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## AUGUST 2012

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Regular Communication 2nd and 4th  
Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.  
Except November and December  
when it shall be the 2nd and 3rd Thursday.

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#### Stated Communication Thursday

Auust 9th, 2012 at 7:30PM

#### Stated Communication Thursday

August 23rd, 2012 at 7:30PM

#### OPEN BOOKS

August 30th, 2012. 6:00-9:00PM  
Harmonia Lodge No 138

#### Masonic Seminar

W. Bro. Robert C. Cooper  
(Guest Speaker)

Saturday September 8th, 2012

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Boynton Lodge No 236 F.&A.M.

#### DRESS CODE

Brothers are required to  
dress in coat and tie.  
Officers dress is dark suit  
for regular meeting and  
white tuxedo for degrees  
and official visitations.

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# FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

We are now entering the dog days of summer with extremely hot and humid days. Many of our brothers are snowbirds or tend to travel north for much of this season. We look forward to the fall, but appreciate what we have, especially our fraternity. This is our fraternity and each one of us has the ability to make a difference. Let's continue to think and act as responsible, compassionate, and caring men in our communities.

This past month we had our Official Visit from our DDGM RW Jim Schmidt and his committeemen. The evening began with a meal and fellowship among brothers. The meeting was well attended and it was gratifying to see some brothers that have not been able to attend lodge present on that night. The Grand Masters remarks delivered by RW Schmidt were well received, as well as his address to the craft.

August's meeting will be our regularly scheduled meeting, on point and to the point. I'm planning to conduct our lodge business and complete the meetings by 9:00pm. This will allow for a greater period of time for fellowship after the meetings.

We will be traveling as a lodge to Alexandria, Virginia to the home of George Washington's lodge on Thursday September 13th. The weekend visit will include a visit to the Scottish Rite House of the Temple and Mount Vernon. Details for the trip will be forthcoming in the next few days.

Humbly, I remain, Your Worshipful Master,

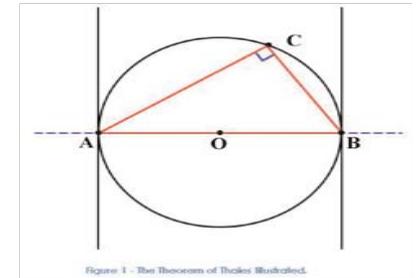
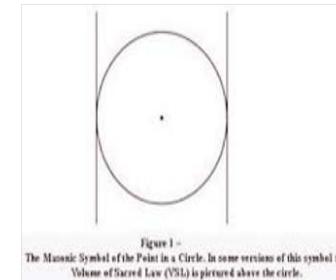
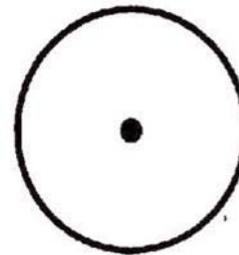
Fraternally,

Brad Partridge, WM

# The Point within the circle

In the Entered Apprentice Degree we are taught that lodges were anciently dedicated to King Solomon, as he was our first Most Excellent Grand Master, but modern Masons dedicated theirs to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, who were two eminent patrons of Masonry. Since their time, there is represented in every regular and well governed lodge, a certain point within a circle – the point representing an individual brother, the circle, the boundary-line of his conduct toward God and Man; Beyond which he is never to suffer his passions, prejudice or interest to betray him, on any occasion.

We know that the compasses teach us to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions within due bound towards all mankind and especially a brother Mason. Now as I was given this tool I can draw the circle that should be represented in every regular and well governed lodge. But first I need to start with the point, which we are taught in the Fellow Craft Degree, is the beginning of all Geometrical matter.



