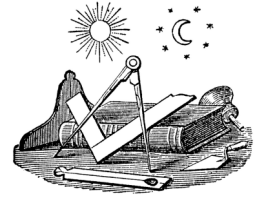




By The Square



News from West Bend Lodge No. 434, A.F. & A.M.

July/August 2024

Words from the East



Greetings Brothers,

Half-way through Summer and I know we are all looking forward to the cooler, dryer days of Fall.

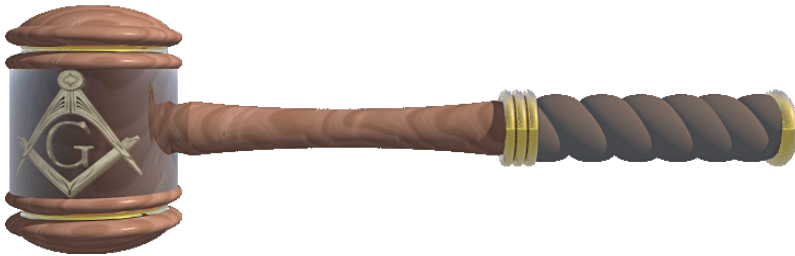
We will be honoring our Veterans at our August Stated Communication and our Past Masters at our September Stated Communication. West Town Restaurant will be catering our September Stated dinner like last year. Come join us for a great meal!

Brethren, remember to support the gun raffle by buying your raffle tickets at the August Stated. The drawing will be at the September Stated and will be for a Winchester SXP Shadow 12-gauge shotgun and for a Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle.

Our final fundraiser this year is the shredding event scheduled for October 19th.

If you and your family still have vacations scheduled, have fun and safe travels.

Fraternally,
Wes Caudill, Master



West Bend #434 Calendar of Events



- August 20, 2024...** Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- September 17, 2024...** Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- September 26 — 28, 2024...** Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- October 12, 2024...** Homecoming at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford
- October 19, 2024...** Shredding Event, 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.; Lewisville Elementary



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“All that I wish to emphasize at this stage is that our present system is not one coming from remote antiquity: that there is no direct continuity between us and the Egyptians, or even those ancient Hebrews who built, in the reign of King Solomon, a certain Temple at Jerusalem. What is extremely ancient in Freemasonry is the spiritual doctrine concealed within the architectural phraseology; for this doctrine is an elementary form of the doctrine that has been taught in all ages, no matter what garb it has been expressed.”

**W.L. Wilmshurst —
The Meaning of Masonry**



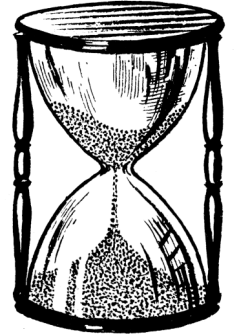
“The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone.”

**Dr. Joseph Fort Newton —
Clergyman &
Freemason**

Masonic Symbolism — The Hourglass



According to our North Carolina Lodge Manual, the hourglass “is an emblem of human life” and then waxes poetically about how rapidly our lives draw to a close as shown by how quickly the sand has fallen to the bottom of the hourglass. But are there any deeper meanings to this symbol?



One article [1] suggests that the hourglass can have a variety of meanings. Since the hourglass is an instrument used to measure time, this article suggests it can mean that “we are all moving forward in time and are unable to reverse the sands up the glass” and since “the sand continues to migrate from the top of the glass to the bottom of the glass, regardless of our station or position in life or how much wealth we may amass”, it can also represent that we are all equal or on the level. The author of this article also suggests that death is another allusion represented by hourglass, which is similar to what our lodge manual infers.

An article from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite suggests that “the need to flip the hourglass signifies the cycle between life and death” and that “it could also be said that the need to flip the hourglass demonstrates a man's need to, at times, change his thoughts and actions to progress on his journey” rather than being stuck on one side. This article also indicates that the hourglass also reminds us of the eternity of the soul since “one day, we will be able to turn the hourglass on its side, halt the flow of its sands, and be recognized by our Creator for our good works here”.

In many ways, the hourglass is yet another reminder to live a full life, make the most of our time, and cherish the tenets of our Brotherhood.

Sources:

1. Does the Masonic Hourglass Represent More than Just Time?... <https://freemasonscommunity.life/does-the-masonic-hourglass-represent-more-than-just-time/>
2. The Masonic Meaning of the Hourglass... <https://scottishritenmj.org/blog/the-masonic-meaning-of-the-hourglass>



MHCO — Did You Know?

