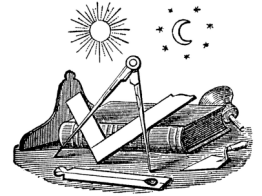




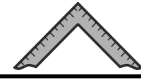
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News from West Bend Lodge No. 434, A.F. & A.M.

Sept/Oct 2024

## Words from the East



Greetings Brothers,

There's lots of stuff going on as we head into year-end.

We honored our veterans at the August Stated. We also honored our Past Masters at the September Stated with a prime rib dinner catered by West Town Restaurant. And sitting officers moved up one chair at the October Stated.

We have a new prospect and an Entered Apprentice working on his catechism. We also have several Master Masons working on their catechisms and hopefully some of them will finish in time to sit in chairs next year. So, we may have some examinations and degrees coming up. And officer elections will be at the November Stated Communication.

We held both the gun raffle and the October shredding event so all our fundraisers are complete for the year. Thank you to everyone who participated in water collection and other hurricane relief efforts.

Also, thank you Worshipful Brother Bob Blair for completing three years of service as DDGM.

Brothers, that's all for now.  
See you at the November Stated.

Fraternally,  
Wes Caudill, Master



## West Bend #434 Calendar of Events



**November 9, 2024...** Grand Line Officer Installation, 4:00 p.m.; Greensboro Masonic Temple

**November 19, 2024...** Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**December 17, 2024...** Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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“The aspirant for masonic light — the Neophyte — on his first entrance within our sacred porch, prepares himself for this consecrated labor of erecting within his own bosom a fit dwelling-place for the Divine Spirit, and thus commences the noble work of becoming himself the corner-stone on which this spiritual edifice is to be erected.”

**Albert G. Mackey,  
The Symbolism of Freemasonry**



“Wine is a symbol of that inward and abiding comfort with which the heart of the man who faithfully performs his part on the great stage of life is to be refreshed; and is, in the figurative language of the East, Jacob prophetically promises to Judah, as his reward, that he shall wash his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of the grape, it seems intended, morally, to remind us of those immortal refreshments which, when the labors of this earthly lodge are forever closed, we shall receive in the celestial lodge above.”

**Albert G. Mackey,  
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## “Freemason” Defined



The text below is taken directly from *The Secret Tradition in Freemasonry, Volume 1* by Arthur Edward Waite...

The compound term *Freemason* occurs first in 1375 and contrary to Gould means primarily a mason of superior skill, though later it also designated one who enjoyed the freedom, or the privilege, of a trade guild. In the former sense it is commonly derived from *freestone-mason*, a mason hewing or building in free (ornamental) stone in opposition to rough (stone) mason. This derivation, though harmonizing with the meaning of the term, seemed unsatisfactory to some scholars. Hence Speth proposed to interpret the word *freemasons* as referring to those masons claiming exemption from the control of local guilds of the towns, where they temporarily settled. In accordance with this suggestion the “New English Dictionary of the Philological Society” (Oxford, 1898) favors the interpretation of *freemasons* as skilled artisans, emancipated according to the medieval practice from restrictions and control of local guilds in order that they might be able to travel and render services, wherever any great building (cathedral, etc.) was in process of construction. These freemasons formed a universal craft for themselves, with a system of secret signs and passwords by which a craftsman, who had been admitted on giving evidence of competent skill, could be recognized. On the decline of Gothic architecture this craft coalesced with the mason guilds. Quite recently, W. Begemann combats the opinion of Speth as purely hypothetical, stating that the name *freemason* originally designated particularly skilled *freestone-masons*, needed at the time of the most magnificent evolution of Gothic architecture, and nothing else. In English law the word *freemason* is first mentioned in 1495, while *frank-mason* occurs already in the Act of 1444-1445. Later, *freemason* and *mason* become convertible terms.

