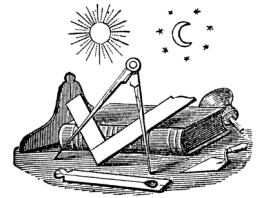




By The Square



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

Nov/Dec 2024

Words from the East



Brethren,

What a year! We resurrected masonic education thanks to Matthew Robbins, Mike Daniels and Keith Herbs. We managed to complete all 4 fundraisers. Hopefully, this process will smooth out in the future. We also hosted our mandatory five-hour masonic ritual training session. And we held 1 first degree, 2 second degrees and a 3rd degree, giving us 2 new master masons. Four degrees in a year may not seem like a lot, but we only had four degrees in the prior 4 years in total. Hopefully, we will continue to have more degrees going forward. Also, we had a record of 7 members pass away in 2024. I pray that we never beat that particular record.

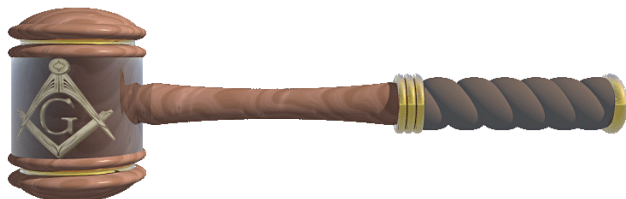
I am especially excited about the lodge renovation project that we have initiated. Thus far we have met with Matthew Robbins from the Grand lodge who has helped us put together a plan. While the entire plan will take several years, we hope to start on the dining hall first. This project is important both to sustain West Bend and attract new members.

2024 is flying by and so is my time as a line officer. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve West Bend Lodge the last 6 years. It has been both fun and challenging. Let me say thank you to the officers, committees, Past Masters and other members who have supported and helped me survive the journey. I could not have done it without you. So, thanks again for your time and effort.

Brothers, that's all for now.

See you at the December Stated.

Fraternally,
Wes Caudill, Master



West Bend #434 Calendar of Events



December 17, 2024... Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
January 21, 2025... Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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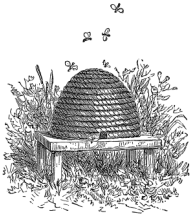
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“Oil is a symbol of prosperity, and happiness, and joy. The custom of anointing every thing or person destined for a sacred purpose is of venerable antiquity. The statues of the heathen deities, as well as the altars on which the sacrifices were offered to them, and the priests who presided over the sacred rites, were always anointed with perfumed ointment, as a consecration of them to the objects of religious worship.”

Albert G. Mackey
The Symbolism of
Freemasonry



“The word ‘dagan’, which signifies corn, is derived from the verb ‘dagah’, to increase, to multiply, and in all the ancient religions the horn or vase, filled with fruits and with grain, was the recognized symbol of plenty. Hence as an element of consecration, corn is intended to remind us of those temporal blessings of life and health, and comfortable support, which we derive from the Giver of all good...”

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Congratulations!



The Secretary of Distinction and Treasurer of Distinction are honorary titles conferred upon members of a lodge who have “rendered outstanding and meritorious service” in those positions for 5 consecutive years.

Worshipful Brother Joey Transou was awarded BOTH the Secretary of Distinction and Treasurer of Distinction titles at our November Stated Communication. Worshipful Brother Joey has served in both of those capacities for much longer than 5 years each and has been a pillar of Masonry for the Lodge. Please join us in congratulating Worshipful Brother Joey Transou!



Election of 2025 Officers



The election of the officers of West Bend #434 took place at our November Stated Communication. The following officers were elected:



- Master — Drew Epp
- Senior Warden — Zack Rothrock
- Junior Warden — Mike Gibson
- Treasurer — Wes Caudill
- Secretary — Bob Blair
- Trustee — Keith Herbs



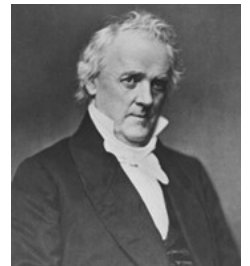
The installation of the 2025 officers will be announced when a date has been set.

Famous Freemason — James Buchanan



James Buchanan (1791-1868)

The 15th President of the United States (1857-1861), James Buchanan was of Irish-Scottish extraction. Following the death of his fiancée, Buchanan became a life-long bachelor, the only U.S. president to be so. Under President James Polk, he was U.S. Secretary of State and, on becoming president, he fought hard to maintain peace between the North and the South, but he was in a hopeless position and his failed machinations tainted his administration.



