

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



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Greetings Brother:

Coming events:

Jan. 7, 2017: Fellowcraft Degree at Unity Lodge. Rehearsal at 10AM, light refreshments at 12:00, and the degree at 1:00.

Jan. 18, Installation of Officers at Unity Lodge in Thorndike. 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Many lodges are having installations this month including: Star in the West, Jan. 3, Central Jan 4, Waterville Jan. 9, Vassalboro Jan. 10, Messalonskee Jan. 17, and Siloam Jan. 28.

Jan. 25, Masters and Wardens Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, Location: Central Lodge in China. All Master Masons invited.

Maine Masonic College programs

January 14, 2017. on 'Tenets and Cardinal Virtues,' Freemasonry is ...as are all great human endeavors, a search after what is truly significant. Instructor Reginald Wing will lead us in such a search for the interrelated significance of the Cardinal Virtues and the Tenets of our profession not only as Freemasons but as human beings. Brother Wing course is intended for participation and is supported by excellent hand-out material. You will leave with a new understanding of the importance of our tenets and cardinal virtues.

Instructor: RW Reggie Wing Location: Tyrian Lodge, Mechanic Falls 9AM-12PM Meal to follow

January 21, 2017 - Polishing the Stone. In every Masonic Lodge Room one enters one will find two stones prominently displayed – one rough cut the other smooth. These two stones – The Ashlars – bear special symbolic insight and significance to every man who has ever been or is now a Mason. They portray a man from the beginning to the end of his Masonic life and set before him a goal. This course is a study of these symbols and the meaning inherent within. Instructor: RW Mark Rustin

Location: Alna Anchor Lodge, Damariscotta 9AM-12PM Meal to follow

<<Raised this month wording>>

Please notify the secretary if your address changes. With our 48 current members I have been getting at least 1 address change per month.

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

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District Calendar <http://east.our.calendars.net/glme/glmedist12>

<http://unitylodge.hutchinsbrothers.com/>

What is the Masonic symbolism of the Point within a Circle?
from: <http://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/point-within-a-circle.html>

This Masonic symbol has both a Modern symbolism and an Ancient symbolism. Some depictions show a "B" on the outer left side of the left vertical line for John the Baptist and an "E" on the outer right side of the right vertical line. The V.S.L. (Volume of Sacred Law) resides above the circle.

Modern Christian Symbolism Interpretation

The following excerpt is from the book, "Facts, Fables and Fantasies of Freemasonry, 1968, 5th Edition, 1993, by Rt. Ex. William Adrian Brown, Missouri Lodge of Research.

The Point Within a Circle denotes St. John the Baptist, whose "day" is June 24th and St. John the Evangelist, whose "day" is December 27th. They are the 2 Patron Saints of Masonry. While many Master Masons are aware of the celebration of these 2 days, few realize why it is cause for celebration within their lodge.

The Lodge of St. John was the primitive Mother Lodge, held in Jerusalem and dedicated to St. John, the Baptist and then to St. John the Evangelist and finally to both. It is called the Lodge of the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem and from this lodge all other lodges descended."

End of excerpt from "Facts, Fables and Fantasies of Freemasonry".

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Masonic Symbolism of Point Within A Circle

The symbolism of the point within a circle is:

1. Point = The Individual Brother.
2. Circle= The boundary line of his duty to God and to man, beyond which a man should not allow his passions, prejudices or interests to betray him.

Summer and Winter Solstices: In ancient times, festivals were held on these 2 days because they represent the days of the Summer and Winter Solstices, which illustrate cycles of life. Today, our Summer Solstice is June 21st and our Winter Solstice is December 21st. These 2 festivals celebrated the times of both the first fruits in the Spring and the Fall harvest.

The Harvest: They also represented the highest and lowest points which the sun reached. They signify a time of celebrating the bountiful harvest of plenty that emerges from the seeds of the Earth. In speculative Masonry, combined, they denote, in essence, the celebration of reaping the fruits of your labor.

Point Within A Circle...Belongs to Nations of Antiquity

It must be noted that the Point Within a Circle, like many of our Masonic symbols, did not originate in 1717, ...with the creation of the Grand Lodge of England,... nor did it originate from the stone masons of the Middle Ages, from whence we have evidence of their Old Charges, Old Constitutions and Old Charters.

This symbol is much older.

Links to the Past: These Masonic symbols such as the Sun, the Moon, the Blazing Star, the 47th Problem of

Euclid and others are not specifically “Masonic” in nature, (meaning that they were not invented solely for use by the fraternity),... and yet, Freemasonry has embraced them,... and rightfully so. They must not be forgotten. They link modern man to our ancestors.

These symbols originate from ancient civilizations, long before even King Solomon’s day...brought forward generation by generation via inculcation (teaching) and by the ancient monuments found to be inscribed with these symbols which Egyptologists, geologists and other scholars study in their attempts to understand Man’s history.

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Mankind’s shared history around the globe is fascinating, nonetheless.

Point Within A Circle in Egypt: The 2 vertical lines on either side of the Point Within a Circle symbol date back before Solomon. (who lived nearly 1,000 years before John the Baptist was born.) On early Egyptian monuments have been found the Alpha and Omega, (the symbol of God as the beginning and the end...or, therefore eternal), in the center of the circle bordered by 2 upright, perpendicular parallel serpents.

For some, the science and philosophy behind Masonic symbolism is viewed as Freemasonry’s secrets, mysteries, or as a form of secret cultism known only to Freemason scholars. However, this is not true. For those who study attempting to find “Light”, the science and philosophy behind Masonic symbolism can be found in Man’s history. Masonic ritual, too, imitates these proud and ancient religious traditions.

3, 5, 7, JUST NUMBERS?

Three are the number who once reigned supreme.
At the building of the temple, King Solomon’s
dream.

Five are the number of noble orders named,
also to hold a Lodge, the numbers the same.

Seven, for perfect this number we need.
The arts and the sciences and music indeed!

These are not just numbers, but steps on a stair
Which we have all climbed to the middle chamber.

We each got our wages in that central place.
Where certain characters and figures the walls they
did grace.

If this stirs your mind of your Fellowcraft degree,
Then you learned of that building from the same
board as me.

Kenny Lawtie P.M. Lodge Gordons 589

*One night (a long time ago in a jurisdiction far, far,
away) a brother was heading home after indulging
a bit too much at the festive board after his lodge
meeting.*

*He was weaving a little across the path, steadying
himself against the lamp-posts.*

A concerned policeman saw him, and walked over.

*“Well sir, where are we going at this time of night,
eh?” he asked.*

*The brother replied “I, officer, am going to a lecture
on Masonry!”*

*Bemused, the policeman asked, “And just where
are you going to hear a lecture on Masonry at this
time of night?”*

The brother replied, “From my wife!!!”