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From the East

WM Russell Tomas



The 2022 class of Master Masons grew by one more in October.

Congratulations to Brother **Kevin Hall** on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. His hard work paid off and - for 2022 - we have three newly raised Brothers, who may make fine Officers someday (wink wink).

Special thanks also go out to Worshipful **James Wise** of General Douglas MacArthur Lodge No. 853 for serving as Senior Warden during Brother Hall's degree. His dedication to the Craft has caused him to help in several other lodges, but, on October 13, he chose us. Thank you, pare!

History was again made for our Lodge on October 27. I originally thought it had been over a decade but was later informed it had been more than two decades since Washington Lodge No. 20 held a Table Lodge.

It was a great night of camaraderie, libations, and dinner to celebrate our very own Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM's** installation as a Grand Lodge Officer. It was also a night of learning as we learned how to do toasts from our Direction of Celebrations, Brother **Creston Whiting-Casey III**. Thank you, Brother, for all the research and planning you did before the event and for keeping up with everyone during the event. Seven toasts quickly grew to over 10.

Our Cordon Bleu Crew, led by our very own Brother **Bob Taylor**, made us a great multi-course meal. I cannot thank enough Brother **Wally Clark** and his wife Carolyn for helping prepare, and Brother **"Smokey" Stover** for helping in the kitchen that night. The food was excellent as always!

November will be a relatively quiet month as has been in the past.

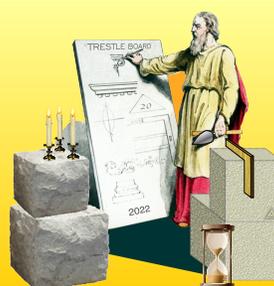
Ladies' Night will, unfortunately, be postponed until early December. We have our Annual Elections of Officers coming up during the Stated Meeting on Thursday, November 3. Officers School of Instruction (OSI) on November 16 will be covering Installation protocols.

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Being the month of thanks, this is where I want to show my gratitude for the people who helped me during my year in the East.

Thank you to my wife, **Fahm**, who supported me in my decision to work in the East this year. When I was in the Lodge, she was taking care of our children and keeping our home in order. She helped me set up most of our lodge events and worked behind the scenes to make sure everyone had a fun time. Thank you for your patience, my love.

Thank you to my kids, **Kenobi** and **Kanan**, who continually remind me of why I do what I do. I will always remember them staying up in bed (ssshhhhh... I won't tell mom) waiting for me to get home from our late Masonic nights. A few more months, boys, and dad will be able to go to all of your practices and watch those Marvel and Star Wars shows on the night of release!

Thank you to my Brother Officers. Your love and devotion to the craft made this year move quickly. I hope the multiple practices and degrees were just enough and not too much. Thank you to our Brother Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, for his work this year. Literally, nothing could have happened this year without you. For every event, practice, degree, etc., there was Worshipful working in the background figuring out the logistics. Most of what I did in my capacity in the East was because of his continual reminders.

I also want to spotlight our Senior Steward (Senior Deacon-to-be), Brother **Bill Workman**, for maintaining the logistics for this year. Even with a major job change, you still made sure the Brothers never went without.

And finally, thank you to you, **Brothers of Washington Lodge No. 20**.

This year had its difficulties, but your enthusiasm and participation made it worth it. Whenever I felt down, being around all of you made me feel better. There is something about our Brotherhood that can instantly alleviate any bad mood someone can be in. This year will be memorable for me and I hope all of you can say the same.



From the West

SW Nicholas Johnston



Dear Reader, in lieu of my usual musings, this month I thought I would include a couple of excerpts from a text that I would heartily recommend to all Master Masons.

With our Lodge raising three new Master Masons in as many months' time, I thought this month to be a great opportunity to feature the text, entitled **The Meaning of Freemasonry** by **W.L. Wilmshurst**.

Published in 1922, it's now in public domain and is easy to obtain.

Below the author writes about his interpretation of the deeper meaning of a Lodge:

"I cannot too strongly impress upon you, Brethren, the fact that, throughout our rituals and our lectures, the references made to the Lodge are not to the building in which we meet. That building itself is intended to be but a symbol, a veil of allegory concealing something else. 'Know ye not' says the great initiate St. Paul, 'that ye are the temples of the Most High; and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?' The real Lodge referred to throughout our rituals is our own individual personalities, and if we interpret our doctrine in the light of this fact we shall find that it reveals an entirely new aspect of the purpose of our Craft."