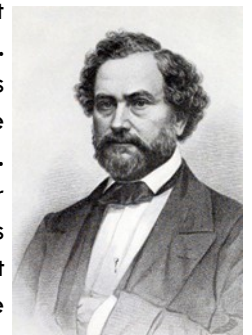


## Famous Freemason — Samuel Colt



### Famous Freemason – Samuel Colt (1814-1862)

Colt was a firearms inventor and manufacturer who designed the first practical revolving chambered percussion pistol, the ‘Paterson’ in 1836. He realized early that to keep costs down all of the weapon’s parts ought to be machine made and interchangeable, leading to the ‘assembly line’, long before Henry Ford (see below) utilized the method. His first big order came through Texas Ranger, Captain Samuel Walker in 1847, who requested 1,000 ‘revolvers’. By the time of his death, Colt’s estate was valued at US \$15,000,000 – and that was in 1862 – a vast sum even today. Colt’s pistols became so widely available that the phrase was coined: “God didn’t make all men equal – Samuel Colt did!”



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

## Masonic Symbolism — The Globes



We learn from our lodge manual and in our Fellowcraft lecture that two pillars stood outside King Solomon’s temple and that globes surmounted these pillars. Our lodge manual explains their meaning as follows: “... The globes are two artificial and spherical bodies on the convex surface of which are represented the countries, seas, and various parts of the earth; the face of the heavens, the planetary revolutions and other particulars. Their principal use, besides serving as maps to distinguish the outward parts of the earth, and the situation of the fixed stars, is to illustrate and explain the phenomena arising from the annual revolution and the diurnal rotation of the earth around its own axis. They are the noblest instruments for improving the mind, and giving it the most distinct idea of any problem or proposition, as well as enabling it to solve the same. Contemplating these bodies, we are inspired with a due reverence for the Deity and his works, and are induced to encourage the studies of astronomy, geography, navigation, and the arts dependent on them, by which society has been so much benefited. They further denote the universality of Masonry.” [1]

According to Mackey’s Encyclopedia of Freemasonry [2], globes began to spread among lodges in the period between 1730 to 1750 and that in the record of one lodge, it states “they illustrate the universality of the Craft anywhere under heaven, anywhere in the earth, there is the home of Freemasonry”. A separate article states that “the celestial globe symbolized the spiritual part of human nature and the terrestrial globe symbolized the material side”. [3]

Similarly, one source suggests that the original pillars were capped by two bowls: one of water and one of fire. “The bowl of water signified the earthly man (the material) and the bowl of fire signified the divine man. In one of the Apocryphal Scriptures (2 Edras, 7;78), the path to true wisdom and life is spoken of an entrance between a fire on the right hand and a deep water on the left.” [4]

### Sources:

1. North Carolina Lodge Manual; Charles F. Bahnson
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3. [The Globes: Historical Anachronism – Significant Symbol](#); RSJD, Muskoka Lodge #380, Ontario
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## Happy Birthday Brothers!

### September Birthdays

- September 7th... Michael Sorrell
- September 8th... Jerry Farmer
- September 16th... Brian Padgett
- September 25th... Steven Helman

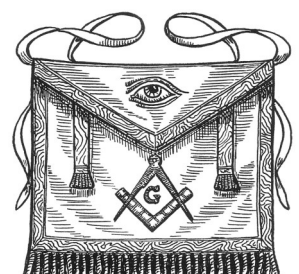
### October Birthdays

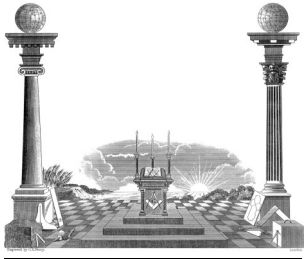
- October 7th... John Clore
- October 9th... Steve Teague
- October 17th... Jason Clore
- October 23rd... Karl Stimpson
- October 24th... Russell Cartee III



“What is the Light that has been shed abroad in our lives? It is sometimes explained as Knowledge, and it is that; but it is more than that, for it is also Truth. Knowledge is the mind’s awareness of a fact, while truth is the mind’s understanding of the meaning of that fact. Facts may heap themselves up like the grains in a pile of sand; they may have little or no apparent relationship with each other; and the man who is said to have knowledge of them may know little more than their number and their names. But when he has learned the hidden connections of these facts, how they bear upon each other, and what import they have for human life, he has learned Truth.

*H.L. Haywood,  
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