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TRESTLE BOARD FOR AUGUST 2009



SCHEDULED MEETINGS

03 Order of Eastern Star 7:30
 04 DeMolay Stated 7:30
 05 York Rite Council Degrees 7:00
 06 High Point Lodge #755 Stated 9:30 AM
 06 Rainbow Stated 7:00
 12 York Rite Chapter Stated..... 7:30
 12 York Rite Council Stated..... 8:15
 18 DeMolay Stated 7:30
 25 St. Johns Lodge #20 Stated 7:30
 26 Commandery Stated 7:30
 26 Beauceant Stated 7:30

**A LOOK AHEAD TO THE
 SEPTEMBER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

01 DeMolay Stated 7:30
 02 York Rite Commandery Orders 7:30
 03 High Point Lodge #755 Stated 9:30 AM
 03 Rainbow Stated 7:00
 04 Amaranth Stated 7:30
 07 Order of Eastern Star 7:30
 09 York Rite Chapter Stated..... 7:30
 09 York Rite Council Stated..... 8:15
 15 DeMolay Stated 7:30
 22 St. Johns Lodge #20 Stated 7:30
 23 Commandery Stated 7:30
 23 Beauceant Stated 7:30

Note: All times are P.M. unless stated otherwise.

*Please watch the newspaper and our Website for any meetings
 not scheduled above.*

MASONIC TEMPLE 376-3266
 4131 Rockyford Rd., Columbus, IN 47203
www.stjohnslogde20.org

AMARANTH: Amaranth will be dark during August.

YORK RITE: Columbus York Rite will be having Council Degrees on August 5th at 7:00 PM. On September 2nd at 7:00 PM the Commandery will be hosting the Orders of Red Cross and Malta. On October 7th at 7:00 PM Commandery will be hosting the Order of Temple. On October 10th Commandery will host a reception for the Grand Commander with lunch at 12:00 PM and a reception at 1:00 PM.

ST. JOHNS LODGE MEETINGS: Unless otherwise noted, there will be refreshments available before and after meetings as well as access to the recreation room before meetings for fellowship. Doors will open one and one half hour prior to the beginning of the meetings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES: Are extended to all Members and Brothers celebrating either their physical or Masonic Birthday during the month of August.

MASONIC EDUCATION

“Etiquette in the Lodge”

R. W. Alfonso Serrano, Aurora Grata-Day Star Lodge No. 647, New York

The Masonic Fraternity exists in today world as the oldest existing fraternity in the world. It shares the fraternal stage with many other different and similar organizations such as the Loyal Order of The Moose, The Elks, The Knights of Columbus, The International Order of Odd Fellows, and The Fraternal Order of The Eagles to name a few. The one thing that sets us apart from most if not all of these organizations is our Ritual and our tradition both written and spoken. One of the most important aspects of our traditional history is our Masonic Etiquette.

Masonic Etiquette belongs to the empire of good manners, together with certain concepts peculiar to Freemasonry. We all should practice etiquette because of its power to help maintain harmony. It is a form of courtesy to the individual members and a manifestation of respect to the Craft. Harmony is the first law of the Lodge and the Worshipful Master of his Brethren demands it when he declares the Lodge open.

The dictionary defines Etiquette as follows: “The forms and practices prescribed by social convention or by authority, or, the established rule of procedure and ceremony in a court or in any official or other body”.

I am a believer in our standard works and lectures, our constitution and our etiquette. This sets us apart from other organizations. I know that many of us have seen members act un-Masonically toward another Brother. That is because we are human and as humans we will constantly make mistakes. Still we must strive to build our temples and

seek perfection. One avenue that can be used to achieve this goal is through respect or etiquette. Remembering to subdue your passions and improve yourself in Masonry are probably the most difficult tasks as Masons we are obligated to perform. Brother Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “if good manners were lost, it would be necessary for the next gentleman to rediscover them”. This applies in full force to Masonic Etiquette; without it our Fraternity would be impossible.

Where a group of Masons act as a unit, as in a Lodge Communication, etiquette takes the form of proper decorum. Loud talk, restless moving about, laughter, smoking, flippancy, irreverence toward the Worshipful Master and other constituted officers of the Lodge, passing between the Altar and the East, giving no heed to the business at hand, improper entering and leaving; no man needs to consult a book of etiquette in order to accept the fact that such indecorous behavior is dangerous to the harmony of the Lodge. It is in such an atmosphere that ill will and hard feelings, not to mention the more serious menace of splits and feuds, are most likely to take root to the great danger of the Craft. A worshipful Master who permits the intrusion of such indecorum is not faithful to the duties of his office.

The following are what some consider some of the important rules of etiquette:

Addressing the Chair or Worshipful Master: The rules of order in Freemasonry do not permit discussion, during a communication, among the Brethren. The Brother who has anything to say to the Lodge, whether it be to enter discussion or to make or second a motion, must rise to his feet, give the sign, wait to be recognized by the Master, and then speak directly to the Master.

Anteroom: As soon as a Brother enters a Masonic hall to attend a Communication he comes under the sway of Masonic Etiquette. His demeanor toward other Brethren should be courteous and respectful; Masonry does not give any man license to take personal liberties with another!

Dress (Attire): The matter of attire depends entirely upon circumstances and is a point Grand Lodge leaves to each constituent Lodge to decide, though much may be said in favor of formal attire, since it is a mark of respect to the Fraternity. One thing is certain: if any of the officers are required to wear formal attire, all of the officers should wear it without exception. The members will dress according to private taste and it is proper that they enter the Lodge room with apron properly arranged beforehand, and any other regalia, jewels etc., in due order. There is a philosophy in dress, as in so many other things, and the dress proper to Masonic occasion is no exception. Its principle is good taste; its practice is to wear such attire as a show of respect to the Brotherhood and expresses the dignity of Masonry.