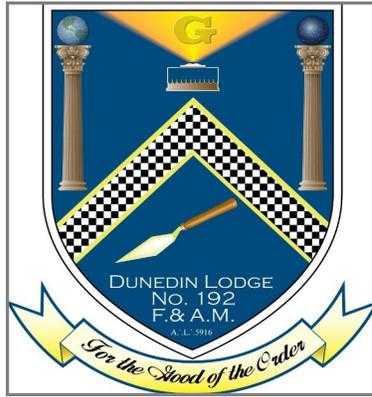


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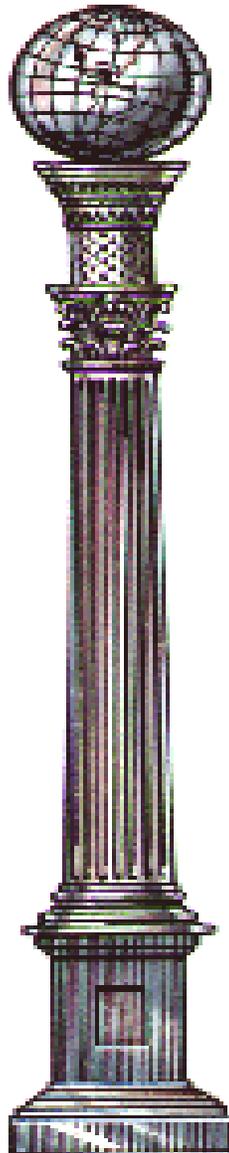
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From the East ...

Brethren,

Our lodge is facing many challenges. We are moving quickly to address them. There is no sense kicking the can down the road. Our lodge has been a pillar of the city of Dunedin for over a century. If we want this storied run to continue, then we will have to act decisively to insure the economic and spiritual health of Dunedin 192. I believe that there are particular steps which must be taken to achieve this goal.

I recently attended a presentation by R.:W.: Westerman of the Grand Lodge. He outlined his ideas of how each lodge can be revitalized and begin a trend of positive growth. You will be pleased to know, my brothers, that Dunedin Lodge is ahead of the curve in these matters. We have implemented many of the steps that Bro. Westerman detailed. We have adopted charitable causes which are important to the community. We are making efforts to provide more meaningful time for fellowship with the brethren and their family members. We are raising our online profile by exhibiting a more assertive social media presence. We have initiated a monthly robocall to keep the membership informed of the happenings at our lodge and to encourage them to come out for our events. Believe me, brothers, we are not stopping there. We will continue to seek other and innovative ways to engage the membership and to attract men to the fraternity who are excited about our work. Our work must have perceived value to the brethren and to the community.



One of the issues that Bro. Westerman addressed was the financial stability of the various lodges. He presently a simple formula whereby a lodge can determine what level their dues should be. Quite simply, the lodge's bills divided by the number of paying members equals the amount of the annual dues for the individual. I can tell you plainly, my brothers, that our dues at Dunedin Lodge do not meet our financial needs. We can plug the hole in the dike of our savings by fundraising and accepting the kind donations of the members and friends of the craft, but this is a gamble at best. The value of the lodge's activities in the community and in the lives of the brethren is much greater than what the level of our annual dues would have the casual observer believe. We will address this issue sooner rather than later.

We have some exciting fundraising activities in store and more are in the planning stages. We are raffling a Mossberg Model 590A1 Tactical Shotgun. See any officer for tickets and tell your shooting friends. We will be having a lodge garage sale in September or October as well. Please consider donating gently used item for us to sell. This will benefit the lodge greatly. I will be organizing a Turkey Shoot this fall as well. Those are always a lot of fun. If you have any fundraising ideas, then let us know. We are looking forward to a great year of growth, fellowship and fun.

Most Respectfully,

Scott Spell

Worshipful Master

*Sutherland Lodge NO. 174
Stated Meetings second
Tuesdays at 7:30pm.*

*Dunedin Lodge meets for its Stated
Meetings on the 3rd Monday @
7:00 p.m .
Please check the calendar or call an
officer or the Lodge Secretary to
confirm.*

*East Gate Lodge No. 355
Stated Meetings first
Tuesdays at 7pm.*

From the West

Brethren,

The Grand Lodge of Florida recommends that the Senior Warden pick a charity every month or quarter. I would like to focus on three or four charities this year; one that is worldwide, and two or three that are local.

