



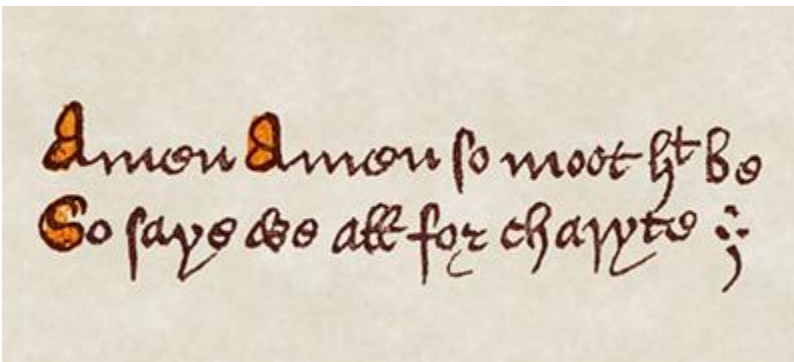
The Lebanon Light

So mote it be

Why do Freemasons end their prayers with “So mote it be?”

In contemporary English, it is customary to end a prayer with “Amen.” It is a Latin word meaning, “So be it,” derived from Hebrew word, אָמֵן, meaning “certainly.” When a congregation says, “Amen,” it is literally saying, “So be it.” The word “mote” is an archaic word that means “might” or “may” and comes from Old English. Therefore, the phrase “So mote it be” mean “So may it be” which is the equivalent of “So be it.”

Since “So mote it be” and “Amen” are alike, why do Masons end their prayers with “So mote it be?” The answer goes back to the oldest known Masonic document, the *Regius Poem* (circa 1390 A.D.). It is one of the Old Charges used by early Freemasons to control their trade. It has regulations to guide the Mason trade, rules of manners and moral conduct, and a legendary history. The poem ends with this couplet:



*Amen! Amen! So mote it be!
So say we for charity!*

At left is from a copy of the closing couplet of the *Regius Poem*.

Thus, Freemasons today end their prayers the same way they did in 1390. So the next time you're in lodge and say “So mote it be” after the chaplain finishes a prayer, remember you are continuing at 600 year old Masonic tradition.

