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USE OF WORKING TOOLS

One of the questions asked during the presentation of the “long” working tools of the Third Degree is whether or not the candidate has actually taken the tools and made use of them as we are supposed to. The question is actually about how a person spends his time. “Have you taken the time to comfort a young child...” We may ask ourselves if we are making the best use of our time and if we are, indeed, acting as we should.

I bring this up as a reminder that every soul has a claim to our kindness. We should not pass by a Brother in distress, neither should we bypass a young child or even a beggar on the street. We are to open our hearts

and pockets to relieve them as generous as possible.

There will be many times when our friends and Brothers need us. It may just be to have someone listen to. As the Rolling Stones would say “We all need someone to lean on..” Be there, my Brother. Be that person to whom those suffering or in need can lean on. Let them know that you’re not only THERE, but that you CARE.

Take those working tools and use them for the more noble and glorious purposes to which they are meant to be used. If you have forgotten, reach for you Ahiman Rezon and refresh your memory. Better yet, come join us at the Lodge. Take care my Brothers!

All Brothers are welcome. Please be prepared to show a valid dues card or have a Brother vouch for you. This is not done to embarrass anyone, but rather to ensure that all who pass are duly qualified....

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina.



LOCATION OF KING SOLOMON’S TEMPLE

The Temple is believed to have been situated upon the hill which forms the site of the present-day Temple Mount, in the center of which area is the Dome of the Rock.

Under the Jebusites the site was used as a threshing

floor. 2 Sam. 24 describes its consecration during David's reign.

Two other, slightly different sites for the Temple have also been proposed, on this same hill. One places the stone altar at the location of the rock which is

now beneath the gilded dome, with the rest of the temple to the west. The Well of Souls was, in this theory, a pit for the remnants of the blood services of the *korbanot*. The other theory places the Holy of Holies atop this rock.

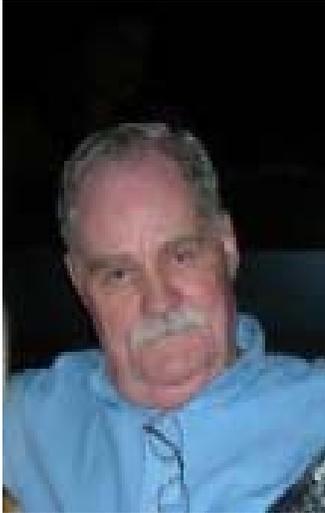
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W. Bro. Mike Harmon

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - W. BRO. MIKE HARMON

This month's spotlight is on a lifetime "honorary" member of Pacific Lodge, W. Bro. Mike Harmon. Mike is currently serving as Senior Warden of Dentsville Lodge # 398. If you have been at our Lodge recently, you would see W. Bro. Mike present the "long" version of the apron lecture. No one does it quite like Bro. Mike.

What you may not have realized is that Mike is a distinguished military veteran of

the Viet Nam war. Mike served in Special Forces and we thank him for his service to our country. He has followed that up by being an M.S.A. volunteer at the W.J. B. Dorn Veterans Hospital.

W. Bro. Mike has a heart of gold and is always there to make a contribution to Masonry (or anything else he might be involved in). He was recognized at Grand Lodge for his contribution to the Grand Master's Golf

Tournament.

Mike always has a joke for you and can put a smile on your face. He was with us in Scotland and is indeed a "wee man" with a giant heart. His good friend, George Jones, would be proud of him. He is a fine man and an excellent example of what it means to BE a Mason. Thank you, Bro. Mike, for all you do. It is a pleasure to know you and to call you "Brother." Keep 'em laughing!

FAMOUS MASONS - ILL. BRO. GENE AUTRY



Orvon Gene Autry (Sept. 29, 1907 – Oct. 2, 1998) was an American performer who gained fame as **The Singing Cowboy** on the radio, in movies and on television. Ill. Bro. Autry was a member of Catoosa Lodge No. 185 of Oklahoma and was honored with the Grand Cross by the Scottish Rite. Bro. Autry is the only celebrity to have five stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, one in each of the five categories!

The stars are for Motion Pictures, Radio, Recording, Television and Live Theater and can be found on Hollywood Boulevard.

Bro. Autry is credited with creating the "Cowboy Creed" or "Cowboy Commandments" which follow:

1. The Cowboy must never shoot first, hit a smaller man, or take unfair advantage.

2. He must never go back on his word, or a trust confided in him.
3. He must always tell the truth.
4. He must be gentle with children, the elderly and animals.
5. He must not advocate or possess racially or religiously intolerant ideas.
6. He must help people in distress.
7. He must be a good worker.
8. He must keep himself clean in thought, speech, action and personal habits.
9. He must respect women, parents and his nation's laws.
10. The Cowboy is a patriot.

Ill. Bro. Autry served his country during World War II

in the C.B.I. (China, Burma, India) Theater of Operations. Autry served as a C-47 Skytrain pilot of the United States Army Air Forces with the rank of Flight Officer in the Air Transport Command during World War II flying dangerous missions over the Hump between Burma and China.