The first selected charity is Heifer International, instituted in 1944. Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. Their process is to provide animals such as bees, cows, goats, chickens, llamas and camels to impoverished families.

Heifer provides support and education for the recipient families on proper care for the donated animals. They also visit periodically to ensure the animals are healthy and properly cared for.

More than a hand-out, Heifer provides a hand up, assisting people to rise and stand on their own with pride. This enables them to continue the cycle of good by helping others in kind. One of the stipulations is that when the animals reproduce they will be freely given to another family in the village. In this way the benefit spreads. That is what makes Heifer unique. The donated dollar doesn't disappear at the end of the year. It is an investment that compounds far into the future.

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Heifer written by a farmer in Germany who was given a cow from America after World War II. Europe was in shambles and people were starving.

Dear Mr. Hartzler,

First I want to give my hearty thanks for the joy you gave us with your gift. I would like to introduce myself briefly. I'm a refugee from Yugoslavia, and my background is from the farm.

...I brought one horse along from my old home in Yugoslavia and so I started on a very small farm again with just 2 hectares of very sandy bad soil. I sowed and worked a lot on the soil but the harvest was very small, so that I had to work besides the farm work in a furniture factory....

...There came many packages from the U.S., and always my daughter asked: "Daddy, don't we have any relatives there, so that they could send us packages also?" I just could comfort her with the words: "Don't worry. God will carry us through the need.". And now look--an unknown human being gave us through God's blessing not a little package, no, he gave us a life to help us out of the deep need. It isn't only the material value alone; it meant so much more to us. We received more courage for living.

Please consider donating just one dollar toward the purchase of an animal gift for people who, like the German farmer, are in deep need. If each member gave just one dollar we can make a difference. That dollar will not disappear at the end of the year but will live on in the animals purchased and their offspring. You can send it to the Lodge or I will come to your house to get it! No need to buy a stamp. If you think my cable tow cannot be that long, contact me and let's both find out.

If you have a charity that you would like the Lodge to support please let me know. You may reach me by email at dlboddy007@gmail.com or by phone at (650) 576-2665.

Love,

Dave Boddy

Senior Warden

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LODGE NOTES

Brothers,

Later this year the Lodge will be having a yard sale, date to be determined. If you have any house hold items you no longer need please bring them to the Lodge on Mondays, or Thursdays where they will be stored until the sale. Furniture is welcome if in good condition, please no junk. If you can't be at the Lodge at the times indicated please call the Lodge secretary to make other arrangements, or if you need assistance with your articles.

The Lodge is now open on Thursdays from 6-9pm. For fellowship, fun, and instructions. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the Fraternity, please bring them along.

Brothers, in the event of the passing of a Masonic Brother, and a Masonic funeral service is requested, please contact the Lodge's Secretary W. Mike Palenik, at 727/733-4257 -mpalenik@verizon.net Donations for the service are appreciated .

FROM THE SOUTH

Brothers,

First I want to thank you again for electing me to serve as the Junior Warden. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed our meeting in January and getting the feedback on the catered meal we had that night. We had a few hiccups, but I learned from these and will continue to make each month better than the last.

Second, I just wanted to share with you a wonderful experience I had when I met a Brother for the first time and I would like to share my reflections on this encounter. If you aren't familiar with my line of work, I'm a primary-care physician that works as a "float," meaning that I step into the shoes of other doctors who are either out sick, on medical leave, or recently retired.

Recently, when covering a physician who retired, a patient was wheeled in for his appointment. He was in his 9th decade of life and his eyes had long grown dim with age. Though he could not see, his hearing and his mind were as sharp as ever. He was wheeled in front of me and I introduced myself to him. I was initially met with the suspicion of many patients who are meeting the "substitute doctor" for the very first time.

I was immediately drawn to his worn ball-cap which proudly demonstrated his branch of military service as well as featuring a small Shriner pin. Knowing he could not see my Masonic ring, I took his hand and told him it was an honor to meet veteran who was also a Brother. The grandest of smiles overtook his face and we both spent the next several minutes talking as if we longtime friends meeting for the first time in years.

