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A Word from the East**The Pledge of Allegiance**

The following words were spoken by the late Red Skelton on his television program as he related the story of his teacher, Mr. Laswell, who felt his students had come to think of the Pledge of Allegiance as merely something to recite in class each day.

Now, more than ever, listen to the meaning of these words.

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

I

me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge

dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

Allegiance

my love and my devotion.

To the flag

our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job!

United

that means that we have all come together.

States

individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

And to the republic

a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the

leaders to the people. For which it stands, one nation one nation, meaning "so blessed by God"

Indivisible

incapable of being divided.

With liberty

which is freedom – the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice

the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For all

which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

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Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the pledge of Allegiance...

UNDER GOD

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer and that would be eliminated from schools too?

God Bless America!

❖ *Brother Tim Barthels, Worshipful Master*

A Word from the South



I hope that this newsletter finds everyone doing well and enjoying the summer. Happenings at the Lodge may be a little bit slower than the other months as people take vacations and spend time with families, but the fact that our work

continues and we do not go dark is a real testament to the dedication our members and officers has for Freemasonry.

❖ *Brother Carl Peterson, Junior Warden*

Councilor's Light

[Posting work, continued from last month.]



Posting: Question One. – The Most Worshipful Grand Master thought this important enough to be an important part of one of his messages to the Craft. How dare we consider ignoring this question? There are Masons of thirty or fifty or more years as members of the fraternity that stumble and pause at this question. The answers to this question set us a part from the general population and give us a nobler purpose and reason for being men.

Posting: Question Two. – This comprises the second part of the question, “What is Freemasonry?” Why we exist and who we benefit are the telling statements about the

fraternity. It is surprising how many men wearing Masonic emblems are unprepared to deliver or receive the benefits contained in the suggested answer for this question. It is an important area to examine as we advance our understanding of the Craft.

Posting: Question Three. – What is a faith-based fraternity and how does it differ from a religion? This question and answer help us define our role as religious men meeting in a secular setting. We need to remember to seek only spiritually minded men to our fraternity while remembering that we are not developing a new sect or doctrine. The goodness we must demand is most readily found in spiritually minded men.

✦ *Brother Harold Peterson, K.Y.C.H.*

Area Administrator's Message



Worshipful Brothers,

It is the wish of our Most Worshipful Grand Master (and friend of Sheboygan Lodge), Craig Campbell, that this year, instead of having Area meetings that typically end up being repetitions of the District meetings held each Spring and Fall, that we do a sort of round-robin to the other lodges in our area. For example, on one of Manitowoc Lodge's Stated Meeting nights, as many brothers as possible from Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Cassia, Victory and Calumet Lodges attend. Think of how incredible it would be to have a packed house on a stated meeting night when the brothers from the other lodges in our area attend one of our stated meetings!

Please consider this opportunity to participate and to carry out the wishes of our Most Worshipful Grand Master as a chance to meet Freemasons you haven't met before and to make new friends within our area. And perhaps reconnect with old friends, as well.

As you know, there are some lodges that "go dark" in July and August, so scheduling will likely take place beginning in September. I'll be speaking to WM Tim about planning a night to visit one of the other Lodges in the near future, and those of you who would like to attend and participate, thank you in advance from our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

✦ *Brother Bryon D. Zimmerman, Administrator, Area 10-3*

Fourth of July Parade

A number of our brethren participated in the Independence Day parade with the Lodge unit. Bros. Ron Nelson and Fred Schramm (Cassia #167) carried our banner. Bros. Steve Belongie and Randy Richter carried the flags. And once again we had the vintage Mercedes convertible on loan from Bro. Matt Elliott that Bros. Aubrey Heape and Carl Peterson rode in. PM Derrick Rupp rode in seat of honor. Thanks to Bro. Steve for the pictures.





Lighter Side of Masonry

“The Ride “



While on vacation in the Dells a Past Master decides to try horseback riding, even though he has had no lessons or prior experience. He mounts the horse, unassisted, and the horse immediately springs into motion.

It gallops along at a steady and rhythmic pace, but the PM begins to slip from the saddle.

In terror, he grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip. He tries to throw his arms around the horse's neck, but he slides down the side of the horse anyway. The horse gallops along, seemingly unaware of its slipping rider. Finally, giving up his frail grip, the PM attempts to leap away from the horse and throw himself to safety. Unfortunately, his foot has become entangled in the stirrup, he is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as his head is struck against the ground over and over.

As his head is battered against the ground, he is mere moments away from unconsciousness when to his great fortune....

Frank, the Wal-Mart greeter, sees the Past Master's dilemma and unplugs the horse.

Trestleboard of Upcoming Events

Stated Meeting-Master's Word, Tuesday, August 4th, 5:30 P.M.

Stated Meeting-Master Mason Degree, Tuesday, August 18th, 5:30 P.M.

Come join in and welcome Brother Rick Butler to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the fourth generation in his family to do so.

