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From the East

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After our September Stated Meeting Dinner we were treated to an excellent presentation on the United States Constitution by **Bro. Victor Lawhorn**. Albeit, even though his tri-corner hat and revolutionary style coat didn't fit anymore (something about shrinkage...), he brought them along as props to add to the realism of his speech.



We now know many more facts about the men who framed our Constitution and considerably more about the life and times of the era. I want to personally thank Bro. Victor for his presentation and welcome him into the elite ranks of the full-figured Masons of our fraternity.

On September 10th, we raised **Brother Kishore Nath** to the sublime degree of Master Mason at our lodge. The work was performed by our outstanding 3rd Degree Team and was expertly done. Afterward we treated Bro. Nath to an excellent dinner at a local restaurant. The dinner event was organized by our **JW Brad Rupert** and attended by several of the brethren.

We held our first annual Maryland Crab Fest at the lodge on September 17th. It was well attended by family and friends, and there was a little something for everyone. A great time was had by all in attendance. Many thanks to **Bro. Harry Burt** and our Hall Association for hosting an excellent event. The proceeds from this fund raiser will go toward operating and maintaining our building.

On September 20th we conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on **Kevin W. Moore** at our lodge. The work was well done and the degree well attended. We still have several Brothers who need to pass their 1st Degree proficiencies and I hope to hear them exemplify their work in the near future.

We presented a few more 25-Year Awards this month. 25-Year Certificates and Lapel Pins were presented to brothers **James Borup, Clinton Jossey, Larry Woods** and **Mike Wooten**. We have several more presentations to make this year and I urge all of you who are eligible for this award to contact either Don or me and make arrangements for your presentation.

On October 1st our 3rd Degree team will raise **Bro. Bob Smith** to the sublime degree of Master Mason during our Visitation to Reno Lodge No. 13 in Reno, Nevada. Room reservations were made available at the Eldorado, and the Reno lodge's caterer will prepare an excellent buffet dinner for us after the degree. Several Nevada brethren will be in attendance which will add to the good fellowship during or trip.

Be sure to check our lodge calendar for upcoming event dates. It can be found on our website at <http://www.acalanes.org/calendars.htm>.

This month's Masonic Education article is entitled, [A Mason's Cable Tow](#). It explains the meaning of the Cable Tow in our degrees and asks the salient question.....do you know the length of your Cable Tow.....? Why do I need to know that you say....? Read on and find out.

Fraternally,

Roger L. Poynts
Master

Schedule of Events

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- Oct 1: 3rd Degree—Bob Smith**
Reno Lodge No. 13
2:00 PM, Social 5:00 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
- Oct 4: Stated Meeting & Dinner**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Social Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- Oct 11: DOSI Bay Cities 6:30 PM**
Flag Reception & Officer Elections
- Oct 18: Planning Meeting & Practice**
Acalanes Lodge
- Oct 24: Hall Association Meeting**
Acalanes Lodge, 6:30 PM
- Oct 25: Degree or OSI**

October 4 Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Knockwurst, Bratwurst, Kartoffelsalat, Braised Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Hot Mustard, Not So Hot Mustard, Bread, Dessert



Master Roger Poynts presents 25-Year Pins at the September 5 Stated Meeting to (L-R): James Borup, Larry Woods, Clinton Jossey, Mike Wooten.



Kishore Nath 3rd Degree Ceremony, September 10. Front Row (L-R): Randy Tolerton, Michael Roberts, Kishore Nath, Roger Poynts, WM, Brad Rupert. Rear (L-R): Michael Weis, Harry Burt, Frank Shoffner, Don Hoskins, Dan Argueta, Jeff Boschert, Alvin Weis, PGM, Dave Shull, Gary Sparks, Tom Riley, Mark Williams



Kevin W. Moore 1st Degree Ceremony, September 20. Front Row (L-R): Randy Tolerton, Michael Roberts, Roger Poynts, WM, Kevin Moore, Brad Rupert, Frank Shoffner. Rear (L-R): Harry Burt, Ken Owen, Tim Wilbur, Jack Kalivoda, Dave Shull, Mark Williams, Jeff Boschert, Don Hoskins, Tom Kilgallen, Gary Sparks.

October 3rd Degree Anniversaries

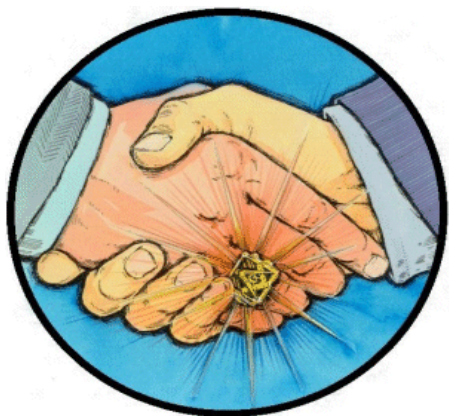
Brother	Date Raised	Years
Jeremy K. Branch	10/24/2006	5
Richard R. Celestre	10/14/1972	39
Donald K. Chambers	10/15/1948	62
Andrew C. Cratsenberg	10/15/1957	54
Calvin K. Crawford	10/25/1975	35
James V. Davey	10/25/1955	55
Jonathan W. Del Arroz	10/4/2008	3
Frank P. Essert	10/26/1985	25
John E. Hager	10/20/1984	27
Richard H. Harrell	10/29/1964	46
Peter C. Hjersman	10/2/1999	12
Henry L. Hoffman	10/23/1962	48
Conrad K. Larson	10/8/1978	33
Kevin S. Moore	10/26/1991	20
George R. Peck	10/22/1985	26
Thomas E. Riley, III	10/30/1984	26
Marion P. Rogers	10/24/2009	2
James J. Scriber	10/27/1987	23
George L. Snell	10/30/1962	48
Donald B. Stuart	10/24/1973	37
Theodore D. Zeller	10/30/1962	48

Request for Assistance

The Hall Association is looking to obtain cost estimates for work on the lodge parking lot and the roof.