While many of you are too young to remember Gene Autry, you can tell from his actions that he was not only a Mason, good man and true, but he was a hero to many youngsters growing up in the 1930's, 40's 50's and 60's. He lived life as a shining example of what it means to BE a Mason .

You may notice several traits of a Mason within his own creed. This was the Gene Autry that America loved and the man who loved America.

Ill. Bro. Gene Autry, 33°,
Grand Cross
And his horse
CHAMPION

MASONIC EDUCATION: PSALMS 133

PSALMS 133

Verse 1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Verse 2: It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

Verse 3: As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the moun-

tains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life forever more."

Who was Aaron? Aaron was the first High Priest under Abraham in the Holy Books.

Who was Hermon?

Well,... Hermon isn't a he. Hermon is a mountain...or technically a range of high mountains on the northern boundary of Israel. Mt. Her-

mon's snowcapped peaks were a source of ice, aka (also known as) "*Ice mountain*". The Six-Day War not only gave Israel control of Jerusalem, but also of the Mount Hermon area (Golan Heights).

The Masonic degree verse of the Entered Apprentice Degree represents Youth, when the body is strong. Those who walk in the ways of the LORD are rewarded the blessing of eternal life.
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Entered Apprentice Degree
First Degree Verse

CAPTURE THE FLAG

My friend and Bro. Grady Honeycutt is a member of Hiram Lodge # 7 in Franklin, Tennessee. He moved several years ago to Pawley's Island where he has affiliated with Pawley's Island Lodge # 409, A.F.M.

P.I. 409 is a great "little" Lodge with a new tradition. We all know about "taking" Lodge Kitchen Flags. Well,

P.I. 409 takes this to a whole new level. As you can see by the photo at the right, their members went to EVERY Lodge in their district over the period of a month, 11 other Lodges. This meant sending out parties (5 or more) to multiple Lodges on the same night. As the picture shows, they "captured" EVERY flag within the district. At the next meeting

they had almost 100 people attending to "reclaim" their Lodge flags!

This took a good a great deal of coordination and planning to get this accomplished. These Brothers work together in Harmony for the Good of the Order, and for their Lodge in particular. Congratulations to our Brothers at Pawley's Island # 409!!!



LODGE FLAGS AT
PAWLEY'S ISLAND

BROTHER GRADY HONEYCUTT

I mentioned Bro. Grady in the article above, but feel a need to tell about him and our friendship. Bro. Grady was the writer of "Hiram #7 Newsletter" on the internet many years ago, long before such were commonplace.

I was lucky enough to sign up for his publication early on, before things like band-

width and the like became a problem. I had just built my first "web page" and dedicated it to a young lad who was undergoing treatment for leukemia. Grady put out the word to Masons around the world, and that young boy got cards, letters and presents from all over the globe. It was during this time that I happened to meet W. Bro.

Steve Wilson and the friendship began between South Carolina and Scotland (and the U.K.)... Funny how things work out. Bro. Grady also introduced me to the annual Cave Degree in Kingston, TN. We went to that several years ago and met more wonderful Brothers. Thanks, Grady!



Bro. Grady helped in making our website a reality!



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

- May 6 - Regular Communication
- May 13 - Entered Apprentice Degree (*)
- May 20 - Fellow Craft Degree (*)
- May 27 - Master Mason Degree (*)
- June 3 - Regular Communication

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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(*) Denotes tentative Special Communication

ALL SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPEND ON THE BALLOT BOX AND
THE CANDIDATES...

We eat at 6:45 and Meet at 7:30

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that arose from obscure origins, in theory to be anywhere from the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple to the mid-1600s. Freemasonry now exists in various forms all over the world, with a membership estimated at around 5 million, with around 480,000 in England, Scotland and Ireland alone, and just under 2,000,000 in the United States. The various forms all share moral and metaphysical ideals, which include, in most cases, a constitutional declaration of belief in a Supreme Being.

The fraternity is administra-

tively organized into Grand Lodges (or sometimes Orients), each of which governs its own jurisdiction, which consists of subordinate (or *constituent*) Lodges. Grand Lodges recognize each other through a process of landmarks and regularity. There are also appendant bodies, which are organizations related to the main branch of Freemasonry, but with their own independent administration.

Freemasonry uses the metaphors of operative stonemasons' tools and implements, against the allegorical backdrop of the building of King Solomon's Temple, to con-

vey what has been described by both Masons and critics as "a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." © Wikipedia

Well, I suppose, that is Masonry in the most condensed and basic sense of the word. You, however, know that we are much more than this. We are a society bound by the "Mystic Tie" that can never be broken. I hope to have something about that in next month's newsletter. Until then, think of what Masonry is to YOU.

Thanks, and until next time, I remain, Fraternaly yours!

Bro. Bosie



Working Tools Have Different Applications



King Solomon's Temple