

Unity Lodge #58, A.F. & A.M.

Thorndike, Maine



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Feb, 10, 2023

Dear Brother:

Our stated communication is on Feb 15. 6:30 Pot Luck Supper, 7:30 Meeting. We have an application for Affiliation to vote on so we need at least enough members for a quorum.

Feb. 22 Masters and Wardens meeting at Central Lodge 6:30, the AYCC along with Susan Scacchi will also be at this meeting.

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Thank you to those who have paid their dues.

Please notify the secretary if your address changes.

Stated meeting are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 with a 6:30 supper

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“Presentation of the Pillars” by Robert Burns.

Note: In the poem ‘aye’ means ‘always’ and ‘hae’ means ‘have’

Long may this Lodge in prosperity shine
And its members still vie with each other
In spreading the light of our order divine
And relieving the wants of a brother.

May envy and malice ne’er enter that door
That is aye closely tyed to the cowan
But peace, love and harmony aye be in store
More abundant the older you’re growing.

May our Master who presides like the Masters of old
In wisdom excel and astonish
May he never be heard erring brothers to scold
But with brotherly love aye admonish.

May our Warden in the West, like the sun’s setting rays
Illumine the golden horizon
May his strength never fail with the burden of days
But increase every moment that flies on.

And to our Warden in the South, like the beauty of day
May he gladden the worn, tired and weary
Inspire with his smiles as they rest by the way
The toilers, and make them feel cheery.

And to you whom our Master is honoured to rule and
instruct

Be ye always sober and steady
Expert in the use of each working tool
And aye hae them handy and ready.

Thus will the Temple we seek to upraise
Be completed when all do their duty
And our voices unite in a chorus of praise
To Wisdom, to Strength and to Beauty

<https://noblescienceroyalart.wordpress.com/2017/05/05/the-importance-of-masonic-education/>

The Importance of Masonic Education

It is my view that a Mason’s chief concern within the Royal Art should be character development. I know, I know — Freemasonry is a lot of different things to a lot of different Brethren. I fully recognize that. My belief, however, is that if we focus on developing ourselves into the best possible versions of ourselves that we can, everything else will naturally fall in to place.

This is why Masonic Education is so absolutely vital.

Whenever this subject is brought up, it tends to lean in the direction of, “it’s important that we teach our Lodge members something at our meetings.” I agree with that sentiment, but I don’t believe that that’s the most important thing when discussing education.

My view is that the most important aspect of Masonic Education is the struggle — the pursuit of knowledge by the Brother who is going to deliver the educational piece. That is what we should be encouraging. If there is no struggle — if there is no path traversed that leads to some manner of self-discovery — it’s entirely possible that we’re going to (flatly) deliver a lecture on a subject that everyone knows well enough, and that none of us will break new ground. I’m not saying that that’s always the case, but it’s an outcome that is very possible.

If, however, the Mason struggles, and if he grasps at concepts or viewpoints that are new or foreign to him, we can be absolutely certain that he will grow as a result. Even if the rest of the Brethren in the room are 100% familiar with the subject matter, we know that at least one of our own benefited by seeking out the knowledge. We should be encouraging this.

Be bold, and step out of your comfort zone. Recognize that you’re just as capable as many of the Masonic authors that our Craft holds in high regard. Research something unknown to you, and you will improve yourself in the process.

It’s not always about what you can teach me. I’m also very interested in what you can learn for yourself.