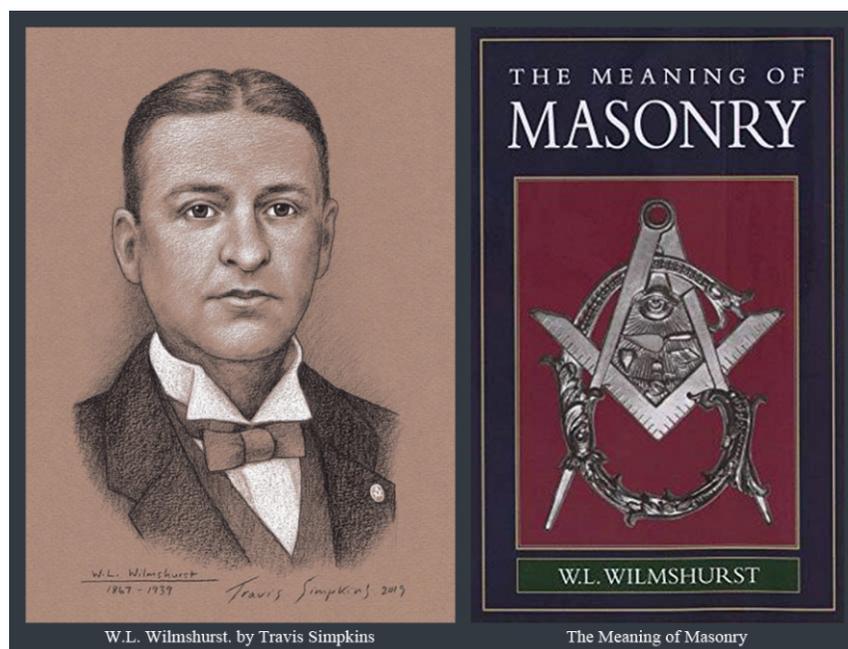
Later on, Wilmshurst discusses the third degree:

"And there is none but insists upon the supreme lesson of self-sacrifice and mystical death to the things of this world so graphically portrayed in our third degree; none but indicates that in that hour of greatest darkness the light of the primal divine spark within us is never wholly extinguished and that by loyalty to that light, by patience and by perseverance, time and circumstances will restore to us the 'genuine secrets,' the ultimate truths and realities of our own nature."

The book is a really fascinating read. One may not necessarily agree with all the conclusions and interpretations to which he arrives, but I personally enjoy considering many points of view on a subject.

This column, being published in November, indicates that Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with their family and friends!



W.L. Wilmshurst. by Travis Simpkins

The Meaning of Masonry



From the South

JW Mauro Lara



Hello Brethren.

We are heading down the backstretch in our Masonic year. November historically brings fall colors, shorter days, lots of food (always a good thing), and celebrations. Our **Annual Election of Officers** is held in November, which indicates that as members of **Washington Lodge No. 20**, we carry the charge to vote in elections that will determine the new line of Lodge Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year.

Holiday celebrations include, of course, Thanksgiving, where we give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for our bounty. We also set aside Veteran's Day each November to recognize and thank those who served to preserve and protect our liberty and freedom. More on holidays shortly.

The Real "First Thanksgiving"

We all know the story of the "Pilgrims and Indians" celebrating the "First Thanksgiving." First in the "New World" it may have been, but it was not the first United States Thanksgiving.

Brother **George Washington** proclaimed that first official Thanksgiving celebration in 1789, when he declared November 26 to be set aside not to be thankful for the nation's bounty but to give thanks for the newly adopted Constitution. Washington also enjoined people to "...unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications... beseeching [God] to pardon our national and other transgressions."

Although celebrated off-and-on, usually unofficially, from that time forward, Thanksgiving did not become a permanent official US holiday until Brother **Franklin D. Roosevelt** proclaimed it so in 1939.

Milestones

A very Happy Birthday to the 19 brothers who celebrate their birthday in November, and also a very Happy Masonic Birthday to the 19 brothers who were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in November. On both counts, November seems to be a busy month. Of note, our very own Worshipful Treasurer **Eric Hixson**, who on November 1st gets to hear the celebrated "Happy Birthday" song once again. Happy Birthday, one and all.

The Month of November

November is best known for Thanksgiving and Veterans' Day, but it's packed with an abundance of special days of awareness and observances to celebrate.

Two Christian holidays, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, fall in early November, and the Advent calendar begins at the end of the month to countdown until Christmas, as well.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6th, at 2:00 AM.