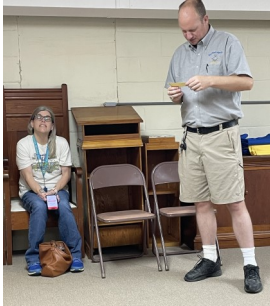
I went to the website for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford the other day to look into the Grand Master's Challenge for 5 members from a lodge to donate a total of \$450 over a three-year period. You will most likely have seen Worshipful Brother Joey's earlier email about this and I hope we meet this challenge.

But while I was there I discovered that the MHCO also has “needs lists”, something I did not realize. They have needs lists at Amazon, Target, and Walmart. So, if you are interested in giving, but want to focus on items you know they need, you can click on the links to their needs lists and make sure they are getting what they need. Here's the link... <https://mhc-oxford.org/index.php/needs/>

Red Cross Blood Drive

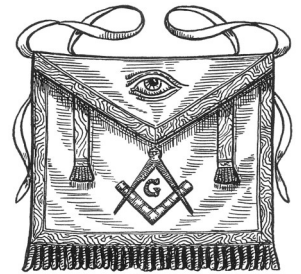


On July 17, 2024, West Bend #434 hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive. While we didn't quite get the turnout we hoped, it was still a successful event. According to Brother David Jaynes, they collected 11 Whole Blood products and 3 Power Red products for a total collection of 14 products. Please thank Brothers David Jaynes, Derek Brandon, and Thomas Livengood for making this another successful blood drive!



"The Masonic fraternity is one of the most helpful mediating and conserving organizations among men, and I have never wavered from that childhood impression, but it has stood steadfastly with me through the busy, vast, hurrying years."

Brother George W. Truett



Famous Freemason — John Theophilus Desaguliers

Desaguliers, John Theophilus (1683-1744) – John Desaguliers was a French Freemason and natural philosopher. On 29 July 1714, he was elected a member of The Royal Society of London, and progressed to be presented with the Royal Society's highest honour, the Copley Medal, in 1734, 1736 and 1741, with the 1741 award being for his discovery of the properties of electricity. He studied at Oxford, became experimental assistant to Freemason Sir Isaac Newton. An ardent Freemason, Desaguliers was elected the third Grand Master in 1719, and was Deputy Grand Master in 1723 and 1725 of the newly formed Premier Grand Lodge of England. In which capacity he oversaw the publication of the first Masonic Book of Constitutions in the world. It was said of Desaguliers, *"Of all those who were engaged in the revival of Freemasonry in the beginning of the Eighteenth Century, none performed a more important part than he to whom may be well applied the epithet of 'The Father of Modern speculative Freemasonry', and to whom, perhaps, more than any other person, is the present Grand Lodge of England indebted for its existence."*



From... <https://freemasonscommunity.life/famous-freemasons/>

"Need I say that the physical form with which we have all been invested by the Creator upon our entrance into this world, and of which we shall all divest ourselves when we leave the Lodge of this life, is represented among us by our Masonic apron? This, our body of mortality, this veil of flesh and blood clothing the inner soul of us, this is the real "badge of innocence", the common "bond of friendship," with which the Great Architect has been pleased to invest us all: this, the human body, is the badge which is "older and nobler than that of any other Order in existence"..."

**W.L. Wilmshurst —
The Meaning of Ma-
sonry**

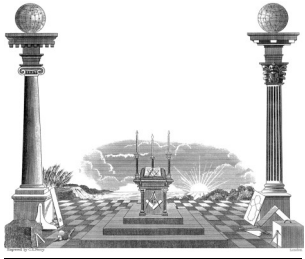
Happy Birthday Brothers!

July Birthdays

- July 4th... Keith Herbs
- July 5th... Phillip Craft, Wallace VanHoy
- July 11th... John-Lewis Godfrey
- July 20th... Zack Rothrock
- July 24th... Bruce Horton
- July 31st... David Gertz

August Birthdays

- August 1st... David Uhl
- August 2nd... Steven Schmidlin
- August 8th... Harold Langley, Wes Caudill
- August 9th... James Craft
- August 26th... Andrew Britten
- August 29th... Randy Perdue
- August 31st... Drew Epp



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