

Light thoughts...

A poetry thought from one mason to another

The Lambskin

Author: Unknown

It is not ornamental, the cost is not great,
 There are things far more useful yet truly I state,
 That of all my possessions, there's none to compare
 With the white leather apron that all Masons wear.
 As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant
 When Dad hustled round and so much time was spent
 On shaving and dressing and looking just right
 Until Mother would say, "It's the Masons tonight."
 Then some nights she'd say "What makes you go
 Away up there tonight in the sleet and the snow
 You see the same things every month of the year."
 And Dad would reply, "Yes I know it my dear."
 For years I have seen the same things it is true,
 And tho' they are old, still they seem new,
 For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet
 Seem a little bit closer each time we meet

Years later I stood at that very same door,
 With good men and true, who had entered before.
 I kneeled at the altar, and there I was taught
 That virtue and honour can never be bought.
 That the spotless white lambskin, all Masons revere
 If worthily worn grows more precious each year.
 That service to others brings blessings untold
 That men may be poor, tho' surrounded by gold.
 I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there,
 That enmities fade 'neath the compasses and square,
 That wealth and position are all thrust aside,
 As there on the level men meet and abide.
 So, honour the lambskin and may it remain
 Forever unblemished and free from all stain,
 And when we are called to the great Father's love,
 May we all take our place, in the Grand Lodge above



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Tidings from the East



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

The fall season is upon us and as always, we are stacked with many activities for the next few months. I encourage each one of you to take a look at the future event schedule and become involved with any and or all of the activities listed. I hope to see a great turnout for these events.

As apart of our yearly fund-raising efforts, we have decided to take a new approach this year. The officers of the lodge have decided that the cost of holding Fish Fry's and the return on investment isn't what it used to be. So, this year, as our fund-raising project will be to hold a Chicken Noodle dinner. By preparing the meal ourselves, it will keep the overhead costs low, while hopefully generating better returns for the lodge. We would like to have some volunteers to help prepare the meal, along with assisting with the managing the dinner. You will be getting a phone call soon asking for your assistance. Help us make this a great fund-raising project.

Also, we have a banquet coming up to honor our Past Masters and 50-year award of Gold recipients. This is also ladies night. We will be contacting the past masters soon via phone call and hope we can have all everyone present for a wonderful evening.

See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Juan Garcia, PM
Worshipful Master

The Quincy Lodge Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 26th –7:00 PM: Lodge Painting Evening

The members of Quincy Lodge will use this evening to finish the painting of the lodge's dining room. It was started in over the summer and is almost complete. With everyone's help, we can finish this job off in just a couple of hours. See you there!

Saturday, October 7th—5:00 PM: Lodge Picnic.

Our annual family picnic for the members of Quincy Lodge is soon approaching. This is a pitch-in style picnic with side dishes, while the lodge will bring the burgers and the dogs. We encourage everyone come out with their families for an evening of fun, good food and fellowship.

Friday, October 13th—4:30 PM: Chicken Noodle Dinner

Brethren, we will be having a Chicken Noodle Fund-raising Dinner open to the community on Friday, Oct. 13th. We will start serving at 4:30 PM. We need your help in managing the dinner with parking, serving dinner and receiving guests. Your assistance in this dinner is greatly needed. All members of Quincy Lodge and their families are encouraged to come out for a great dinner. This is an **all you can eat** event. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6-12, children 5 and younger eat free. We hope you see everyone there!

Saturday, October 14th—7:00 AM : Elwood Chili Cook-off (tentative)

Think you have an award winning chili recipe? Would you like to showcase it against other organizations in the community? Then this is your chance. We would like to participate this year in the annual Elwood Chili cook-off. This is great exposure to future candidates and the community as a whole. We need a few volunteers for this event. If you would like to help make Quincy Lodge this year's winners, let the lodge know if you can participate.

Tuesday, October 17th—6:00 PM: Past Masters Banquet

Brethren, we will be having our annual Past Masters banquet and Ladies Night on Tuesday, Oct. 17th. We will begin serving dinner at 6:00 PM. We will also be honoring a few 50-year award of Gold recipients on this night as well as having entertainment for everyone. Families of Past Masters are welcome to attend. We will be in contact with all the Past Masters soon and get a total dinner count. We hope everyone can attend.

Wednesday, November 1st—6:30 PM: Lodge of Instruction

Brethren, The officers of Quincy Lodge will be traveling to Frankton Lodge #607 this year for its Lodge of Instruction. It will be on the EA degree. All officers are REQUIRED to attend.

Calendar of Events (continued)

Tuesday, November 14th—6:00 PM: MM Degree

Quincy Lodge will be having a MM degree on Tues, Nov 14th. Degree work to begin at 6:00 PM with dinner between sections. Lets make this a good turnout for our candidate.

Tuesday, November 28th-6:00 PM: Awards Banquet.

Quincy Lodge will have a banquet for 50-Year award of Gold recipients. All members are encouraged to attend and honor those who have labored on the temple for over half a century. Dinner to be provided by the lodge. See you there!

Tuesday—December 5th—7:30 PM: Election of Officers

Brethren, are you ready to lead Quincy Lodge in 2007? The you should attend this meeting. Come out and vote for your next line of officers and or take an office. Take Quincy Lodge to the next level.

Friday, December 22nd—5:00 PM: Holiday Dinner

Although we never tried this before, we would like to hold a free-will donation Holiday for the community. Proceeds to benefit the building fund and or a local charity. See you there!

Missing tables

Brethren, We have started to notice that the stack of dining room tables is becoming increasingly smaller. If any of the brethren have these tables at your home, please return them to the lodge as soon as possible before our chicken noodle dinner. Although we don't mind the use of them outside the lodge, please return them back to the lodge when you are finished.

Lodge Identification Sign

Well, we've got the sign ordered, and is being constructed as you read this message. However, we need to work through some "red tape" with the county before we can have it mounted on the lodge's property. It's coming... so stay tuned!

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who participated in working the booth at the Glass Festival. Although we hoped for a better community turnout to the festival, none the less, things were great and everyone seemed to have fun. So, hats off to everyone for their hard work in making our booth a success.

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