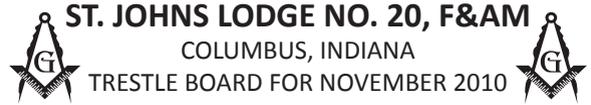


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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- 01 OES Stated 7:30
- 02 DeMolay Stated 7:30
- 03 York Rite Activity Night 7:30
- 04 High Point Lodge #755 Stated 9:30 AM
- 04 Rainbow Stated 7:00
- 05 Amaranth Stated 7:30
- 10 York Rite Chapter Stated 7:30
- 10 York Rite Council Stated 8:15
- 10 Beauceant Stated 7:30
- 10 Commandery Stated 9:00
- 16 DeMolay Stated 7:30
- 22 Beauceant Reception of the Supreme President 7:30
- 23 St. Johns Lodge #20 Stated 7:00**

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

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

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

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BEAUCEANT: Columbus Beauceant will host a reception for the Supreme President on November 22nd, at 7:30p.m.

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 months of November and December.

MASONIC LIGHT

POINT WITHIN A CIRCLE

There is represented in every regular and well-governed lodge, a certain point within a circle, the point representing the individual brother; the circle, the boundary line of his conduct to God and man, beyond which he is never to suffer his passions, prejudices, or interests to betray him on any occasion. This circle is bordered by two perpendicular parallel lines representing these saints, and upon the top rest the Holy Scriptures. 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."

Familiar to every Mason, this ancient symbol is too often considered merely as one of many, instead of what it really is, among the most illuminating of the Entered Apprentice's degree. A symbol may have many meanings, all of them right, so long as they are not self-contradictory. The point within a circle has had many different meanings to many Masons.

The two lines against the circle with the point date back before Solomon. On early Egyptian monuments may be found the Alpha and Omega, or symbol of God, in the center of circle embordered by two upright, perpendicular parallel Serpents, representing the Power and the Wisdom of the Creator.

The importance of the perfect right angle in the square by which stones were shaped cannot be over-estimated. Operative

Masonry in the Cathedral building days was largely a matter of cut and try, of individual workmen, of careful craftsmanship. Quantity production, micrometer measurement, interchangeable parts were ideas which had not been invented. All the more necessary, then, that the foundation on which all the work was done should be as perfect as the Masters knew how to make it. Cathedral builders erected their temples for all time because they knew how to check and try their squares!

Today any school boy knows the simple "secret of the square" which was then the closely guarded wisdom of the Masters alone. Lay out a circle any size on a piece of paper. With a straight edge draw a line across through its center. Put a dot on the circle, anywhere. Connect that dot with the line at both points where it crosses the circle. Result, a perfect right angle.

Draw the circle of what size you will; place the dot on the circumference where you will, if the lines from the dot meet the horizontal line crossing the circle through its center, they will form a right angle. This was the Operative Masters great secret- knowing how to "try the square". It was by this means that he tested the working tools of the Fellows of the Craft so it was impossible either for their tools or their work "to materially err." From this, also, comes the ritual used in the lodges of our English brethren, where they "open on the center." Alas, we have dropped the quaint old words they use, and American Lodges know the "center" only as the point within a circle. The original line across the center has been shifted to the side and become the "two perpendicular parallel lines" and our admonitions are no longer what they must once have been..."while a Mason circumscribes his square within these points, it is impossible that it should materially err."

Today we only have our Speculative meaning; we circumscribe our desires and our passions within the circle and the lines touching on the Holy Scriptures. For speculative Masons who use squares only in the symbolic sense, such an admonition is of far greater use than would be the secret of the square as known to our ancient brethren. Pass it not lightly. Regard it with the reverence it deserves, for surely it is one of the greatest teachings of Masonry, concealed within a symbol which is plain for any man to read, so be it he has Masonry in his heart.