Now by meditating upon this symbol we can come up with many things that it alludes to. In Alchemy it alludes to Gold, in ancient Egypt to the Sun God of Ra and in ancient times to the Sun. Now if you see a lodge that does not have this Symbol, are we actually performing it at a Symbolic level? During "The rite of Circumambulation" which I have seen it referred to in two different manners in our Florida Grand Lodge Masonic Education work and it is the act of Perambulation or Circumambulation. Perambulation means "Walking around" in the dictionary and in our work Masonic Education work it means to walk around some central point or object. In another part of the Masonic Education work it states that the rite of Circumambulation is to search for light and is an unending journey undertaken by all Masons. It also says "Circumambulation" means to "walk around," and refers to an ancient ceremony in, which men walked about an Altar, following the same direction as the sun. Therefore my understanding of it is that during the rite of circumambulation we are actually forming the circle which is in the point within the circle.

Where do we bring the brother later in the degree? To the Alter. Once he is here we have symbolically performed the point within the circle which has also been referred to as the Circumpunct or the Monad. The point within the circle is where three \*\*\*\*\* in Masonry are located and are the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses. The Master later explains the meaning to these Symbols.

These are further explained in our explanation of to whom lodges were anciently dedicated, This circle is between the two perpendicular parallel lines, which represent those Saints, who are perfect parallels in Christianity, as well as in Masonry; and upon the vertex rest the Holy Scriptures, which point out the duty of man. In going around this circle, we necessarily touch upon these two lines, as well as upon the Holy Scriptures; and while a Mason keeps himself thus circumscribed it is impossible that he should materially err. When do we form the two lines in our ritual? During the obligation. Not only did we perform the point within the circle but we constructed the two parallel lines. Draw the two lines (Tangent)

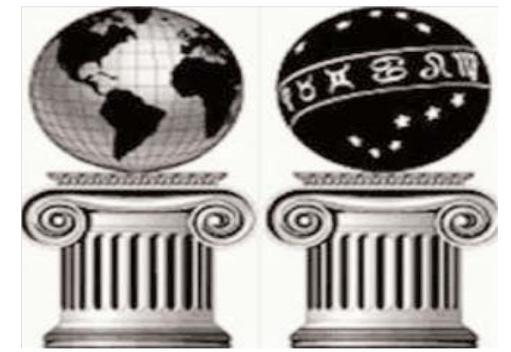
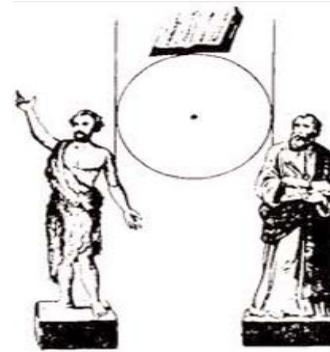
As you have seen my brothers we have touched upon the use of the compasses and the Holy Bible thus far in the explanation of to whom dedicated. We really do not discuss the square at all. We learn throughout our teaching that the square teaches morality, that it is dedicated to the Worshipful Master and that we should square our actions by the square of virtue. I have asked myself why is this the symbol of the Master? My conclusion is for several reasons.

From an operative Mason's perspective, it was the secret of our ancient brethren to know how to make the right angle and consequently the square. In Geometry, Thales' Theorem (Named after Thales of Miletus) states that if A, B and C are points on a circle where the line AC is a diameter of the circle, then the angle ABC is a right angle. On a side note it is said that Thales sacrificed an Ox in honor of this discovery which is what I learned from Dr. Nagy is referred to as a hecatomb. Now based on this theorem as long as AC is a diameter wherever we draw the line for B will always be a right angle. The term Right angle is borrowed from the Latin *angulus rectus*, here *rectus* means "Upright" which we hear many times in our teachings.

From a speculative Masons perspective, we have all been charged as an upright man and Mason to "ever walk and act as such before God and Man" Hence the "Upright" we are right angled men that need to do what is right before Deity and mankind. So the square is contained within the explanation of the point within the circle just not explained outright.