SO MOTE IT BE

Remember

All Master Mason Members of
Lebanon Masonic Bodies

Are invited to an Appreciation Dinner
in your honor

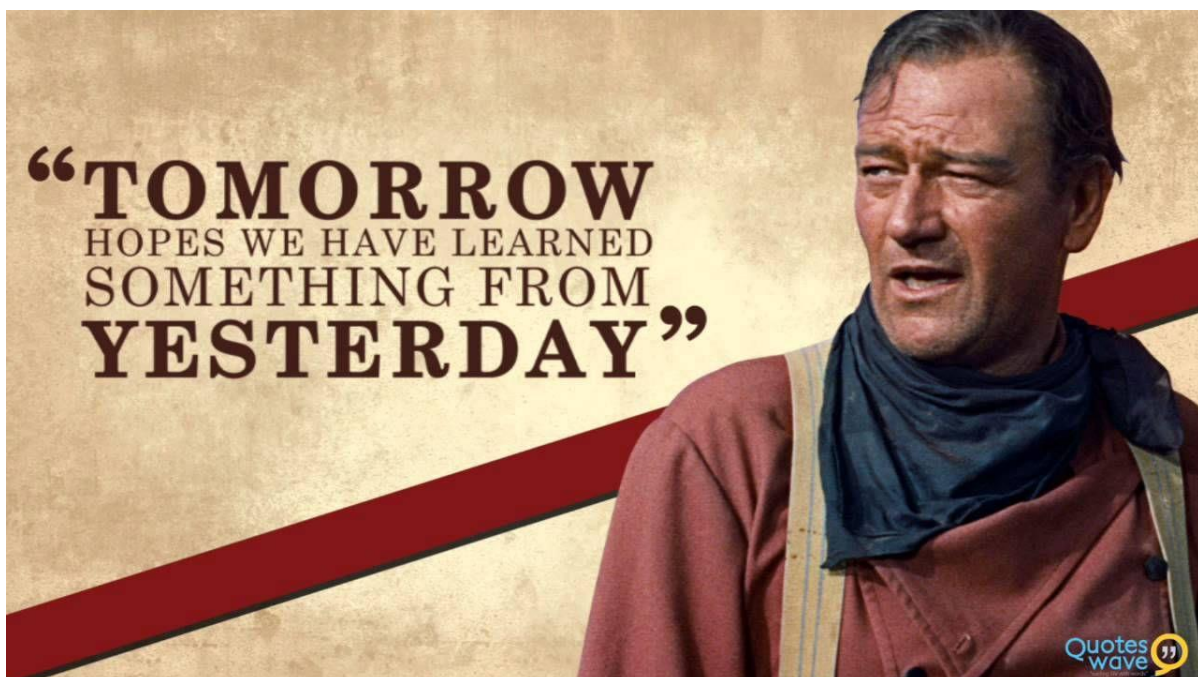
Sunday, May 20th

At the Lebanon Masonic Lodge

Social Hour 4:30pm

Dinner 5:30pm

Hosted by OES Lebanon Chapter #343



Wanna taco 'bout a TACO BAR?



What? Taco Bar and Silent Auction

When? May 5, 2018 11 am-3 pm

Where? Mason Masonic Temple
733 Western Row Road

Why? To support Mason Assembly #135, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, in their efforts to raise money for Grand Assembly (statewide convention) in July

How much? Just \$8.00 a ticket!

(can also purchase at the door or from Cindy Fugate)

Questions? Concerns? Please contact Kim Johnson, Mother Advisor, at 513-405-6518 or Robin Klein, Advisory Board Chairperson, at 513-919-5684



Hello Sisters and Brothers,

April was a busy month! On April 26th, we served the York Rite College dinner. When it comes to serving large groups, I'd say we have the best people around! Of course, inspection season was in full swing for April as well. Mason Chapter had their inspection April 13th. That Friday the 13th was good luck for us since we won the district "Made a Difference" attendance award. We also won the award again at Miami's inspection on April 27th. Although we didn't win the award at Milford Chapter in District 22, we certainly were a presence. Jack Horner was the Associate Patron, Joyce Horner was the Associate Conductress, Nancy Ledford was Martha and Sheila and Kenny Kitchens were the candidates.

Harmony Circle will be inspection practice. Officers should be at the lodge at 7:00. We will also discuss the Dare to Run coming up on the 12th and, obviously, our upcoming inspection.

We will have Ron Vance in the fellowship room presenting his Bible Sticks before our inspection on the 15th. It sounds like an interesting presentation.

The following is a list of upcoming inspections and important dates.

May 5th is a reception at the Dayton Masonic Center for Grand Secretary Roberta David at 1:00

May 8th will be our Harmony Circle meeting – **7:00 – Inspection Practice**

May 11th – Inspection for Neal Chapter, SW Team #3, District 18

May 12th – DARE to RUN at ARMCO Park

May 15th – **Lebanon Chapter's Inspection**

May 16th – Hillsboro Chapter's Inspection

May 17th – Cary Chapter's Inspection

May 20th – Lebanon Chapter hosting our Masonic Appreciation dinner – 4:30 social time; 5:30 dinner

May 22nd – Inspection for Aldora Chapter in SW Team #3, District 18

May 25th – Inspection for Linden Chapter in District 22 by the WGM, Sandi Herman

June 3rd – EOP (Last one of the year) – 3:30 – Miami Chapter

If you wish to support Mason Rainbow Assembly's Taco Bar on 5/5, you can purchase tickets from me

It looks like the last week of May is a quiet week compared to the rest of May. Perhaps we can take off those running shoes and finally catch our breath that week!

Always yours in Star,

Cindy Fugate. WM

Schedule - Upcoming Dates



Blue Lodge meets on the first Thursday of every month. Dinner starts at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:30

Upcoming Blue Lodge Meeting - **May 3rd**

Next Blue Lodge Meeting - **June 1st**

Eastern Star has Harmony Circle on the second Tuesday of every month. Dinner is at 6. Meeting starts at 7.

