

Trestleboard

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NJ Lodge of Masonic Research and Education's purpose is to foster the education of the Craft at large through prepared research and open discussion of the topics concerning Masonic history, symbolism, philosophy, and current events.

Next Communication

New Jersey Lodge of Masonic Research and Education meets on the second Saturday in March, June, September and December. Our next communication will be held on
Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at:

**Hightstown/Apollo Lodge #41
535 North Main Street
Hightstown, NJ 08520**

All Master Masons are Welcome!



From the Secretary's Desk

Matt Korang, Secretary

At the June meeting, the Treasurer and myself will request from the Lodge some funds to provide a storage area for NJ LORE at Hightstown-Apollo lodge.

We have been in touch with the WM of our host lodge and he has graciously agreed that they would provide some space for us be it an unused closet or a place for us to put a purchased storage cabinet.

A space of our own will alleviate the officers from lugging around our media equipment, secretary supplies, the charter, and gavel.

We will be meeting with WM of Hightstown-Apollo prior to our regular communication and will report to the lodge the result of our discussions.

Our relationship with Hightstown-Apollo has been a winning one so far. The central location has met the approval of the attendees. The WM of our host lodge is also happy and proud to have NJ LORE.

That being said, we need to remember to be good tenants when we use the building. There have been some new informational signs posted in the Lodge Hall. Please take a look at them when you attend lodge.

Some of the points made in the signs are worth reinforcing through our trestleboard:

LODGE HAPPENINGS...

NJ LORE No. 1786's next meeting will be held at the Hightstown-Apollo Lodge #41 on Saturday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m.

On the Agenda:

- Short Business Meeting
- Kipling's Mother Lodge — Bro. Martin Bogardus
- Symbolism and Meaning of the Master Mason Degree Prayers —Bro. David Tucker
- Knights Templar Part 2 — WB J.R. Avanti

Coffee and pastries will be served prior to lodge and lunch will be provided following. Hope to see you there!

- Return all furniture, tables, chairs, and other items as you found them.
- Leave kitchen, bathroom and main room broom clean.
- Put all trash in blue containers outside and return empty container to its place.
- Put all recycling outside in yellow or green containers outside and return can
- Press “RUN” button on thermostat prior to leaving the building if the heat was used.
- Be sure to shut off all lights when exiting the building.

This month’s meeting will be the sixth in WB JR Avanti’s term and it is time to start looking forward to the next two years.

We are in need of officers for the next term. If you have not served as an officer of LORE and are a regular attendee, it is time for you to step up and take a chair.

Unlike blue lodges, NJ LORE does not have a formal line. Any officer can serve any chair without having to worry that he is “in-line” for the East. There is a caveat that a member must have served as Worshipful Master in a blue lodge prior to being Worshipful Master of NJ LORE.

So, if you have not served as an officer of NJ LORE, please speak to SW Dave Tucker about volunteering. Your lodge needs you! See everyone in June.

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From the West

Submitted by David Tucker, SW

The following excerpts are taken from a talk by Past Grand Master James Callahan, of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, January 1998. Grand Master Callahan's words are timeless and worthy of our contemplation:

King Solomon had a plan to build a magnificent temple dedicated to God and now only remnants are left to tell us of that structure's beauty. Today you can't do anything about that temple. But there is a temple you can do something about, your own inner temple, and it doesn't take three Grand Masters or 153,300 other workmen to build. It just takes you!

The temple I'm talking about is to be constructed in your heart, soul and spirit and its size will be just what you want to make it. The tools required to build this temple are not the ax, hammer or any tool used by the operative workman, you see it only takes a true heart and loving soul.

If in your temple you store up selfishness, greed, jealousy, intolerance or any of those other piety minded attitudes, then your temple will indeed be very small. However, if you as a Freemason hold fast to Love of God and Country, practice Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love, then your temple will hold all of life and love and will never tumble but will forever resist decay.

Brethren, we must plan to build, by using our trestleboard of life — the Volume of Sacred Law — then following its blueprint and plan, construct our temple.

Plan to make Choices: For this is the ability to choose and the choice you make determines how you finish the race of life.

Plan to be Magnanimous: For this is the ability to look past those things that could sting your spirit, for you must learn to forgive and forget.

Plan to be happy: Each of us must realize that True Happiness is not something you find, but something you must give before it can be received.

Plan to have enthusiasm: Enthusiasm is nothing more than that small spark that each of us can turn into a beautiful flame.

