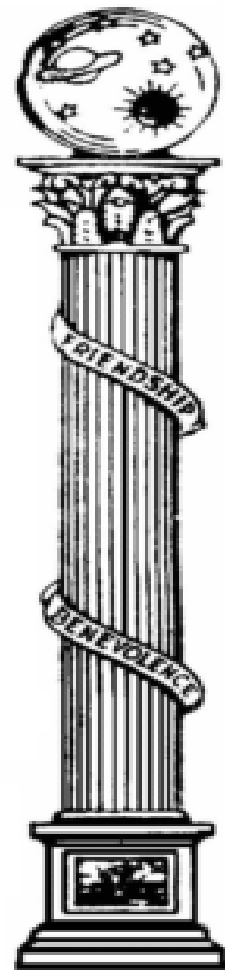
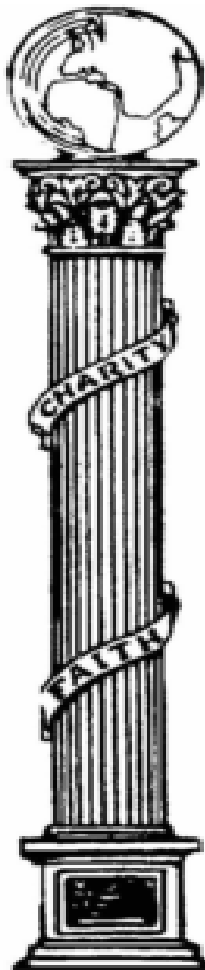


October 2013

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~ From the East ~

Greetings,

I'd like to take a moment to thank the Brothers who attended the memorial service for Brother Piorkowski . I find the memorials to be one of the things that make me most proud to be a Mason. The realization that when each of us reach that undiscovered country we will have left it in the hands of our "Brothers" to comfort those loved ones we leave behind always washes over me at some point, and I find myself comforted that my loved ones wont face that time alone.

When you see the pain in the eyes of the family and their reaction to the moving ceremony that we have the honor of taking part in, you somehow know that in this moment we are answering the highest calling of a Mason.

Brother Piorkowski was a frequent visitor to our Veterans Breakfast and he and his lovely wife Donna had a very positive impression of Noah Lodge. This was greatly due to the hospitality they received from Brother Tumbarello and the other Brothers in attendance. So positive that in her hour of desolation she reached out to us not only to perform a ceremony but for a shoulder to cry on, and a hand to lead her through one of the toughest times in her life.

I am always humbled, grateful and honored when such trust is placed in our hands and when i look to my side and see my Brothers in line I am grateful to be counted among men such as these.

Thanks be to all,

Bro. James E Hamilton W.M.
Noah Lodge #357 F&A.M.

From the West "On the Level"

Nothing from the West.

1966	Earl C. Lewis *	1991	Norris W. Clark, Jr.
1967	Robert Thompson *	1992	Stephen G. Sibbald
1968	Gordon Mason	1993	Alex Sibbald
1969	Louis Foss *	1994	Dr. Mark C. Means
1970	David R. Grant *	1995	Floyd D. Waddell
1971	Charles Nelson	1996	Dr. Rick A. Means
1972	Walter Stilwell	1997	Larry G. Hayes
1973	John R. Lee	1998	John A. Dean
1974	James T. Linton *	1999	Dana P. McGrath
1975	Bruce Cowart *	2000	Thomas Reedy
1976	Horace Welch	2001	Lawrence Tomlinson
1977	Gerald Keeton *	2002	Brian Harkins
1978	Alex Sibbald	2003	Mike Morrow *
1979	Robert Morrow	2004	Jerry Timberlake
1980	Fred Henniger *	2005	Robert Gilliland
1981	Upton S. Higginbotham	2006	David Dellinger
1982	Charles J. Christman	2007	Christopher Kelly
1983	Milton A. Bayliss, Jr.	2008	Lawrence Tomlinson
1984	Howard L. Ekiss	2009	Thomas Reedy
1985	O. Jay Hilderbrandt	2010	Dr. Rick A. Means
1986	Charles R. Lawson	2011	Larry Newton
1987	John A. Dean	2012	Lawrence Tomlinson
1988	John R. Grabowski *		
1989	O. Jay Hilderbrandt		
1990	Richard Bashaw *		

* Indicates Deceased

From The South "Observing the time"

Brothers,

Well more time has past and we now have a few more good members in training and I think they are doing well. If you missed our work day, you missed a good time with your brothers and thanks to all of those that came out.