Upcoming Harmony Circle Meeting - **May 8th – Inspection Practice**

Next Harmony Circle Meeting - **June 12th**

Eastern Star has their stated meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. Dinner at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30

Upcoming Eastern Star Meeting – **May 15th - Inspection**

Next Eastern Star Meeting - **June 19th**

Royal Arch meets on second Monday of every month. Dinner starts at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:30

Upcoming Chapter Meeting – **May 14th**

Next Chapter Meeting - **June 11th**

Council meeting on the third Monday of every month. Dinner is at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:30

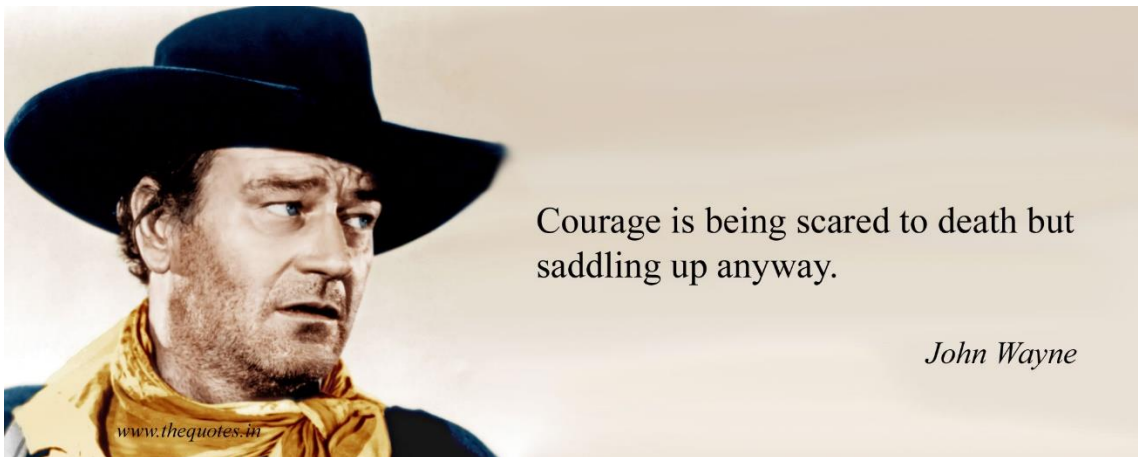
Upcoming Council Meeting – **May 21st**

Next Council Meeting - **June 18th**

Commandery has their meeting on the fourth Friday of each month. Dinner at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:30

Upcoming Commandery Meeting – **May 25th**

Next Commandery Meeting - **June 22nd**



Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway.

John Wayne

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Did you know?

Famous Mason Birthdays in May

Tyrone Power Sr. (May 2, 1869 - December 23, 1931) Frederick Tyrone Power, grandson of legendary Irish actor William Grattan Tyrone Power (1797-1841) and father of Tyrone Edmond Power, (1914-1958), made his stage debut in 'The Private Secretary' in 1886. He toured the USA, Britain, and Australia in theatrical tours, becoming a famed matinee idol and calling himself Tyrone Power II and Tyrone Power the Younger. In 1912, he was acclaimed for his Brutus in Julius Caesar. In 1914, he entered films and played leading roles until age moved him into often villainous character roles.

Don Rickles (May 8, 1926 – April 6, 2017) Donald Jay Rickles, born in New York City, was an American comedian, film actor, and voice actor. A frequent Tonight Show television talk show guest in the 1960s and 1970s, he built a popular nightclub act and became famous for insulting his audience.

John Wayne (May 16, 1907 - June 11, 1979) Born Marion Morrison, "the Duke" appeared or starred in over 200 films in his fifty-year career, winning an Oscar for "True Grit," in 1969. Remembered for his definition of the American individualist of a mythical wild west, he came to represent America to several generations of movie-goers.

A Member of Glendale DeMolay Chapter during his high school days, Duke was also a freemason, like his father before him, receiving his Craft degrees in July 1970 in Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56, Tucson, Arizona. A Senior DeMolay, he was also awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1970. In December of that year, he joined the York Rite Bodies in California and became a Shriner in Al Malaikah Shrine Temple.

Mel Blanc (May 30, 1908 - July 10, 1989) Known as "the Man of 1,000 Voices," Melvin Jerome Blank was an accomplished bassist, violinist and sousaphone player. Early in his career he played in the NBC Radio Orchestra and conducted the pit orchestra at the Orpheum Theatre in Portland.

A voice specialist from radio, movies and TV, Blanc was rarely seen by his audience although widely recognized as the voice of virtually every major Warner Brothers cartoon character except Elmer Fudd. He is perhaps best known for the voice of Bugs Bunny. Joining the Warner Bros. studio in 1936, Blanc's voice was also featured as the original voice of Woody Woodpecker in 1940.