Fun Fact: November was the ninth month of the year under the Roman calendar and got its name from the Latin word novem, meaning nine.

Celebrations

National Mickey Mouse Day

November 18 is National Mickey Mouse Day. Yes, you read it correctly, it is Mickey Mouse Day. Quite significant to many of us who have been Disney aficionados for much of our life, and for those of us who recognize the cultural impact made by Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse.

Mickey Mouse first appeared publicly in the short film "Steamboat Willy" on November 18, 1928, the day fans officially recognize as Mickey Mouse's Birthday.

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From the South

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It must be fun to celebrate your birthday when you never age! Mickey reminds us of the magic of childhood — a time when dreams had wings, and our imagination made everything possible.

Mickey Mouse is more than just a character, he's an iconic figure for the Disney brand. But he almost didn't exist. Mickey Mouse was only created as a replacement for Walt Disney's original successful creation, Oswald the Rabbit. Oswald was made by the Disney studio for Charles Mintz, a film producer and distributor through Universal Studios. With so much success from Oswald, Disney asked Mintz to increase the studio's budget, but instead Mintz demanded Walt take a 20 percent cut. He then reminded Disney that Oswald was owned by Universal and that he had already signed most of Disney's current employees to his new contract. Disney refused to sign the new contract, finished the final Oswald comic of his contract, and ended his work with Universal.

With just himself and two loyal animators, Ub Iwerks and Les Clark, Disney had to start from scratch. From this experience, he learned to make sure he owned all the rights to characters produced by his company. His inspiration for Mickey came from a tamed mouse at his desk at Laugh-O-Gram Studio in Kansas City, Missouri. The original name for the character was Mortimer Mouse until his wife, Lillian, convinced him to change it, ultimately creating Mickey Mouse.

On May 14, 1928, Mickey appeared in a test screening of the cartoon short "Plane Crazy", but failed to impress audiences and attract distributors. Walt then produced a second Mickey short called "The Gallopin' Gaucho", which also suffered from a lack of distributor interest.

"Steamboat Willy", first released November 18, 1928 in New York, was co-directed by Walt Disney and Ub Iwerks. Intended as a parody of Buster Keaton's "Steamboat Bill, Jr.", it was the third Mickey film produced and the first to find a distributor, serving as Mickey's debut.

Why We Love Mickey Mouse Day

1. He cheered up the world

Mickey Mouse was born at time when the world most needed a mischievous mouse to lift their spirits—his film debut occurred just 20 days after the stock market crash in 1929, and his endless optimism and good cheer made him an instant favorite of both children and adults. It's only right that we celebrate his birthday!

2. It's a celebration of imagination

Take a moment to consider the implausibility of a cartoon mouse achieving fame. He's been a sailor, a musketeer and a mouseketeer, a prince and a pauper, a sorcerer and much more. And it's all due to the imagination of the humans that put him there. Thanks, Walt Disney, for your inspiring vision!

3. The world's most famous mouse deserves his own day

Oddly enough, there have been a number of famous mice. There's good old Jerry (from Tom and Jerry), Speedy Gonzales and Geronimo Stilton to name a few. But none can hold a candle to the original mouse with a mission. He's a bona-fide legend, and we have to celebrate that.

Just for Smiles

In case you need some Mickey Mouse material, here are a few:

What kind of car does Mickey Mouse's wife drive?

Answer: A Minnie van!

Why did Mickey Mouse become an astronaut?

Answer: He wanted to visit Pluto!

Why did Mickey Mouse get hit with a snowball?

Answer: Because Donald ducked.

SMILE!!

NOVEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 01 **Eric Hixson (Past Master) (Treasurer)**
- 02 **David Stallberg** (Fellow Craft)
- 04 **Jonathon Brown** (Entered Apprentice)
- 05 **Richard Rose** (Master Mason)
- 06 **Tod Barnes** (Master Mason)
- 08 **Richard McCaleb** (Master Mason)
- 11 **John Djubek** (Master Mason)
- 11 **Nicholas Johnston (Master Mason) (Senior Warden)**
- 15 **Joseph Wallach (Master Mason) (Junior Deacon)**
- 16 **Kevin Hall** (Master Mason)
- 17 **Jared Dailey** (Master Mason)
- 23 **James Ramey** (Master Mason)
- 25 **Arthur Henrikson** (Master Mason)
- 26 **Eric Young II** (Master Mason)
- 27 **Josh Pane** (Master Mason)
- 28 **John Day** (Entered Apprentice)
- 28 **Victor Novak** (Master Mason)
- 28 **Tim Tyler** (Master Mason)
- 28 **V. Allen Winter Jr. (Past Master)**

