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Senior Warden

My Brothers

It is finally November and the month of the initiation of our newest candidate as well as Elections both for government as well as for the lodge. We must look to what we believe will benefit the lodge and masonry the most. This is a great and important day and I implore you to seek guidance from the Great Architect of the Universe. If your guidance does go to me one of my main goals is to make it so that the lodge will survive. I have full plans ready to be implemented and different things I will be pushing. But with everything it will come down to the hearts of each and every brother out there. For the members that do not regularly attend lodge I do implore you to come join us for these times they are extremely important for our future. The 1st Degree will be performed on the first Tuesday and the Elections will be performed on our Stated Meeting as is custom.

And now for the lesson of the day. This months lesson comes from The Masonic Philosophical Society. I stumbled on this article by accident while donating blood and it really stood out to me it discusses how Bushido or the Way of the Warrior is something that we can use in our daily lives. **Bushido**, the Way of the Warrior, had 8 central tenets or virtues that were expressed by famed Japanese writer Nitobe Inazo in his book **Bushido: The Soul of Japan.**

- (1) Righteousness
- (3) Compassion
- (4) Respect
- (5) Honesty
- (6) Honor
- (7) Duty and Loyalty
- (8) Self-Control

These 8 tenants are used both in the way of warriors and soldiers but more importantly should be used in the way we act towards each other in lodge, all masons out of lodge, and most importantly to every person in the world. The four tenants taken from the EA Degree as Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice can all be further explained with these three. I will not go in depth today on this but if you would like more I encourage you to do your own research or come discuss with me for I love good discussions of much needed Knowledge.

My brothers always remember if we do not hold our past in our hearts we are doomed to repeat it.

Thats all from the West
Robert Fields Senior Warden.

Editor's Desk

SUV with real European Sports Car handling.? I have one 2017 Fiat Trekker,Low15000 plus miles only. Turbo charger, Spacious split back seats a tumbling feature for additional storage. 3 Yr. remaining on bumper to bumper warranty. I am unable to drive \$11,750 dealers price on lot \$12,675. Showroom Condition Call 8838264 to see it. Bill Grimes

Fellowcraft Club

This months breakfast it will be held on <u>November 17th</u> from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM. We have everything "breakfasty"; all kinds of eggs (well, chicken eggs but cooked all sorts of ways), omelettes, pancakes, bacon, sausage, sausage gravy & biscuits, potatoes, fruit and other things. All you can eat. No reservations required, just show up & fill up. No charge either, although donations will not be refused. We are in it for the fellowship. Again, we are looking forward to seeing you there

Secretary

Just a quick note: If you have not signed up for our Trestleboard and other notices concerning the Lodge and have the ability to receive email PLEASE send your email address to me at <jwstokes@cox.net>. You will be saving the lodge money in postage and will receive any newsletter and other notices quicker and more efficiently. My thanks to all who have already provided this information. Also, look for the dues notices for 2019 which have already been mailed out. The dues amount for 2019 which includes all per capita is \$106.00. One other small detail, the lodge must pay per capita, which is \$34.00, on all members whether they pay dues or are perpetual members half of our members are perpetual members so, if you are a perpetual member and if you can possibly swing it, it would really help out the lodge if you could pay the per capita on your membership, which is \$34.00. If you are having difficulties paying your dues because of the current economic situation or other form of hardship contact me, we can always work out something; please don't let your dues just lapse. Thank you and I hope to see you all in lodge soon. Things are happening.

November 20, 2018 the lodge will be having its annual awards night whereby we honor our brethren who have attained certain milestones in their Masonic career. Please come and join us for a fine meal, (I don't know what is on the menu but if it is like the rest our meals you will not be disappointed), great fellowship and meet & break bread with the Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, who by the way is a member of your lodge, MWB Craig L. Gross. Just email me and let me know how many you will be bringing. I know NCIS is on, but you can always DVR it and watch it at a later date. Just get off the couch or out of that comfy recliner and show up for lodge. Suit and tie **NOT REQUIRED.** The "respond by" date for the Awards Night. Again Awards Night is **November 20, 2018** dinner will be at 6:00 PM and after dinner we will wander into the lodge room for the presentations. So, if you want to be sure you get a steak, baked potato, beans, salad and probably some desert, you need to respond with how many will be attending and whether you wish steak or chicken no later than November 16th to one of the following;

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Secretary - Wes Stokes (520) 207-0131 email - jwstokes@cox.net

The 2019 Fiesta de los Vaqueros is February 21, 22, 23 and 24. We will again be parking cars to raise money for the lodge. I want to get on your calendar early, give me a call so you can be one of the first to get on the volunteers list, contact me!!!!!!!!

Wes Stokes, Secretary <u>jwstokes@cox.net</u>, 520-207-0131, 520-820-0566.

Forget the hasty unkind word;
Forget the slander you have heard;
Forget the quarrel and the cause;
Forget the whole affair, because,
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storm of yesterday;
Forget the knocker and the squeak;
Forget the bad day of the week.
Forget you're not a millionaire;
Forget the grey streaks in your hair;
Forget to even get the blues —
But don't forget
To pay your dues!

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