The memory of that smile stays with me to this day and I contemplate the meaning of that smile often. I often think of what would go through my head, were I in his shoes. If I were him, bound to the darkness by infirmity, I would feel tremendous peace in knowing that someone entrusted with my care was a Brother Mason. Being such, I would know that he values much of what I value. Further, I would know that he is committed to his vocation and to continual self-improvement. I would feel, put simply, that I was in good hands. And I can only hope that his smile conveyed that sense of peace.

This experience, Brothers, is something that I contemplate often. And the result of this contemplation is tremendous humility. I often ask myself: Am I living up to these values? Am I truly working to be a better man, a better mason, a better husband, and a better physician? Where I am doing well in my life? What areas do I need to focus more of my energy? I know I still have a lot of labor left to do! Fortunately, as a Mason, I need not labor alone. For I have Lodge of Brothers who are on their own Masonic journeys of self-improvement and are ready and willing to labor alongside me. And for that, I am very thankful.

Fraternally,

Gregory Gulick

Junior Warden

Calendar of Events

Member Letters

March Events

Monday March 5, 6:30pm. Joint Officer meeting for Dunedin, East Gate, and Sutherland Lodges.

Saturday March 10, 10am, Stated Communication Fellowcraft Degree (Tentative). Breakfast served at 9am. Pancakes and sausage.

Sunday March 11, Daylight savings time begins. Set your clocks ahead one hour.

Monday March 12, 6:30pm. Officer meeting and practice.

Saturday March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

Monday March 19, 7pm. Stated Communication. Dinner served at 6pm. Officer dress—dark suits.

Tuesday March 20, first day of spring.

Wednesday March 21, 7:30pm. Suncoast Master Mason Association at Dunedin Lodge hosted by Sutherland Lodge.

Saturday March 24, 6:30pm. Covered dish dinner, Spanish theme. Bring a side dish with you to share.

Sunday March 25, Palm Sunday.

Monday March 26, 6:30pm. Officer meeting and practice.

Friday March 30, Good Friday.

April Events

Sunday April 1, Easter Sunday

Sunday April 1, April Fool's Day.

Monday April 2, 6:30pm. Officer meeting and practice.

Monday April 9, 6:30pm. Officer meeting and practice.

Monday April 16, 7pm. Stated Communication. Dinner served at 6pm. Officer dress—dark suits.

Monday April 23, 6:30pm. Officer Meeting and Practice.

Monday April 30, Officer meeting and practice.

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Brothers,

I'm glad to have an office in which to serve. Attending lodge for instruction in the catechism has been beneficial for the reorganization of my schedule.

I had a good feeling about this lodge after Brother Andrew Reeves PM showed me the G symbol as a partial reveal. I had substituted for him as a science teacher at Dunedin Highland Middle School. He had written in on the board. I had read things about Masons. Karl Popper had raised the question regarding the worth of a secret organization in an open society.

I did some research and found that the Masons had been Templars and Hospitallers. The Templars are now the York Rite. The Hospitallers are now well known as the Shriners. They had to go underground after King Henry VIII had parliament issue the Royal Act of Supremacy. He had himself made the head of the Church of England. He confiscated monastery property and wealth for the royal treasury. The brothers had to convert to a secret society in order to avoid having their property confiscated.

This was the start of the Protestant reformation in England. Common law proposed that the sovereign or parliament could not be assassinated. This seemed reasonable, but the Protestant reformation in the UK would eventually come to outlaw Catholicism for a time.

Anyone who maintained property or could be associated with the pope in Rome could be labelled a traitor. Not only would they have their property taken from their family inheritance, they could be put to death for treason. The texts which we learn to recite express the strong need for secrecy. This was the historical context in which the text was developed.

While George Washington outlawed the celebration of Guy Fawkes day as sectarian, it didn't stop people from holding prejudice against institutions that seemed catholic. The Masons have not been trusted in either Protestant or Catholic society. We are too catholic for the protestants and too protestant for the catholics. This underscores the importance of a non-sectarian policy, but care for confidentiality is still a strong concern for the brotherhood.

My concern had been that the society was secret because of illegal or otherwise nefarious actions. I have learned that the moral code is the heart for the society. I have found Dunedin Lodge to be a good society of brothers. It is comforting to come to a place where people are still willing to smile and shake your hand. I am glad to be here. I hope to fulfill the duties of Marshall to the best of my ability.