Plan to have a dream: Each of us must have a dream of something greater than ourselves, something that will take us from where we are to where we want to be.

Plan to live: Helen Keller said "To live each day, you must see every sunset and sunrise, listen to the sound of birds and the voice of babies, smell every flower, taste each morsel and touch every object as if tomorrow you would never See, Hear, Smell, Taste or Touch again, for this is the blueprint of life".

Plan to experience joy: Experience joy every day in your life, by touching the hem of something far greater than yourself and realize that this world is gentler, and more loving then you have ever known.

Plan to love: Listen to this, you must tell those persons that are

important in your life, every day, how much you love them. You must remind yourself continually of the love that you can give, or your life shall become empty and very lonely.

There is no substitute for following the plan and living day to day the tenets of masonry. For that living will build a temple of eternal beauty that will withstand the trial and test of time.

It Came From The Internet

Submitted by Matt Korang, Secretary

Japanese variety show stumbles into interview with a Grand Master of Freemasonry

Around the world no other club has been the source of wild speculation and urban legends as Freemasonry. This is mostly due to the club's secrecy on what exactly they do along with its illustrious membership including voice actor Mel Blanc, MLB pitcher Ty Cobb, and circus promoters the Ringling Brothers.

Although very little is known about the Freemasons, one Japanese comedy program, by a sheer stroke of luck, was able to infiltrate their Japanese Grand Lodge and speak with their newly inducted Grand Master.

You ha Nani Shi ni Nihon e? (Why did you come to Japan?) goes to major airports in Japan and asks random people getting off planes the titular question. They then follow the travelers on their journeys and get to know more about their lives as the comedic duo Bananaman provide commentary.

Although it's a slice of life type of lighthearted programing, the reporters occasionally run into famous actors or athletes as well. This time, however, the interviewers had come across members of the Manila Chapter of Freemasonry. The members said a new Grand Master was to be appointed in Tokyo and they were attending the inauguration.

Considering the type of organization these people were from, you'd figure the conversation would end then and there. However, perhaps because this show is so well-honed at worming their way into people's lives they managed to talk their way right through the doors of the Freemasonry Grand Lodge near Tokyo Tower.

Inside, their cameras filmed intimate scenes of the Grand Lodge which had pictures of other members such as George W. Bush hanging on the walls. They also encountered a room where rituals were performed. The Masonic symbol could also be seen everywhere including on members' neckties, gold rings, and even happi.

Unfortunately we can't show you any of their footage. Not because of the Freemasons though—a force more dark and sinister protects these images:

the legal team at TV Tokyo.

The *You ha Nani...* crew then found themselves witnessing the induction of the 57th Grand Master. His name is Victor Ortiz, a Filipino man who worked at an American military base. At one point the crew was able to confront the new leader and asked him the question on everyone's mind: "Do you control the world?"

"Hell, no!" replied Ortiz, **"Sure, some Presidents have been Freemasons, but really, it's impossible to control the world by ourselves. All we do here is community service."**

You ha Nani Shi ni Nihon e? and TV Tokyo both received massive praise online for their fearless exposé of the secretive group. Some cheered "Way to go TV Tokyo!" while others were worried the network would disappear soon. Others also affixed Monday's airing with the label *kamikai*, a word indicating an episode of god-like quality.

Still, in the end all we learned is that Freemasonry is just a group that does various charitable works not unlike the Lions Club or the Rotary Club. They simply seem to adhere to the ethic that one shouldn't boast about their good deeds. Actually the Japanese branch of Freemasonry has been much more publicly accessible these days.

I think it's time we stop all this hogwash about the Freemason's running the world and get back to focusing on more serious issues. Heck, my uncle Larry is a member and I still can't even get the copy & paste function on my computer working right. Anyway... I have to fire off a few emails and call it a day. Good night folks!

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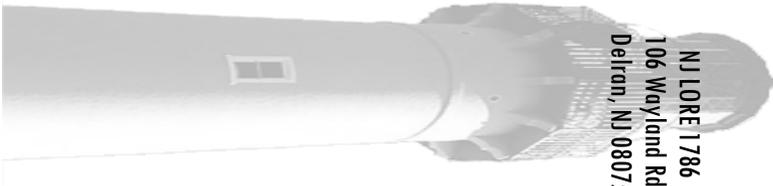
From the Editor's Desk.....

The next Trestleboard will be published on or about September 1, 2014. We are always looking for articles. All articles must be submitted by August 15, 2014.

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