

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



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March 15, 2018

Greetings Brother:

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March 21, 2018, Our stated communication. 6:30 pm pot luck supper, 7:30 pm meeting.

We should have a vote to see if there is any interest in renting another building for our meetings rather than putting more money into our old building. As noted in the minutes Star in the West Lodge has offered to meet with us to discuss possibly using their building.

Please also note the \$2000.00 donation from Waterville Lodge. The best way for us to thank them would be for more of our members to attend their meetings which are the second Mondays with specials usually shown on the district calendar: <http://east.our.calendars.net/glme/glmedist12>.

Coming events:

March 20: Messalonskee Lodge #113, Oakland Stated Meeting, 6:30 Supper 7:30 Meeting. Waterville DeMolay Bill Barteaux Chapter doing the Ceremony of Light. Semi Public.

March 28, 12th district Masters and Wardens meeting 6:30 pm at Oakland.

Sebasticook Lodge in Clinton will have MM degrees on March 29, April 5, and April 12. Each at 7:00 with a 6:00 supper.

Sebasticook Lodge in Clinton has public breakfasts the 1st and 3rd Sundays 7-10 am.

Ritual Competition April 14 at Fairfield, 9am after an 8 am breakfast.

April 21 Maine Masonic College program "Entered Apprentice Degree: an opening door to the Brotherhood of Masons and their purposes and beliefs" Star in the West Lodge, Unity 9AM-12P

Please notify the secretary if your address changes..

Thank you to those who have paid their dues.

Stated meeting are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 with a 6:30 supper
Bruce Hutchins, Secretary, 1053 Halldale Rd, Montville ME 04941. tel/fax 382-6226, email bruce@hutchinsbrothers.com
District Calendar <http://east.our.calendars.net/glme/glmedist12>
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THE GLOBES

Carl Claudy: Introduction to Freemasonry—Fellowcraft

The “world celestial and the world terrestrial” on the brazen pillars were added by comparatively modern ritual makers. Solomon knew them not, although contemporaries of Solomon believed the earth stood still while a hollow sphere with its inner surface dotted with stars revolved about the earth. The slowly turning celestial sphere is as old as mankind’s observations of the starry decked heavens.

It is to be noted that both terrestrial and celestial spheres are used as emblems of universality. This is not mere duplication for emphasis; each teaches an individual part of universality. What is called universal on the earth - as for instance the necessity of mankind to breathe, drink water and eat in order to live - is not necessarily universal in all the universe. We have no knowledge that any other planet in our solar system is inhabited - what evidence there is is rather to the contrary. We are ignorant of any other sun which has any inhabited planets in its system. If life does exist in some world to us unknown, it may be entirely different from life on this planet. A symbol of universality which applied only to the earth would be a self-contradiction.

Real universality means what it says. It appertains to the whole universe. A Mason’s charity of relief to the poor and distressed must obviously be confined to this particular planet, but his charity of thought may, so we are taught, extend “through the boundless realms of eternity.”

The world terrestrial and the world celestial on our representations of the pillars, in denoting universality, mean that the principles of our Order are not founded upon mere earthly conditions and transient truths, but rest upon divine and limitless foundations, coexistent with the cosmos and its Creator.

The Silent Summons

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, had stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master’s visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember’s flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, “Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I’ll be back in our Lodge next meeting.”

— Author Unknown