Those three charges in the 'Monitor' look like a task and a half. It looks like those who documented the text didn't have an English major as their guide. It's difficult to memorize twisted syntax to recite with natural phrasing, but our current Worshipful Master seems to do it very well. I'll have to set my tastes for simple sentence structure aside for the veneration of the brothers that have come and gone before us.

Your brother Master Mason,
Stephen Kidde Marshal

"The Artificer, Like an Egyptian"

Mastery is vocation.
It is the location of motivation.

Math was the original science.
Experiment changed the shape of educational alliance.

Geometry measured shapes to shape the earth
and watch the course of celestial lights with mirth.

The square, the plumb and the level
are the means by which we build a temple.

Experiment determines existence for what or not.
It measures either by the degrees of the unit that was sought.

Management and labor are shaped by knowledge.
When mastery is the fruit of life, energy is the wattage.

The word, the sign, the token and the vow that has been spoken
are increments along the way through the path of the unspoken.

I, the primitive toiler, half naked and bound beneath the skies
labor in dark ditches that put sweat within my eyes.

I have felt the forests fall before me.
I have spanned tumultuous streams.

I have born the rock to loose the ore from its bed.
Mineral and metals have made a wage for which to pay for bread.

I've lived my life as I found it.
I loosed the boost of lightning's juice and bound that which was not grounded.

Travel, work, science and pay are wages for our solace.
Support for family and me is a portion of the promise.

Relief for the worthy who are distressed
reduces the mess of stress that boosts the behest of duress.

Charity with no material injury to me is divinely blessed.
This blessing leads to heights previously unguessed.

Answering the call of distress
preserves both lives as best.

Plumb your line to find your time
in the vertical dimension of mind.

May you live your life upon the level
to learn the love of the joyous revel.

The greatest secret is to care
that you may depart upon the square.



Secretary's Notes

Brothers,

"Circumscribe" is up and running and all the issues are being corrected one by one. After all the frustrations I have had to deal with, I believe we are almost there. Your plastic dues cards, however is a different story. I have no idea when to expect them. They will come to me and I will distribute them. If you haven't done so, go to circumscribe and check your information to see if it's correct. Log in information is posted on the weekly newsletter.

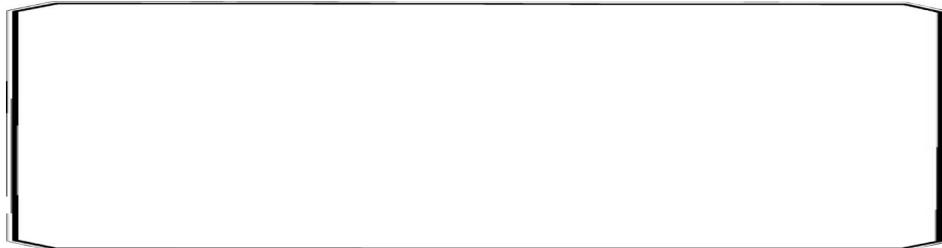
Please check you dues cards to make sure you have paid your 2018 dues. As of the printing of this Trestleboard 13 members are delinquent.

Fraternally,

Mike Palenik P.M.

Secretary.

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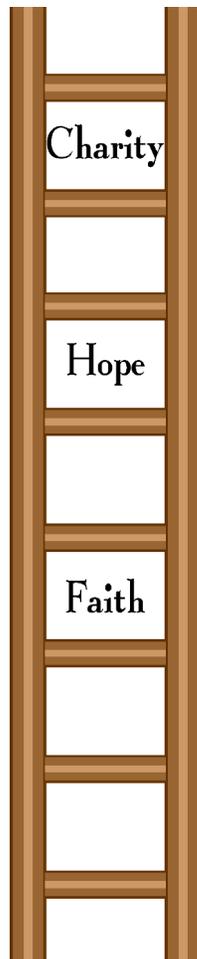
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 To build an institution that calls men to their highest level of social being in a state of dignity and decorum, which could serve as a place for serious, mindful discourse on the lessons and meaning of life, and search for the better development of oneself.
 To promote brotherhood through social interactions including wives and families.
 To Practice Masonic values in our daily lives as a Lodge.