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August 2024

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The Master's Message

Brethren,

Many times, I write from inspiration of something that has recently occurred and sometimes I look for that inspiration. For the latter, I recently turned to Dr. Google and looked for Masons and summer and found an interesting open-source piece written by Jason Nardi titled "Exploring the Summer Equinox: Masonic Symbolism and Celestial Harmony." Here is the article reprinted below:

"As the days grow longer and the warmth of the sun envelops the earth, we find ourselves on the cusp of the summer equinox, a celestial event steeped in symbolism and significance across cultures and esoteric traditions. Among these, Freemasonry holds a particularly profound interpretation of this celestial phenomenon, intertwined with its teachings and rituals.

"The summer equinox, marking the longest day and shortest night of the year, occurs when the tilt of the Earth's axis is most inclined towards the sun. This cosmic alignment not only heralds the peak of summer but also serves as a reminder of the intricate dance between the heavens and the Earth.




"In Freemasonry, the summer equinox is imbued with deep esoteric meanings, echoing the principles of balance, harmony, and spiritual enlightenment. Symbolically, it represents the culmination of light's triumph over darkness, mirroring the journey of the individual seeker towards enlightenment and self-realization.

"Central to Masonic teachings is the concept of the sun as a symbol of divine truth and enlightenment. Just as the sun radiates its light and warmth to nourish the earth, Freemasonry encourages its initiates to seek the light of knowledge and wisdom to illuminate their inner selves.

"The summer equinox, with its emphasis on the sun's zenith, serves as a potent metaphor for the aspirant's quest for enlightenment. It underscores the importance of striving towards spiritual enlightenment, aligning one's inner self with the cosmic order, and embracing the light of truth to dispel the shadows of ignorance.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">1</div> 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">2</div>	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">3</div>
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<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">25</div>	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">26</div> 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">27</div>	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">28</div>	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">29</div> 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">30</div>	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">31</div>

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"Moreover, the earth's revolution around the sun symbolizes the cyclical nature of existence and the eternal rhythm of life and death. In Masonic philosophy, this cyclical journey is akin to the initiatic journey of the individual, marked by periods of growth, reflection, and transformation.

"Just as the earth completes its annual orbit around the sun, so too does the Masonic initiate embark on a journey of self-discovery and spiritual evolution, guided by the teachings of the Craft and the wisdom of its rituals.

"As we celebrate the summer equinox and contemplate its esoteric significance, let us heed the timeless wisdom of Freemasonry. May we strive to embrace the light of truth, cultivate harmony within ourselves and the world around us, and embark on a journey of self-transformation guided by the celestial rhythms of the cosmos."

Brethren, Masonry continues around us. We are positioned well to have a very active fall. Improvements and updates are progressing at the Lodge, and many brethren are laboring in the quarries to enhance their Masonic journeys. As previously written in last month's Trestleboard: "Each path is different, but shared, without the support of each other, our roads would be far more difficult and less fulfilling."

Please remember to take some time for yourself, recharge, learn a new skill, check on a friend, commit a random act of kindness, and remember to smile and laugh often. How boring life would truly be, if we were all the same.

Brethren, let me know how to make Masonry a constant in your life. The Lodge and its Officers hope to see and hear from you soon. Stop by a Night of Masonic Light or travel to another Lodge; make Masonry a positive outlet for you. Please check the Horace Chase calendar for upcoming events and reach out if we can assist you. Stay safe and well.

Fraternally,

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Don't miss out on anything that happens at the Lodge. If you need a ride to an event, call (603) 682-6482 or email horacechase72@gmail.com.

Living Past Masters

George A. Langwasser	1977
Terry S. Gregg	1979-1980
Dale C. Nudd	1981-1982
Sumner Goldman, PGSB	1989-1990
Albert W. Fifield	1991
Fred W. Courser III	1992-1994
Mark C. Roth, PDDGM, PGC, PGP	1994-1995
Herbert S. Carpenter IV, PDEO	1996-1997
Dana B. Reddish	1997-1998
Robert S. Hansen	1998
Gary E. Roy, PDDGM	1999-2000
Andrew F. Lane	2003-2004
Roger A. Becker	2003-2005
Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., PGM	2005-2006
Donald H. Wheeler, Jr.	2006-2007
Robert M. MacLean, Jr., PGP	2007
Robert C. Lethbridge, GC	2008
Peter D. Crouch, DDGL	2008-2009
David A. Hardy, PDDGM	2010-2011
Louis M. Corson	2011-2012
Joseph A. Hardy	2012-2013
Brian Stiles	2013-2015
Jason M. Valley	2014
James M. Triacca, Honorary	2015
Karl R. Olson, GH	2016-2018
Michael A. Drotar, PGS	2016
Glenn A. Patterson	2017
Rodney W. Sewall, Jr.	2018-2019
Andrew J. Bennert, SGD	2019-2020
Wilmer J. Nemchick	2020-2021
John E. Glover, DDGEO	2022-2023

Brothers Raised in July

Paul W. Welcome July 25, 1979

Brothers Raised in August

Andrew F. Lane August 16, 1986
Bruce E. Beckett August 27, 1986
John M. Sanborn August 27, 1986
Thomas G. Aznive August 20, 2011