We are starting to practice our f c degree if anyone would like to join in on this fun time, all are welcome. We are there every Monday night at 7:30, so come on out and have some fun with your brothers.

Sincerely

J W Gardner

IN MEMORY OF

BROTHER PIORKOWSKI

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From The Secretary's Messy Desk

Well, Brothers, it's already the middle of October and the year seems to be passing faster than ever.

Dues notices for 2014 are in hand, we expect to be mailing them in the next 30 days for the coming year. If you haven't been able to send your 2013 dues yet, please get in touch with me – there have been some rulings since last year and we might be able to help even more than in the past. My cell number is 239-707-0001 and you don't have to worry about the time of day/night when you call, I'm probably awake and would enjoy chatting with you any time. We started a "Brother's Fund" a while ago, so if you're having difficulties keeping up with your dues in this latest DEPRESSION, let's discuss it and find a solution to keep us together. As always, this is a nameless gesture, we're the same Masons we all said we'd be and meant to rise to the occasion as possible.

The Lodge is improving by the day, Brothers. We had a work day last month, LOTS of cleaning, pressure-washing (prepping for new paint), maintenance details were accomplished in a single day. The chow was great, even with all that summer-weather Masonic sweat as seasoning. Additions come along often, "Mssrs. Anonymous" have been working overtime & the Lodge is looking newer every week.

November is up next on the calendar, we're still meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday – we'd sure like to see those still-comfortable Noah Lodge chairs filled if you can be there. If you have difficulty driving, just give us a call & we'll be your Masonic Chauffeur to and from Lodge. The chow's still good enough all by itself & you'll get to know some Brothers you haven't met yet, too.

December brings ELECTIONS, don't miss the chance to be a part of selecting the Masons who'll lead us into the future, Brothers. We haven't planned the date for elections yet, but we do it every year, so keep an eye out for the updated plan.

See you in Lodge, Brothers,

Dana McGrath
PM/Secretary
239-707-0001

OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Veterans Breakfast 7:30 to 10:30</i>
6	7 <i>Officers Practice at Lodge 7:30</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Stated Comm. Officers Practice at Lodge 7:30</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Officers Practice at Lodge 7:30</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Stated Comm. Officers Practice at Lodge 7:30</i>	29	30	31		

FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP

by William R. Fischer

There are duties owing by every Mason to his brethren. By allusion to certain points of the body, we are taught the "The Five Points of Fellowship."

- 1. To serve**
- 2. Pray for**
- 3. Keep the secrets of**
- 4. Support**
- 5. Counsel**

We must be constantly reminded of these points so we will not lose sight of them, once we leave the Lodge. More the brother who does not attend than he who attends regularly.

As always, we forgive the brother who does not frequent the Lodge. We should, because we know not the reason for his absence.

The five points of fellowship are a daily responsibility, and should become a habit. They should be so familiar to us, that we would act upon them with no more thought, than would be give to washing your hands or opening a door.

We constantly help, or serve our family, our brothers, our friends, and even strangers when we see the need.

**We pray for others and ourselves, for strength and for peace.
We diligently keep the secrets from our detractors, from the ignorant, from the obsessed.**

We support those who try to make life better, and we support those who fail. Then we counsel them, so they may have more knowledge, more understanding.....more light.

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"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them. — Mark Twain, American writer and Freemason

"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people." — Will Rogers, American humorist and Freemason

"Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that." — Norman Vincent Peale, American minister and Freemason

"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort." — Franklin D. Roosevelt, American President and Freemason

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." — Benjamin Franklin, American writer, humorist, ambassador, inventor and Freemason