Inner Light... A poetry thought from one mason to another

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE

Robert Morris

We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square
What priceless words of meaning these 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 and from every station come

The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his home,

For the rich must leave their wealth and state outside the Mason's door,

And the poor man finds his best respects upon the Checkered Floor.

We meet upon the Plumb, 'tis the order of our Guide
We walk upright in every way and lean to neither side;
The All-Seeing Eye that reads our hearts and doth bear us witness true,
That we still try to honour 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 Masonry is green, And we long upon the Level to renew the happy scene.

There is a World where all are equal, we are hurrying to it fast,
We shall meet upon the Level when the Gates of Death are past;
We shall stand before the Orient and our Master shall 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 is 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 labouring patient here;
Let us meet and let us labour though the labour 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 and meet in Heaven Again;
And the words of precious meaning, those words Masonic are,
"WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL AND WE PART UPON THE SQUARE".



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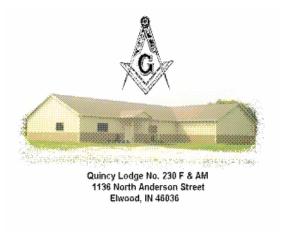
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Tidings from the East



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

The holiday season is upon us and the lodge is wrapping up the last of its business for the end of the 2007. I must say, since my tenure as Master starting 3 years ago, we have seen a lot of changes within Quincy Lodge and with the Masonic fraternity as a whole. Many of these changes have been good, while others have been challenging. Despite the ups and downs over the last 3 years, my journey as Worshipful Master has been exciting, fun and wonderful experience I will continue to take with me throughout my future endeavors.

None of this could not have been possible without the help, aid and assistance of my officers during my tenure. I cannot thank them enough for all of their help during the last 3 years.

I wish to offer my successors as Master and their officer line the best of luck in the coming years. I also wish the very best in the entire lodges' future endeavors. I hope for the continued support of Quincy Lodge by its brethren in 2008 and beyond. Your help allows Quincy Lodge to continue to share its message of Freemasonry to the community.

Happy Holidays to everyone and thank you for allowing me to serve as your Worshipful Master of Quincy Lodge for the past 3 years. Until then...

See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Juan Garcia, PM Worshipful Master

Quincy Lodge Calendar

December 4th: Election of Officers / Stated Meeting

Brethren, on December 4th, 2007, we will be holding our election of officers. It is very imperative that all the brethren who are able to do so, be in attendance. In the 2008 officer line, there are 2 key officer positions that are needing to be filled. One is that of the Worshipful Master and the second is that of the Secretary. These 2 positions are thankless but very critical roles in the continuation of Quincy Lodge.

Brethren, I cannot iterate how important it is for your attendance during this stated meeting and election night. We are looking for a new set of officers to continue and move Quincy Lodge into 2008 and into the future as the current officers have been continuously recycled for the past several years. There has been discussion on changing the number of meeting from twice a month to once a month, to help elevate the amount of time demanded from the officer line. We hope this change, along with other proposed ideas may help better accommodate the brethren and officers for 2008. Only you, the brethren can help determine and shape Quincy Lodge for the future.

Missing Lodge Tent

Brethren, our white canopy 10x10-foot popup tent is missing. It was labeled as an "EZ-UP Popup Tent". We have been in search for this tent for a variety of activities this year and it cannot be found. If you have borrowed this tent, please return to the lodge as soon as possible. This tent was purchased and donated to the lodge by a couple of brothers. If you know it's whereabouts, please let us know immediately.

Quincy Lodge hall usage

Brethren, as a reminder, the use of the lodge dinning area, kitchen and restroom facilities are the responsibility of the brethren who use the facility in a rental capacity. It was recently discovered that the restroom facilities were vandalized and required a significant amount of effort to return the facilities to a useable state. Remember brethren, if you use the lodge, it is your responsibility to keep the lodge in order. Failure to do so may result in the revoking of the lodge door key or even Masonic changes being brought upon the person.

Lodge Property Sign

Brethren, if you have not been out to the lodge in the recent month, that after 2 years of red-tape, paperwork, and an set of endless phone calls and meetings, it is my pleasure to announce that we have finally received and installed the new Quincy Lodge property sign.



Picture by Keith Stiner

This lodge sign has already paid dividends. I wish to thank Keith and Kevin Stiner (and others) who helped in the wiring of the Lodge sign, in addition to everyone who helped in making this sign possible. All of your efforts are much appreciated and this sign has already helped in community awareness. We encourage everyone to stop by and take a look.

2008 Dues Notices Sent

Brethren, Don't forget to check your mailboxes for your Dues Notices. Remember, your dues are due by January 1st, 2008. Our thanks to everyone who has already submitted dues and any donations already received. We thank you for all of your financial support.

Lodge Website

Brethren, we have updated our website with a new look and feel with a new Web Address. Visit us at:

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