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 **Todd Barnes** (30 Years)
- 10 **Gerald Van Wagner Jr.** (28 Years)
- 10 **David Freeman** (34 Years) (Grammarian)
- 14 **Richard Wilson (Past Master) (54 Years)**
- 15 **Denton Carlson** (10 Years)
- 15 **James Clark** (43 Years)
- 16 **Eddie Haskins** (23 Years)
- 17 **Michael Quinn** (17 Years)
- 17 **Craig Spilman** (45 Years)
- 18 **Richard Rose** (46 Years)
- 19 **Luis Montero (Past Master) (10 Years)**
- 19 **Walter Santwer** (24 Years)
- 20 **David Keehner** (53 Years)
- 23 **Stephen Michalski** (29 Years)
- 28 **Sonny Stormes (Past Master) (15 Years)**
- 29 **Wally Clark** (56 Years)
- 30 **John Djubek** (46 Years)
- 30 **Alan Grundel (Past Master) (55 Years)**



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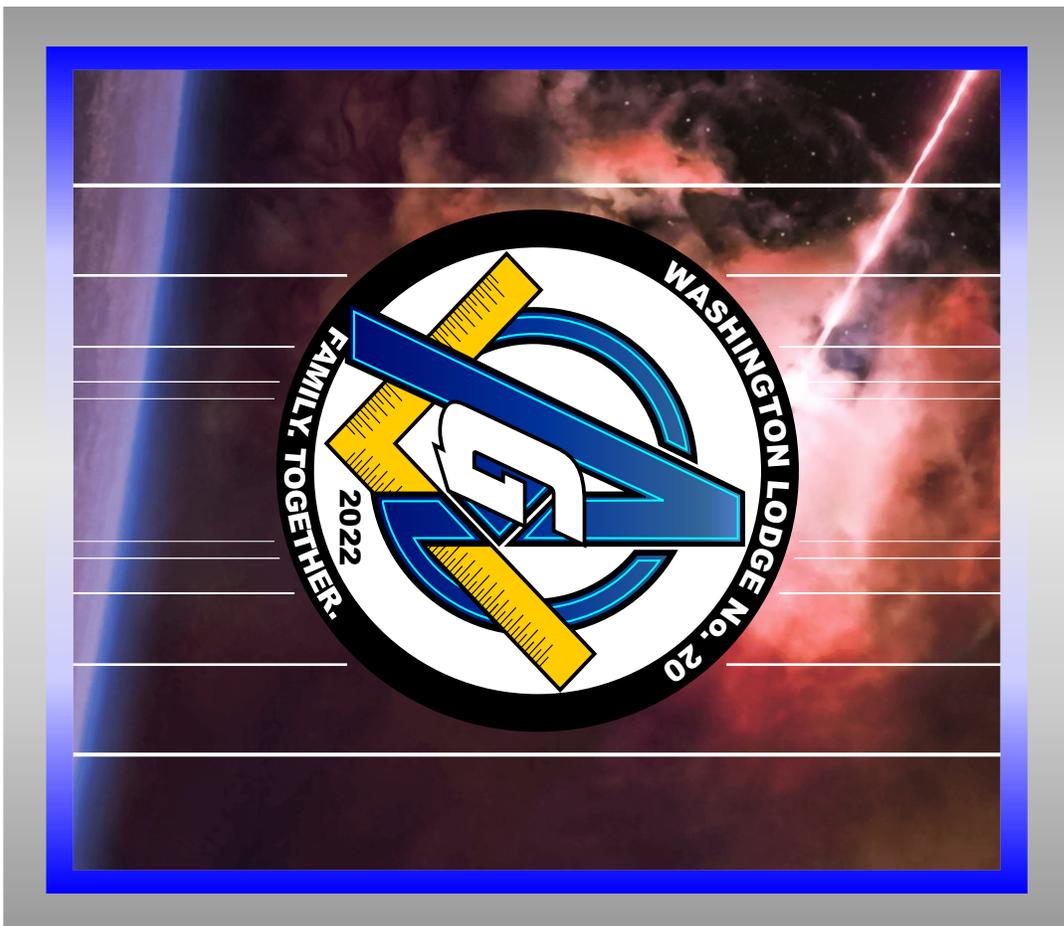
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