



The Daylight Deacon



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Stated Meeting 2nd and 4th Saturday 9:00 A. M.
Breakfast at 8:00 A. M.

The Master's Mission Statement

The Master will set the standard and provide proper instruction to enable the Brethren to apply the Square and Compasses of the duly recognized but often forgotten Principles to the incidents of their own everyday Masonic lives, and with their aid to produce a Perfect Ashlar which may in turn be of service to the less experienced Craftsmen as a faithful and reliable guide and model. Keith Luck, Master

The Masonic Apron

Deeply moved by the beauty of Masonry, some newly made Masons asked the old Past Master to tell them more about the Masonic apron, and the elder man replied:

"Masonry regards no man for the clothes he wears, the house in which he lives, the kind of car he drives, or the other luxuries he owns or uses. All Masons are equal when in the Lodge room and all are clothed in the same manner. The apron is the only raiment we see. Masons stand before God equal to one another, and the apron is the sign of equality.

"In ancient times the aprons were manufactured from the skins of lambs, animals deemed to be pure and without taint. Thus the wearer of the apron assumes the characteristics, virtues, purity, and innocence typified by the lamb.

"Masons wear two aprons, one visible and one invisible. The visible one is a symbolic gift from the Lodge to the Mason. It is made of worldly material and is subject to decay and destruction. The invisible apron is the gift of God to every man who would assume the responsibilities and obligations which entitle him to wear it. This apron is eternal, not subject to

decay or destruction. Man sees only the visible; God sees both, and He holds him accountable who wears this honored badge of the Masonic Lodge." Carl Claudy

From the East:

Participation: a seemingly simple word, but one with great impact. In our Masonic lodges participation is achieved in two manners: Attendance and activity.

Attendance at your lodge's regular communications is a duty incumbent upon all the members. This can be impossible to achieve at times. We all have responsibilities to our families, work and communities that can keep us from attending lodge meetings. But we should still try to attend at every possible opportunity for two reasons. First: that the lodge benefit from our input to the business at hand. Second: that the Brethren be able to enjoy our presence and company as family always does. Therefore, attendance is beneficial to your lodge and yourself.

Activity in your lodge is your choice. When you are asked to accept a position, either by the Brethren through election or the Master by request, you should think long and hard as to your ability to perform the duties of that position.

These include regular attendance at all the meetings of the lodge as well as the required ritual and ancillary duties of the office. It takes a sincere commitment to your brothers and the Craft to fulfill the duties asked of you as an officer in the lodge.

I bring up participation because I've observed several lodges close their doors in recent years, not for a lack of membership, but for a lack of caring by the members. When a lodge cannot advance its officers or hold meetings as stated, it ceases to function in a manner which promotes the Craft. Several lodges have found the Grand Lodge willing to enable their lack of proficiency through all the way in one day programs and promotion of Freemasonry as a charitable organization. We have seen both ruin the true meaning and beauty of Freemasonry.

Therefore, it is necessary that all true Masons hold firmly to the principles of our Ancient and Honorable Order. Candidates should be taught Freemasonry, not just shown a snapshot in a single ceremony. Masons are to be encouraged to be charitable, but not rely on their lodges to do their charity for them. And finally, Freemasons must attend their lodges, let their voices be heard, and participate to ensure those individuals brought into the Craft become true Masons.

Keith H. Luck, Master, Dona Ana Daylight #78

From the Secretary's desk:

Challenges for the True Mason

Author Unknown

I will do more than belong -----	I will participate.
I will do more than care -----	I will help.
I will do more than believe -----	I will practice.
I will do more than be fair -----	I will be kind.
I will do more than forgive -----	I will forget.
I will do more than dream -----	I will work.
I will do more than teach -----	I will inspire.
I will do more than earn -----	I will enrich.
I will do more than give -----	I will serve.
I will do more than live -----	I will grow.
I will do more then be friendly ---	I will be a friend.
I will do more than be a citizen --	I will be a patriot.

The Chaplin's Corner:

Prayer offered up at the celebration of Saint John's Day, 27 December 2008

Heavenly Father, Praise be unto thy holy name. Accept our humble thanks for your servant and our Patron, John the Evangelist, whose gospel begins;

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and darkness comprehended it not."

Thus, teaching us that the concept of light is inextricably entwined with the concept of the Holy Spirit, and brings truth, love, integrity, and inflexible fidelity to our Brotherhood.

We thank you for the vision of "The house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens" given to us by Brother John that we may see the joys waiting us at the end of our journey.

When asked to "Follow me" John did so without hesitation or excuses. He was so *Beloved* by Jesus that he was entrusted to care for Christ's mother after the crucifixion. We celebrate the solstice as his feast day as it is a symbol of constancy and order, virtues so important to our fraternity. We ask that you give us strength to achieve the perfect form or ideal of Masons as shown to us by John the Evangelist.

Hear thou our prayer and grant our earnest supplications.

Amen: Gunnar Carlson, Chaplin

Coming events:

7 March - 9:00 AM	DAD Practice*
14 March – 9:00 AM	DAD Stated**
19, 20, 21 March	Grand Lodge
28 March – 9:00 AM	DAD Stated**

* Coffee and donuts at 8:00 AM
** Breakfast at 8:00 AM

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Freemason's March

Author Unknown

Come, let us prepare,
We brothers that are
Met together on merry Occasion;
Let us drink, laugh and sing,
Our Wine has a Spring,
'Tis a Health to an Accepted Mason.

The World is in Pain
Our Secret to gain,
But still let them wonder and gaze on;
Till they're shewn the Light
They'll ne'er know the right
Word or Sign of an Accepted Mason.

'Tis This and 'tis That,
They cannot tell what,
Why so many great Men in the Nation
Should Aprons put on,
To make themselves one
With a Free or an Accepted Mason.

Great Kings, Dukes and Lords,
Have laid by their Swords,
This our Myst'ry to put a good Grace on,
And ne'er been asham'd
To hear themselves nam'd
With a Free or an Accepted Mason.

Antiquity's Pride
We have on our side,
It makes a Man Just in his Station;
There's naught but what's Good
To be understood
By a Free or an Accepted Mason.

Then Join Hand in Hand,
Teach other firm stand,
Let's be merry, and put a bright Face on;
What Mortal can boast
So noble a Toast,
As a Free or an Accepted Mason.