For the parking lot, we're looking for a General Engineering Contractor for Drainage, Sub Grading, and Paving. For the roof, we're looking for an evaluation of Roof Life Remaining and replacement cost estimates.

If you can recommend contractors for these work efforts, please contact **Tim Wilbur, Hall Association President** at 925-932-4205



"The Old Masters Wages"

I met a dear old man today,
who wore a Masonic pin,

It was old and faded like the man,
It's edges were worn quite thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat,
To give the old brother his due,

I said, "I see you've traveled east,"
He said, "I have, have you."

I said, "I have, and in my day Before the all seeing sun,
I played in the rubble, with Jubala, Jubalo and Jubalum."

He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son,
It's good and sweet and true,

And if you've traveled as you said,
You should give these things their due."

The word, the sign the token,
The sweet Masonic prayer,

The vow that all have taken,
Who've climbed the inner stair.

The wages of a Mason,
are never paid in gold,
but the gain comes from contentment,
when you're weak and growing old.

You see, I've carried my obligations,
For almost fifty years,

It has helped me through the hardships
and the failures full of tears.

Now I'm losing my mind and body,
Death is near but I don't despair,

I've lived my life upon the level,
And I'm dying upon the square.

Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew,

And the old man in the park today
has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers,
The only secret is to care,

May you live your life upon the level,
May you part upon the square.

A Mason's Cable Tow

by Brother Shawn Carrick

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As Masons we cheerfully agree to abide by our obligations and promises that we took at the altar in each degree. The cable tow is an integral symbol that is part of each degrees impact on the Mason's conscience. We learn about the cable tow in the first degree and it is reinforced in each additional degree a Brother will experience. An important question about this singular item is how the cable tow has been defined by different sources, depending on their interpretation of the degree.

MasonicDictionary.com indicates that the cable tow "represents the candidates bond to his guide". The Masonic Dictionary maintained by masonicworld.com indicates that the length of the cable tow is symbolically measured to be three miles in the early years to go to the relief of a brother in need but "in present time it is usually considered about forty miles." These definitions are just words that an individual has made based on their personal beliefs and experiences.

In the early years, 1700's up to mid-1900's, most members of a lodge would live in close proximity to their Masonic Temple which would be consistent with a three mile cable tow. The lodge was an integral part of the local community and being able to attend Lodge Communications was essential to Masons. In the present time, members are not solely from a specific town for the lodge they belong to, but rather they can many times be from surrounding communities, driving considerable distances to attend the different functions. They have chosen to be involved with a specific Lodge for a personal reason or a specific Lodge is involved in an activity that is of interest and importance to the Mason. To better understand the length of a cable tow, we must understand the give and take a cable tow experiences and what the cable tow represents.

A cable tow consists of two separate ends connected together by a cord. One end of the cable tow is representing the individual Mason while the other end is representing the Fraternity or Lodge. When examining the cable tow it is impossible to tell where one end starts and the other end begins. It is this fluid change that occurs while examining the cable tow from one end to another that sets Masonry apart from any other fraternal organization. The cable tow reminds each Mason of his obligations and promises to the lodge while at the same time representing the Lodge and the Fraternity's (Members of the Lodge) obligations to a Brother. How Masons fulfill their obligations differ based on their individual beliefs and interpretations.

What act or acts fulfills a Mason's obligations can vary greatly and may be as simple as a having a conversation with a brother or it could be more important and impacting such as providing emotional and even financial support of a Brother who is in need of assistance, or to the family of a brother who is called by the Grand Architect of the Universe to that house not made with hands...the celestial Lodge above.

It is important to remember that the length of a Mason's cable tow is ultimately set by the individual Mason and cannot be truly judged by any other individual. When three miles may be the proper length of a cable tow for one Mason, another Mason's cable tow may be hundreds or even thousands of miles in length. Each length is determined by the individual's moral principles, beliefs and their particular individual circumstances. Ultimately, a Mason will pass judgment on himself based on the aid they have provided to others, but more especially a Brother Mason.

A quote I like that I believe is fitting when looking at your cable tow is:

"When looking at the reflection in the mirror, do you like what you see based on what you have done and what you have not done?"

Masonry is a progressive science that helps to take good men and make them better, but it is not the lodge alone that will help to make them better. Each Mason must work toward the goal of making himself better. By remembering our obligations and having a cable tow that is of appropriate length for providing aid and relief, Masons, with the help of the Lodge, will succeed in becoming better men to their families and to their communities.

So ask yourself.....How long is my cabletow.....? It's as long as you want it to be. It will reach as far as your moral principles go.....or your material conditions will allow.....

Maryland Crab Fest

The Food was Delicious!!!!



and The Talent was Awesome!!!!



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