

## Light thoughts...

### A poetry thought from one mason to another

#### THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE

by Brother Rob Morris Poet Laureate of Freemasonry

(This poem, written in August, 1854, is the most popular Masonic Poem of all time.)

We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square.  
What words of precious meaning, those words Masonic are!  
Come, let us contemplate them! They are worthy of a thought;  
In the very walls of Masonry the sentiment is wrought.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station come,  
The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his home;  
For the rich must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,  
And the poor man finds his best respect upon the Checkered Floor.

We act upon the Plumb - 'tis the orders of our Guide.  
We walk upright in virtue's way and lean to neither side;  
The All-Seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true  
That we still try to honor God and give each man his due.

We part upon the Square, for the world must have its due;  
We mingle with the multitude, a faithful band and true.  
But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,  
And we long upon the Level to renew the happy scene.

There's a world where all are equal - we are hurrying toward it fast,  
We shall meet upon the Level there when the gates of Death are past;  
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there  
To try the blocks we offer with His own unerring Square.

We shall meet upon the Level there, but never thence depart.  
There's a Mansion - 'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart.  
There's a Mansion, and a welcome, and a multitude is there  
Who have met upon the Level and been tried upon the Square.

Let us meet upon the Level, then while laboring patient here;  
Let us meet and let us labor, though the labor be severe;  
Already in the Western sky the signs bid us prepare  
To gather up our Working Tools and part upon the Square.

Hands round, ye faithful Brotherhood, the bright fraternal Chain.  
We part upon the Square below to meet in Heaven again!  
What words of precious meaning, those words Masonic are --  
We meet upon the Level and we part upon the square



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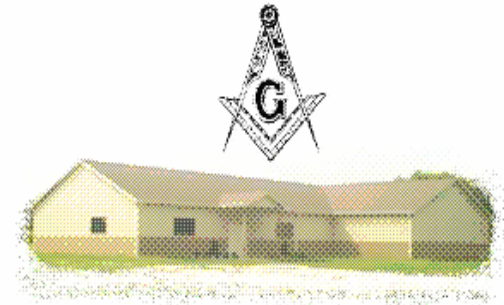
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## Tidings from the East



Greetings fellow brethren. I hope this message finds everyone well.

Well, it's the fall and we are back in session at Quincy Lodge. We have several events coming up in the next few months that will keep us busy into the next year. Some of these items include our annual Fall Fish Fry, Elwood Chili Cook-off, Lodge Picnic, Lodge of Instruction and other events we would love to see the members of Quincy Lodge attend.

Also, A few of our fellow brethren were recently awarded Ritualist Pins from the Grand Lodge Ritualist program for knowing their parts in degree work. We offer them a congratulations for a job well done. We are now in the top 20 list of the Ritualist Program point standings. Don't know what this program is? Stop by the lodge on stated meeting night and we'll let you know. Remember, it's the first and third Tuesday of every month.

We also have degree work in the wings for the up and coming fall season. We'll keep you posted on the times and dates for these degrees. We hope to pack the house for these events.

We hope to see everyone soon. Don't forget to stop by the lodge for our Fish Fry and vote for us during the Chili Cook-off. This year it's our time to win and to show the city of Elwood who we are and that we have the best Chili around!

See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Juan Garcia  
Worshipful Master

## The Quincy Calendar of Events

Here are few items posted to our calendar

### Saturday, October 1: Lodge Picnic

Quincy Lodge will be having their annual Lodge Picnic open to the members and family members of Quincy Lodge. The date for the picnic is Saturday, October 1st from 4:00 PM till the fire is out. The lodge will supply the burgers and hotdogs and you bring your favorite side dish for everyone to try. Bring the family for an afternoons of fun and good eats!

### Tuesday, October 4th: Birthday Celebration

Along with organizing the lodge's dining room for the up and coming Fish Fry and our stated meeting, we will also be having a birthday celebration for Charlie Yates who will be celebrating 86 young years. As Brother Charlie puts it, "I'm only Fourteen.... from a hundred!" So come on out and share come cake and ice-cream with Charlie and offer up best wishes to Brother Charlie.

### Saturday, October 8th: Elwood Chili Cook-off

The members of Quincy Lodge will be participating in the Elwood Chili Cook-off in hopes to win the coveted trophy (and bragging rights) for the best chili in Elwood. The cook-off begins at 7:00 AM with voting starting at 9:00 AM. But we cannot win with you. We need you to stop by the Cook-off and cast your vote for the city's best Chili at our booth. This will also be a great opportunity for community exposure for the Lodge. Cast your vote for us! 2005 is our year to win.

### Saturday, October 8th: Quincy Lodge Fish Fry

Quincy Lodge will be having their annual Fall Fish Fry by Dan's Fish Fry Service. This is an important fund raiser for us and we hope we can pack the house as we did once before. We will be calling on you for assistance in working for the fish fry. The cost is \$7.00 for Adults, and \$5.00 for children. We are serving Fish and Chicken that evening. So come on out and have a great meal with us show your support to the lodge!

### Saturday, October 15, Past Masters Banquet and Ladies Night

Quincy Lodge will be having their annual Past Masters and Ladies Night banquet on Saturday, October 15. We have some great Entertainment lined up and of course, a good meal is always served. This event is open to all Master Masons of Quincy Lodge and their significant others. We will also be honoring our Mason of the Year on this night. See you there!

### Wednesday, November 2, 2005: Lodge of Instruction

Quincy Lodge will play host to the annual Lodge of Inspection. We are also teaming with Frankton Lodge #607 to perform the FC degree. We will need all officers present at this event. Phone call reminders will be made to all the officers for this event. Any persons of FC or higher are welcome to attend.

## A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank all those who helped with the Glass Festival this year and to all those who bought concessions to support our fund-raising efforts. Although attendance was down from last year, we still made a profit. Again, we thank you!

## Monthly Breakfasts to Resume

Are you in the mood for Biscuits and Gravy? How about some Flap-Jacks? Maybe some eggs, juice, and milk? What if I told you all this was free? Can't believe it? The come out on Saturday, October 22nd for our monthly Pancake Breakfasts. As always, the breakfasts are free and open to the public. So bring your friends, family and anyone else and sit down to have breakfasts on us and share in some fellowship. Donations always appreciated.

## Quincy Lodge Fall Fish Fry.

Brethren, We need your help! With Dan's Fish Fry coming up quickly, we need your help to make it a successful event as those in the past. We will be calling on you for your assistance to volunteer your time work during the Fish Fry. This is a huge event for us and with the Chili cook-off earlier that morning, we hope to encourage workers and voters at the Cook-off to stop by the lodge and have dinner with us at the Fish Fry. If you cannot volunteer your time, then come on out and pick up dinner for the family. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Quincy Lodge and Eagles Lodge join together for fund raising benefit.

Brethren, a few members of Quincy Lodge worked in conjunction with the members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to put on a benefit for one of our own fellow brothers. Brother Mike Richards has very young daughter named Lilly who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. J and J Disc Jockey Entertainment (J and J Entertainment are your very own **Juan Garcia, WM**, and **Josh Deckard, Asst. Secretary**) along with brother **Eric Reese** organized this fund-raising event at the banquet hall inside the Eagles Lodge by playing dance music and offering door-prizes to all patrons of the event. Although we hoped for a better turnout for by the town-folk, we were able to contribute some funds to Lilly Richards from the benefit campaign. This is another prime example of practicing the art of freemasonry. My thanks to all the brethren who came out and those who worked the event. Well done.

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