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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

July 10th, 2014 at 7:30PM
Dinner at 6:30PM \$10.00 /Person
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Stated Communication Thursday

July 24th, 2014 at 7:30PM
FC DEGREE
Dinner at 6:30PM \$10.00 /Person
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Brothers are required to
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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

We are half way through the year and it's has been a good year so far. Our first communication of June was an open meeting to honor those who put themselves into harm's way to protect the citizens of Boynton Beach. We had the pleasure of having the Boy Scout Troop 395 raise our flag in a wonderful flag ceremony. After which, we had the honor and privilege of presenting to our brethren, family and guests the officer of the year, Michael Brown, the detective of the year Charles Ramos & the Firefighter of the year Travis Kus from the City of Boynton Beach. We also presented our annual scholarship to Thomas Yuile Wotherspoon IV. A good time was had by all and the award recipients thanked the lodge for their recognition.

At our second communication, we welcomed our new DDGM, RW William R. Bates, Sr on his first official visit of his term. He congratulated the lodge on the great work that we do both inside and out and reiterated the Grand Masters message of "have fun" this year.

Kicking off the month of July, our first communication of the month on July 10; we will have Entered Apprentice proficiency for Br. Matt Bennett and Master Mason proficiency for Bros. Scott Kaapke and Jason Morris. As always, dinner will be served at 6:30 pm and our meeting will begin at 7:30pm. Please RSVP with our JW Alan Cohen as we will only be ordering ONLY for those who RSVP.

Our second communication of the month is a CALLED communication on July 24; we will be conferring a Fellow Craft degree. Dinner will be at 6:30pm and lodge will begin promptly at 7:30pm.

HAPPY 4th of JULY!

The month of July seems like a busy one, but I hope to see as many of you at our events and meetings. Here are a few of upcoming June events:

July 9: District 32 Master Mason Association – Lake Worth Scottish Rite, 7:30pm – ALL Master Masons welcome

July 10: STATED Communication – Boynton Lodge No. 236, Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm

July 19: District School of Instruction – Entered Apprentice Degree – Harmonia Lodge No. 138, 9am -12pm

July 24: CALLED Communication, Fellow Craft Degree – Boynton Lodge No. 236, Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm

July 30: Open Books – Harmonia Lodge No. 138 – 6pm-9pm

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Michael Gambarrotti
Worshipful Master

FROM - THE IDEAS WHICH MADE FREEMASONRY POSSIBLE

by William H. Stemper Jr.

Freemasonry, as we know it, has existed in various places and times for about 300 years. Yet, nowhere has its impact upon culture been more profound than in the United States of America. After the Revolution of 1776 the fraternity provided a source of symbols, myths, and a public ethic or virtue, which--to the same extent--because of a similar role of the Monarchy and the Established Church in England makes the United States a unique laboratory for understanding the role of Freemasonry as a civilizational or cultural phenomenon.

Thus, to define the exact nature--as far as possible--of what was unique about early Freemasonry in the United States helps any inquiry into the preconditions for the synthesis or creation of Freemasonry itself.

Further, to understand the unique American experience assists the Masonic student to understand what specific philosophical currents in the 17th Century and before made Freemasonry possible.

Apart from the heroic role of key Freemasons in the American Revolution, the fund of ideas, symbols, and myths associated with Freemasonry were instrumental to the birth of the new nation.

Historian of religions, Joseph Campbell (1) summarizes this achievement in two ways:

(1) that the symbols of the Craft became the symbolism of the nation; and

(2) that the ideas of fraternity within the Craft were projected beyond the mere teachings of a particular order, into the popular mindset of the revolutionaries themselves.

This latter point is particularly important because it signifies that the Founding Fathers were able to articulate a vision which achieved two potentially opposite objectives simultaneously--the good of the whole, or the commonwealth; and the rights of the individual within that whole.

Thus, two potentially contradictory aims, the rights of the State vs. the rights of the person, were reconciled, and preserved in creative tension.

Symbolically, Freemasonry's imagery provided a third, alternative path between the symbols of the Church, on the one side; and the symbols of Monarchy, on the other; both of which were the prevailing systems of authority in the 18th Century European milieu.

The point becomes more evident when it is remembered that the Revolutionary and later the Federalist period spawned a unique architectural school which reflected not only the egalitarian and enlightened ideals of the Founding Fathers, but also which lended an aesthetic aura of believable respectability to buildings such as the White House and Federal Hall, in New York, which came to embody the public image of the new nation.

Nation-making is of course no easy task. Because the United States was the first modern nation built not upon arbitrary military power, dynastic ambition, or even pure self-interest, the foremost task of the Founding Fathers after the Revolution was to articulate a unifying philosophy or ideology which made sense to the educated classes of the era. This meant that the political promises in the Declaration of Independence (1776) and the Constitution (1787), i.e., individual rights, had to be reconciled by a public philosophy which explained, or at least made understandable, the reality that everyone was not economically equal.(2)

In other words they had to find a philosophy which spoke of the dignity of work, the essential democracy of hierarchical representation--itself a potentially contradictory concept--all within a vision of harmony which avoided sectarian strife. The answer was of course Freemasonry.

In specific, early American Freemasonry performed three particular functions which illuminate its earlier origins in European intellectual history:

1. It achieved a kind of truce with sectarian religion, notably Puritanism and Congregationalism in New England, which allowed for persons who did not agree in theology to conduct a successful war against a third, "greater evil," British tyranny. Because most of the Founding Fathers were in some way associated with the Church of England, this achievement is all the more significant. (3),(4)

2. It occasioned and justified an intelligentsia, and political, elite, which was both committed to the dissemination of knowledge, and to the effective, responsible brokering of power in a progressive spirit. (5)

3. When the Anti-Masonic era forced a restructuring of Freemasonry's public image, and a lessening of its elitist composition, ca. 1826, it "recovered" to assume still another cultural role as the acceptable middle class symbol of cooperation in commerce and civic affairs. During the period of the United States' relative absence from European affairs, 1776-1914, indeed Freemasonry remained the essential philosophy of harmonious pluralism for the entire nation. (6)

Freemasonry is quintessentially the product of certain historical elites: small groups of influential or powerful men who not only were able to conceive of an organization such as the Craft became, but also to imprint their surrounding culture with the significance of their ideas.

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Raised: 12-15-1966
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