

Lodge Bulletin

JUNE 2020



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Zoom Meeting, June 11, 7:30 p.m., Invitations sent via Lodge listserv
MOZART'S MUSIC
BRO. MARK DREISONSTOK, PH.D., & DAUGHTER CORDELIA
 This entertaining and educational musical revue of classical works will explore the impact of Freemasonry on Mozart's music and the works of some of his contemporaries.

Zoom Meeting, June 18, 7:00 p.m., Invitations sent via Lodge listserv
BEEHIVE DISCUSSION: PRUDENCE
BRO. DENISLAV DANTEV, JUNIOR WARDEN
 This second stop on our tour through the Cardinal Virtues will explore prudence and its modern day applications.

The June 24 St. John's Day Table Lodge will not occur as planned. Stay tuned for possible rescheduling.

Zoom Meeting, June 18, 7:00 p.m., Invitations sent via Lodge listserv
BEEHIVE DISCUSSION: FORTITUDE
BRO. MARK ADAMS, JUNIOR DEACON
 This third stop on our tour through the Cardinal Virtues will explore fortitude and its modern day applications.

STATED COMMUNICATIONS: The stated communications shall be held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (GWMMN), Alexandria, Virginia on the second Thursday of each month with the additional stated communications for the observance of George Washington's birthday on February 22, Saint John the Baptist Day on June 24, and the Installation of Officers on December 27.

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS: As announced herein with the trestleboard.
LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL: Conducted every Thursday at 7:30 PM, excluding our stated communication. All members are encouraged to attend.

CATECHISM & EDUCATION SCHOOL: Every Thursday at 7:30 PM and every Saturday at 10 AM unless otherwise noted in the trestleboard.

Master's Message

Brethren—

I'll admit, this is not what I planned for my year in the East, but you take the good with the bad. Thank you to everyone who has been participating in our Zoom meetings. The topics have been great, our brothers are doing some terrific research, and we are getting to connect with our brothers who are geographically outside the area. I hope that we can safely resume face-to-face meetings soon. Currently, our Table Lodge is on hold, but I am just being optimistic I know.

Since we are at home full time, I know I spend significantly more time on social media and watching the news. I find myself, more often than not, bewildered. What is going on in our society? Story after story covers extremism, racism, politics run amok, and human behaviors that epitomize ignorance. These stories are coupled with a chorus of people from all walks of life protesting that the media is a puppet and is either telling the wrong story, an incomplete story, or a fictitious story. It is exasperating. Even good news seems sensationalized or polarizing.

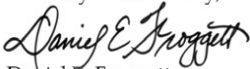
What is a Mason to do? The societal climate in which we live inspires passions—good and bad. How can we help each other remain true to our obligations? How can we ensure that we are all ignoring personal proclivities and prejudices to truly bring light to our family, friends, and neighbors? How best can we learn to subdue our passions?

I realize these questions are weighty...I also discovered that this message was a difficult place to respond to them in the manner I think they deserve. I let my response evolve into an article on the *Charge at the Initiation to the First Degree*. I am still doing some research, but I hope to share the article with you soon. Perhaps we will schedule a Beehive on it in the future—amidst a health pandemic and a Presidential election I think it will remain very relevant, and I am interested in your feedback.

We have a great calendar of Zoom meetings this month—see the Trestleboard (Zoom invites will be email on the list serv the day before the meeting). We will likely get further guidance this month from Grand Lodge on when we might return to meeting face-to-face.

I hope you are all healthy and safe. Please reach out if you need assistance of any kind.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,


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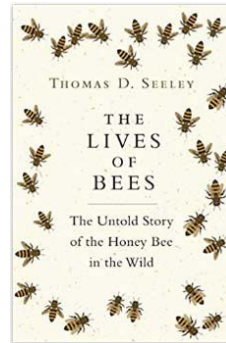


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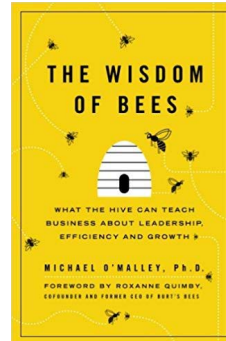
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Humans have kept honeybees in hives for millennia, yet only in recent decades have biologists begun to investigate how these industrious insects live in the wild. *The Lives of Bees* is Thomas Seeley's captivating story of what scientists are learning about the behavior, social life, and survival strategies of honeybees living outside the beekeeper's hive—and how wild honeybees may hold the key to reversing the alarming die-off of the planet's managed honeybee populations.