From an Esoteric Mason perspective, in *Morals and Dogma*, by Albert Pike, on pages 850-1, he explains "The square is an instrument adapted for plane surfaces only, and therefore appropriate to Geometry, or measurement of the Earth, which appears to be, and was by the Ancients supposed to be, a plane. The Compass is an instrument that has relation to the spheres and spherical surfaces, and is adapted to spherical trigonometry, or that branch of mathematics which deal with the Heavens and the orbits of the planetary bodies. The Square, therefore, is a natural and appropriate Symbol of this Earth and the things that belong to it, are of it, or concern it. The Compass is an equally natural and appropriate Symbol of the Heavens, and of all celestial things and celestial natures." On this explanation my understanding is that a Master should have conquered all that is in the Material world and hence we entrust him with his rightful guidance in the East not only in this Material world but also in the spiritual world which leads us to the hermetic Axiom "As above, so below; as below so above." – The Kybalion.

Now that I have gone off on a Tangent, let's get back to the point within the circle between the two perpendicular parallel lines. The two Saints John are also Symbolical of the travel of the Sun. Who knows the date of the formation of the first Grand Lodge? Yes, it was on the 24th of June in 1717 which is the date set aside for the celebration of Saint John the Baptist and December 27 is the date for Saint John the Evangelist. These dates correlate with the summer and Winter Solstices respectively. There are English lodges where they have also been alluded to as representing Moses and Solomon.



In many countries our two pillars Jachin and Boaz are placed in the same location where we would form the parallel lines. Manly P. Hall in his book "The secret teachings of all ages" pgs 307-308 goes on to explain the pillars in this manner. "The right Tablet of the Law further signifies Jachin – The white pillar of light; the left Tablet, Boaz – the shadowy pillar of darkness." "On the top of each pillar was a large bowl- now erroneously called a ball or globe – one of the bowls probably containing fire and the other water. The celestial globe (Originally the bowl of fire), surmounting the right-hand column (Jachin), symbolized the divine man; the terrestrial globe (the bowl of water), surmounting on the left-hand column (Boaz) signified the earthly man. These two pillars respectively connote also the active and the passive expression of Divine Energy, the sun and the moon, sulphur and salt, good and bad, light and darkness. Between them is the door leading to the House of God." "As two parallel columns they denote the zodiacal signs of Cancer and Capricorn, which were formerly placed in the chamber of initiation to represent birth and death- the extremes of physical life." This leads to the symbol that is represented in many lodges around the World where you would see the Sun on one side and the moon on the other. All these Symbols really point to one and the same thing. This is the Masterpiece of Freemasonry. The world where we need to learn to observe, study and meditate upon our teachings in order to understand what is behind the veil as well as what is right before us. The need to make sure that we are on the point within the circle, between the two parallel lines and between the two pillars of polar opposites. This secret can only be established by the ancient maxim or aphorism, "Know Thyself" to which it has been also attributed and reference back to Thales of Miletus. If we can know ourselves then we can learn to use the compass properly to keep our passions within due bound towards all mankind and especially a brother Mason and stay on the point, which we said is the beginning of all Geometrical matter and being at the beginning of all Geometrical matter is when we can be as close to Deity as possible. This is when you will discover "The Lost Word"

Thank you Worshipful Master and Brethren.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brother Brian Work:.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012**

**TIME  
9:30 AM : CHECK-IN  
10:00 AM—3:00 PM : SEMINAR**

**SEMINAR SCHEDULE  
10:00 AM-10:50 AM : WHAT IS FREEMASONRY  
11:00 AM-11:50 AM : COUNT CAGLIOSTRO - THE ULTIMATE  
CONDEMNATION (DEATH) OF A FREEMASON BY THE CHURCH  
11:50 AM—1:00 PM : LUNCH  
1:00 PM—1:50 PM : THE OLDEST MASONIC RITUAL IN THE WORLD  
2:00 PM—3:00 PM : ROSSLYN CHAPEL AND THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
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