Active as a Freemason throughout his life, Buchanan was initiated on December 11, 1816 into Lancaster Lodge No.43, Lancaster, Pennsylvania becoming Worshipful Master in 1825. He was exalted in Royal Arch Chapter No.43 in 1826 and became Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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

The Officers' Positions



These are excerpts from **The Meaning of Masonry** by W. L. Wilmshurst...

The seven Officers — three principal and three subordinate, with an additional minor one serving as a connecting link with our outside world — represent seven aspects or faculties of consciousness psychologically interactive and coordinated into a unity so as to constitute a 'just and perfect Lodge.'

The "Master" or Chief Officer, in man is the spiritual principle in him, which is the apex and the root of his being and to which all his subsidiary faculties should be subordinate and responsive. When the Master's gavel knocks, those of the Wardens at once repeat the knocks. When the Divine principle in man speaks in the depth of his being, the remaining portions of his nature should reverberate in sympathy. Without the presence of this Divine Principle in him man would be less than human. Because of its presence in him he can become more than human.

The Senior Warden, whilst the Master's chief executive officer, is his antithesis and opposite pole. He personifies the soul, the psychic or animistic principle in man, which, if unassociated with and unilluminated by the greater light of the Spirit or Master principle, has no inherent light of its own at all. At best he in the West can but reflect and transmit that greater light from the East, as the moon receives and reflects the sunlight.

Midway between the Master light from the East and the "Moon" in the West is placed the Junior Warden in the South, symbolizing the third greater light, the "Sun". And, masonically, the "sun" stands for the illuminated human intelligence and Craft understanding, which results from the material brain-mind being thoroughly permeated and enlightened by the Spiritual Principle; it denotes these two in a state of balance and harmonious interaction, the Junior Warden personifying the balance point or meeting place of man's natural reason and his spiritual intuition.

The Senior Deacon, as the Master's adjutant and emissary, forms the link between the East and the West. The Junior Deacon, as the Senior Warden's adjutant and emissary, forms the link between the West and the South, whilst the Inner Guard acts under the immediate control of the Junior Warden and in mutually reflex action with the Outer Guard or contact point with the outer world of sense impressions.

The whole seven thus typify the mechanism of human consciousness; they represent a series of discrete but coordinated parts connecting man's outer nature with his inner most Divine Principle..."



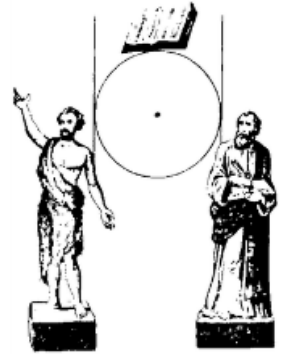
Happy Birthday Brothers!

November Birthdays

- November 10th...** Robert Williard
- November 17th...** Norris Griffin
- November 20th...** Barry Pettet
- November 25th...** Thomas Brown, Jr.
- November 29th...** Stephen Sloan

December Birthdays

- December 1st...** Robert Thomas
- December 5th...** Dennis Lee, Jr.
- December 10th...** Leon Monroe
- December 12th...** Jackson Newbauer
- December 15th...** Kenneth Hill, Daniel Choplin
- December 17th...** Fred Snow, Mark Roberts
- December 23rd...** Gary Rothrock

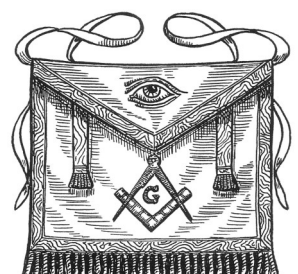


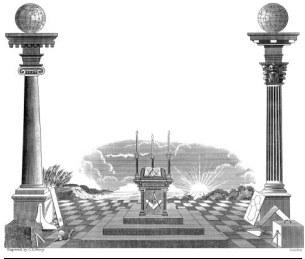
"The triangle is another symbol which is entitled to our consideration. There is, in fact, no other symbol which is more various in its application or more generally diffused throughout the whole system of both the Spurious and the Pure Freemasonry.

The equilateral triangle appears to have been adopted by nearly all nations of antiquity as a symbol of Deity.

Among the Hebrews, it has already been stated that this figure, with a yod in the centre, was used to represent the tetragrammaton, or ineffable name of God."

Albert G. Mackey
The Symbolism of Freemasonry





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