JULY

When Michael O'Malley first took up beekeeping, he thought it would be a nice hobby to share with his ten-year-old son. But as he started to observe these industrious insects, he noticed that they do a lot more than just make honey. Bees not only work together to achieve a common goal but, in the process, create a highly coordinated, efficient, and remarkably productive organization. O'Malley realized that bees can actually teach managers a lot about how to run their organizations.



AUGUST

Bro. Mark Tabbert's '*A DESERVING BROTHER: GEORGE WASHINGTON AND FREEMASONRY*' will examine more than sixty Masonic events in Washington's life—from his Masonic initiation in 1752 through his Masonic funeral in 1799. It is composed of more than 75,000 words and 60 color images of every known letter, book, artifact, and item related to Washington's membership in, and relationship with, Freemasonry. Listen to his "Conversation at the Washington Library here: <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/podcast/a-deserving-brother-george-washington-and-freemasonry/>



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Our annual Table Lodge at the Feast of St. John the Baptist has long been a favorite event at Alexandria – Washington Lodge. It was at the 1784 St. John's Day Table Lodge that our beloved and illustrious Brother, Gen. George Washington was elected an honorary member of our Lodge. Table Lodges are one of the longest standing traditions that we observe.

Our brothers in Pennsylvania compiled a brief history of the Table Lodge, which I have excerpted here. I encourage you all to research this unique Masonic event and learn more about its origins and usefulness in the Lodge.

History of Table Lodge

Back in the ages, when existence was perilous and life severe, and when Man was seeking some noble purpose to pursue, feasting became a major diversion. Its origin was in the demands of the physical body, but its prevalence was due to the social desires of his soul. First there were family feasts, then religious feasts, then national feasts, and finally fraternal feasts. The feasts that are probably the oldest of all fraternal feasts are the feasts of the "Mysteries" of Ancient Egypt, the so-called "Sons of Light." The oldest feasts of Masonic origin, of which we have any record, were the feasts upon being "entered", and being "passed to a Fellow of the Craft." How old these are we cannot say, but they go back far beyond the records of organized Masonry.

In 1717, in order to revitalize the Lodges in and around London, a Grand Lodge was organized. The reason given was: "To cement under a Grand Master as the center of union and harmony," and, "to revive the Quarterly Communication and hold the Annual Feast." The latter was the most important, and Masonic historians are pretty well agreed that the move was especially designed to improve the "feast, fun, and fellowship" of the Craft.

A few years later, at the direction of the Grand Master, there was installed the "old, regular and peculiar Toasts and Health's of Freemasons." In 1723 there was published "The Constitutions," in which feasts were further encouraged, and the rules and regulations which controlled them were in detail.

Lawrence Dermott, one of the leaders of early Masonry and the author of the first "Ahiman Rezon," remarked: "It was thought expedient to abolish the old custom of studying geometry in the Lodge, and some younger Brethren made it appear that a good knife and fork, in the hands of a dexterous Brother, over proper materials, would give greater satisfaction and add more to the conviviality of the Lodge than the best scale and compasses in Europe."

From the idea of the feast, and the desire to promote a greater degree

of fellowship and kinship in Masonry, was born the Table Lodge. Both the affection of friends and love for the Fraternity flourished within its walls. Its meetings were more like a reunion than a regular Lodge, and it became a center of relaxation, celebration, and inspiration in Freemasonry.

The Table Lodge had a most unusual pattern. Its entire meeting was conducted around the table, and the helpings of food and beverage were served in such a way they did not interfere with the other concerns of the Lodge. The arrangement of tables resembled a giant horse-shoe, with the Worshipful Master in the East, at the center, and both Wardens in the West, at the opposite ends. The Lodge was opened with an invocation and closed with a song.

At first, there was an address, followed by many toasts and songs, but as time went by the lecture was omitted and the number of toasts and songs decreased. The final figure that was set for the toasts was seven, and in some Jurisdictions that number is still retained today. Pennsylvania has designated three toasts: To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging; to the Memory of Our Deceased Brother, George Washington; and to Freemasonry Around the Globe.

