



A Word from the Editor

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As the new editor of The Cornerstone, it brings me great pleasure to announce the return of our quarterly newsletter. In the past, I worked partially with Bro. Scott Mesorana, and he has done a fantastic job. However, I plan on taking a different approach this time around. Our newsletter is not going to be simply a paper version of the phone tree; rather, it will be an informative lesson on the principal tenants of Freemasonry. One might question how this is to be done. Well, first, the newsletter will give minimal room for the usual announcements. The new line of officers feel that to be informed, one should take the

initiative to come to Lodge and partake in our stated business. The Cornerstone, while still providing room for news and announcements of upcoming events, strives to focus on Freemasonry's past, present, and future. This shall include written lecture's on various aspects of Freemasonry, interviews with previous Past Masters and distinguished members of our beloved Lodge. Reagan Lodge has been known throughout the state to be one of History, Ritual, and a secure bond of brotherhood. However troubled the times within the world may be, let us not waver in our belief that we take good men and make them



Our Square and Compass, the symbol of our great Fraternity.

better. Thank you for taking the time to read The Cornerstone. My name is Michael Coulter, the editor of this distinguished publication.

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Continuing our celebration of the centennial year of Reagan Lodge in the Heights, we are hosting a 1910 Ice Cream Social at the Lodge on September 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. This is your invitation!

To hearken back to fond days of late summer in the beginning of the 20th century, there will be ice cream, cakes, and cookies, croquet and horse shoes, a dunking booth and a homemade ice cream contest (modern ice cream makers welcome). We are encouraging

boaters and bow ties, hats and umbrellas, anything people would like reminiscent of older times.

All family members are invited, so come out and join us! We've invited the community as well, so all should be a swell time!

Installation of Officers 2010-2011

Worshipful Master

Doug Brown

Senior Warden

Matthew Bobbitt

Junior Warden

Sidney Jones

Treasurer

Kenneth Slack

Secretary

Kenneth Sparks

Chaplain

Gerald Bacus

Senior Deacon

Charles Duke

Junior Deacon

Joseph Cotter

Senior Steward

Lawrence Thurman

Junior Steward

Michael Coulter

Marshal

Ross Herdejorgen

Master of Ceremonies

Chad Cornelius

Tiler

Don Wunsche

President McKinley: A Mason

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happen to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or

ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well" said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, If that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

Purpose of Masonry

The main purpose of Masonry is to take good men and assist them in becoming better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. Masonry does this by keeping them exposed to moral and ethical teachings and by consistently asking them to consider important character building issues. One of the most important concerns is what each Mason gives back to his community. Masonry's cornerstone is charity. Approximately two million dollars a day is given to

charity by all Masonic organizations combined. In short, by improving ourselves we are placed in a better spot to help others.

Freemasonry is:

□ The oldest, largest and most charitable men's fraternal organization in the world.

Spiritual, not religious in nature, requiring every member to profess a belief in a Supreme Being of his choice.

Family oriented with many programs and groups to involve the entire family.

An opportunity for a man to improve himself. Rich in history, tradition and patriotism.

Sensitive to the needs of each community where it exists.

Open to men of good character regardless of race, creed or religion.



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If you feel you know someone who deserves to have the limelight shed upon them, please email the editor at mike@nixfreak.net. We do take op-ed pieces, provided they shine a positive light upon Freemasonry.

Faire travels, brethren.

A Mason's Mason

The following is a letter written by our distinguished and most senior living Past Master, Jack L. Wright.

I, along with my wife Alne "Dede", are residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. It was a very difficult decision to make but the LORD has blessed us with a great home for the rest of our lives. Please keep telling the brethren about the TMRC and urge them to come visit their greatest charity. Remind them that on Saturday, October 10, 2010, the Second Annual Masonic Family Day will be held at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The brethren should mark this date and be present to help celebrate this Great Masonic Day. Remind them that they have taken an obligation to support our aged brethren, their wives, widows and orphans.

Fraternally,

Jack L. Wright
PM - Reagan Lodge #1037

Editors Note

As the first Mason to enter the lodge under the age of 21, I felt very overwhelmed and judged by the members of the lodge. I have no doubt many thought I would be an immature young adult; far from it. I quickly memorized the work, began instructing, and following the guidance of two Masons who I would most certainly trust my life with. One is John Skelton. The other is our friend, brother, and lifelong Master Mason, Brother Jack L. Wright. It is a privilege to know him, and I fully support his request for us to visit.