

Brethren,

There seems to be multitudes of story lines on the topic of "citizenship" these days in our wonderfully free and democratic society. I don't have any answers to the contrary, but it is interesting to reflect on a piece written in 1923 for a short talk bulletin entitled, "Mason's Flag". A short excerpt from that piece follows:

A good citizen is not necessarily a Mason, but no indifferent citizen can be a good Mason. The unpatriotic Mason is an impossibility, as much as "Dry Water, or Black Sunlight." One hundred and fifty years ago, our forefathers declared that in as much as all men are created free and equal, they and their descendents shall always be free and independent. They set up their own government, these men brought a new idea of government into the world, and they fashioned that new idea of the very stuff from which Masonry is made.

Let us keep the red unspotted; let us maintain the blue as loyally as we maintain the sacred institution under whose "G" we meet together; and let us, one and all, from the Worshipful Master in the East, to the youngest Entered Apprentice in the Northeast corner of the Lodge, keep the white unspotted, that the government "Of the People, By the People and For the People Shall Not Perish From The Earth!"

Fraternally,
Daniel LaGrone, W.M.

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FROM THE EAST

September, 2006

Brethren,

Welcome back brethren. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

We live in a world in which many cultures, languages and religions are coming into contact with each other on a daily basis. I have chosen to discuss this topic this month in light of a Graduate School Cohort Study Group that I was involved with this summer at Montclair State University. Among the many issues that we studied, one that was the most intriguing to me was the ever-increasing pluralism of our world. The World Development Forum gathered statistics in 1990 and figuring that the world was a village comprised (hypothetically) of 1000 people, the breakdown is intriguing.

Out of the 1000, religiously speaking, 329 would be Christian, 174 Muslim, 131 Hindus, 61 Buddhists, 3 Jews, and 86 other religions. (216, no affiliation).

Out of the 1000, in terms of geographical location, 564 would be from Asia, 210 from Europe, 86 from Africa, 80 from South America, and 60 would be from North America.

I am proud to say that many of the wrongs that exist in the world do not exist in the world of MASONRY. As Masons we are taught to help, aid and assist all poor and distressed brother Masons. We are taught to be accepting of our brethren's beliefs. Every Master Mason who takes his oath seriously and abides by the code of conduct of our fraternity is a huge asset to the future of our fraternity and the world as a whole. Remember brethren, even though we might come from various places, hold various positions, speak various languages, and abide by our own religious affiliations on a personal level, as Masons we all are EQUAL and we meet on the LEVEL.

Fraternally,
Daniel LaGrone, W.M.

MASTER'S MESSAGE

CALENDAR

Sept 7 7:30 p.m. Officers rehearsal
Sept 11 7:30 p.m. Dist 2 Wdns/Officers mtg.
8:00 p.m. DLI. Officers must attend
Sept 14 7:30 p.m. Reg. communication Vote
on applicant Business attire
Sept 21 7:30 p.m. Officers Rehearsal
Sept 28 7:30 p.m. Reg. communication

Oct. 13-14 (4-7 pm on 13th, 9am-2pm on 14th)
Masonic Home Residents' Holiday Bazaar - see notice on bulletin board.

Nov. 5 at 3:00 p.m. 1st. annual charity concert at Central Jersey Scottish Rite Center 103 Dunns Mills Rd., Bordentown, NJ 08505 tickets \$20. each. Featuring the Grand Lodge Musicians Raymond Foose Tenor; John Forberger Organist; Richard Maren - Organist; Glenn Visscher - Baritone plus Ginnie Foose - Mezzo soprano; Rayna Foose - Soprano, and with them, the Mt. Moriah Men's Choir & Quartet.
Send check payable to 32 Childrens' Learning Centers, 103 Dunns Mills Rd., Bordentown, NJ 08505 (Central Valley)

BRETHREN: What's in YOUR wallet! If you don't have your 2006 dues card, you are in arrears. Dues are collectible at the beginning of the year, not at the end of it. Please contact the Sec'y if you are not sure if you paid or not.

Sad to report that WB George Belanus' wife Dorothy passed away on July 28, 2006. Our deepest sympathy to Wor. Bro. George on his loss.

Likewise, our sympathies to Wor. Bro. Henry Stein on the loss of his Mom, Joyce Stein. Joyce was a longtime familiar face around our building. She was a Past Matron of her Chapter of the Eastern Star, and the District Deputy of the organization as well. She was predeceased by her husband Wor. Bro. Hank Stein of our lodge.

VOTE TO BE TAKEN IN SEPTEMBER

Mr. Christopher Frank Palmadesso of 24 Fox Hollow Rd., Ramsey, NJ. He is an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. He is single. Place of birth: Westwood.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mr. David Robert Neeb, 96 3rd Ave., Hawthorne, NJ He is married, wife's name is Lia. Occupation is Bio-Medical Engineer with Medtronic ERS. Committee is Ron Walker, Jr., Committee: Ron Walker, Jr.; Cory Sigler, and R.W. Ernie Alexander.

Mr. Bryan Dunst, 27 Somerset Dr., Suffern, NY Born 12/30/80. Employer: Smith Barney. Occupation Financial Advisor. Single. Committee: W.B. Robert Porteous, Bro. C. Naum, R.W. E. Alexander

Mr. Alfred Gordon of 155 Lafayette Ave. Apt. A20, Hawthorne, NJ. Born Hackensack, NJ, and lived in NJ 48 yrs. He is a Truck Repair foreman for Underdog Truck Service. Married, wife's name is Marie Stelling Gordon. Committee: Bro. David LaGrone, Bro. Ron Walker, Jr., R.W. E. Alexander.

AWAITING FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

Bro. E.A. Chris. Villaruel
Bro. E.A. Keith Miller
Bro. E.A. Matt Donofrio
Bro. E.A. Michael Alan Stein

AWAITING MASTER MASON DEGREE

Bro. F.C. Lewis E. Thurston, III
Bro. F.C. Francis X. Pindar, III

LODGES OF THE 2D. MASONIC DISTRICT

Genesis #88 15 Hamburg Tpke. Pompton 2-4 Wed.
Fidelity #113 99 S. Maple, Ridgewood 2-4 Fri.
Silentia #168 Arch & Main Sts, Butler 1-3 Tues.
Wyckoff #287 420 W. Main St., Wyckoff 1-3 Fri.
Mt. View #154 30 Mt. View Blvd. Wayne 1-3 Thur
Haw/Fort. #200 Ramsey 2-4 Thurs.