The Table Lodge is a tiled Entered Apprentice Masons Lodge. This had several advantages. One, it permitted the attendance of Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft, and thus promoted their early fellowship in the Lodge. The other was it provided waiters to serve the food during the progress of the meeting. They were obtained from the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft who were present, a procedure which was in accord with the ancient custom, that initiates serve in that capacity during the period of "refreshment" in the Lodge.

Although Masonic records are brief, indications are that the Table Lodge was an enjoyable experience. Dr. George Oliver, one of the most prolific writers of early Masonry, wrote in his memoirs of the effect of the Table Lodge upon those present. These are his words: "The song appears to have more zest than in private company, the toast thrilled more vividly upon recollection, and the small modicum of punch with which it was honored, retained a higher flavor than the same potion if produced at a private board".

The Table Lodge is a heritage of our past. It has been stated that "the Table Lodge is the summary of Masonic doctrine". It prescribed reverence for Divinity and moral law. It strengthened the devotion that Masons held for Lodge and Country. It increased the unity and fellowship of the Craft.

Happy Birthday

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brethren!

Worshipful Richard Samuel Rankin - June 30, 1949 - 71 years
 Brother James Madison Snyder - June 16, 1952 - 68 years
 Brother William Everett Williams, Jr. - June 11, 1953 - 67 years
 Worshipful Leslie Harold Gilbert - June 18, 1959 - 61 years
 Brother Emerson Norman Wetzell - June 21, 1960 - 60 years
 Brother John Pipta - June 22, 1964 - 56 years
 Brother Charles William McElwee - June 4, 1970 - 50 years
 Brother William John Black - June 19, 1973 - 47 years
 Brother Kenneth Thelmer Brunsvold - June 9, 1975 - 45 years
 Brother Rufus Baxter Griffith, Jr. - June 23, 1975 - 45 years
 Brother Robert Blaine Baber, Jr. - June 30, 1975 - 45 years
 Brother Bruce Harrison Phillips - June 3, 1976 - 44 years
 Brother Thomas Eugene Diaforli - June 21, 1976 - 44 years
 Worshipful Paul Hamlett Goforth - June 15, 1981 - 39 years
 Worshipful Larry Edward Williams - June 7, 1983 - 37 years
 Brother Donald Saunders Litman - June 9, 1986 - 34 years
 Brother Richard Curtis Litman - June 9, 1986 - 34 years
 Brother Joel Scott Armstrong - June 21, 1995 - 25 years
 Brother Douglas Jeffrey Snow - June 15, 1996 - 24 years
 Brother Christopher Norton - June 7, 1997 - 23 years
 Brother Robert William Rondeau - June 30, 1997 - 23 years
 Brother Pascal Bussiere - June 25, 1998 - 22 years
 Brother Demetrio Papadimitriu - June 21, 1999 - 21 years
 Worshipful Kenneth Rhames Reynolds - June 23, 1999 - 21 years
 Brother Keith Ross Butler - June 16, 2003 - 17 years
 Brother Matthew Roman - June 15, 2004 - 16 years
 Worshipful Michael Lee Bailey - June 1, 2006 - 14 years
 Brother David Gabriel Bella - June 7, 2018 - 2 years
 Brother Kevin Edward Jackson - June 21, 2018 - 2 years
 Brother James Timothy Edwards - June 28, 2018 - 2 years
 Brother Mark Mathew Adams - June 20, 2019 - 1 years
 Brother Nelo Allen Hamilton, Jr. - June 20, 2019 - 1 years

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LIVING PAST MASTERS ON THE ROLLS

1975	Donald M. Robey, PGM	2002	Daniel M. Clark
1976	James B. Stone	2003	James M. Stevenson
1980	James R. Freeman	2004	Frank S. Skwirut
1988	William A. Jones	2005	J. Thomas McMahan
1991	Earl C. Million	2006	Thomas G. Little
1992	Granville C. Canard, JR, PDDGM	2007	Robert G. Watkins, PDDGM
1995	George D. Seghers, PDDGM	2009	Heber C. Willis, III
1996,18	Mark W. Underwood, PDDGM	2011	John P. Olson
1997	Walter L. Margeson, II	2012	Michael L. Bailey
1998	Philip J. Hays	2013	Joshua D. Adler
1999,17	Michael P. Bible, PDDGM	2014	Robert T. Weston
2000	Terry L. Gigure	2016	Stephen J. Pezzetti
2001	Brent N. Campbell	2019	Nikola N. Nikolov