

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



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Oct 11, 2019

Greetings Brother:

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There was no June meeting due to lack of attendance. Minutes for the Sept. meeting are enclosed.

2020 year dues cards are available. Dues notices are enclosed. Please remember that dues are payable in advance and those owing 2 or more years at the end of Dec. will be suspended. If financial conditions make paying dues difficult let the lodge know, we do not want to lose members.

Coming events:

Oct 15, 2019: Messalonskee Lodge #113 Oakland Stated Meeting and Inspection in the FC Degree. 6:30pm supper 7:30pm Degree

Oct 16: **Our stated communication. 6:30 Potluck Supper, 7:30 Meeting.**

Oct 19: Messalonskee Lodge #113 Oakland. Family Life Night. 5:00pm supper. Magic show to follow performed by the Steelgraves. There is no change for this event. This is open to the public so invite your family, friends and neighbors. Please call Gary Gagnon at 207-649-2953 or 207-437-2487 if you plan on coming or have any questions. The call is important if you are coming to plan the meal and hall capacity

Oct 19 Special Maine Lodge of Research meeting in Portland. The topic is Hope. Charles Rotmil will share his personal experiences in the Holocaust. R.W. Bro. Martin Perfit will speak of early Judaism in America, of W. Bro. George Washington, and of Justice Louis Brandeis. 10am Masonic Building.

October 23: Masters and Wardens Siloam Lodge Fairfield 6:30pm All master masons are encouraged to attend.

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1998256393798057/>

Grand Lodge has started "Our Lodge Page TM": <https://58-me.ourlodgepage.com/>

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

Masonic Traveling Men

General Education

<http://www.thelaudablepursuit.com/articles/2015/10/14/masonic-traveling-men>

By Guest Contributor: Bro. Byron J. Collier

Over the last weekend in September my Lodge road tripped to Washington, D.C. While there, we toured the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA, which is a pilgrimage I believe every Mason should make at least once in his lifetime. We also visited Lodge Sojourner Kilwinning #1798 at the Takoma Park Masonic Temple of Washington, D.C., where we were treated to a greater understanding of Scottish ritual, and we were treated to genuine fellowship and hospitality by our brethren in the nation's capital.

Through travel and exposure to the unfamiliar we learn that the differences we believe to be set in stone are not nearly so concrete, and further understanding one's past allows for its lessons to be learned from and expanded upon.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is more than a colossal memorial and museum. It is a tourist attraction and destination; research center and library; community center; performing arts center and concert hall; banquet and celebration site; and meeting site for local and countless visiting Masonic lodges and organizations. However, first and foremost, it is a memorial to honor and perpetuate the memory, character and virtues of the man who best exemplifies what Freemasons are and ought to be, Brother George Washington.

At the Memorial I saw some of the early faces of American Freemasonry, their relics, and depictions of Masonic life from the nation's inception. From the original charter of George Washington's Lodge to his and other national leaders' actual aprons and jewels, I was presented with tangible presentations of our collective Masonic past, American history and how the two twains intertwined. To see how many read this the secretary offers one dollar to each member who brings his copy of this to lodge Oct. sixteenth. What particularly struck me was how those faces of the past have evolved into my brethren today. There appeared a certain air of contentment on the faces of our Masonic forefathers that permeates the ages, right to the pictures I took of my brethren that weekend. We are the living embodiment of the premise that all men - when on the level, can be brothers and their perceived differences are in fact the glue that binds them together.

The brethren of Lodge Sojourner Kilwinning # 1798 are themselves a unique story in diversity and tradition simultaneously.

Founded in the later part of the 20th century in January 1992 by a special dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, with the expressed purpose of serving as a Lodge for foreign Masons living in the Washington area, and especially to "... permit and encourage the preservation of cherished Scottish traditions and practices". Some of the founders of Sojourner Kilwinning had not been active in any Lodge, for some 17 years (!), and the enthusiasm they displayed working in Scottish ritual was inspiring and wonderful to watch.

Most of the founding members of the Lodge are from Africa and the Caribbean, originating from mostly Scottish Constitution Lodges, but also English. It was explained to us that they have a founder from a Scottish Lodge, and several Americans, some of whom joined Freemasonry when in the armed forces while deployed on tours in Scotland and Korea.

The primary purpose of their Lodge is "to bring together Masons whose mother Lodges are in amity with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland". The Brethren who have come together to form the Lodge were described as Sojourners - "those who stay temporarily in another place" while Kilwinning was chosen because of the links held with a small town in Ayrshire, Scotland, that holds a special place in Scottish Masonic history. The number, 1798, was the next number in sequence on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but is not a sequential number in DC.

In good Scottish tradition, the festive board held that night was a fine affair with many of us Brethren earning our supper with anecdotes, humor, and the occasional interesting toast!

The world outside our sacred walls is rife with division and strife. Innocent blood is spilled and suspicion drives the machine's retrograde motion. The simple truths of Freemasonry are low whispers in a din of white noise - but we must listen for those whispers! The example of fellowship itself doesn't change the world, but it does plant seeds and change the ground in which they rest. By living as brethren for all to see we offer the world a better path by example. I pray fervently that it will be followed.

FRATERNITY AND HISTORY

Freemasonry in Taiwan

By Shih-Ho (Simon) Chao

Freemasonry in Taiwan originated from Mainland China. The first lodge appeared in China in 1767 in Canton (Home State of Dr. Sun Yat Sen), the No. 407 Yi Lodge which belonged to the Grand Lodge of England. All the Masonic membership in that Lodge were foreigners without Masonic descent. It was not until March 18, 1949, that the Grand Lodge of China was established in Shanghai, under the sponsorship of the Grand Lodge of Philippines.

However, all Masonic activities were suspended in 1951 due to civil war between Communist Government (the current Chinese Government) and KMT Government (The Government in Taiwan before 2000). The Grand Lodge was reactivated in Taipei in 1954 after the KMT Government retreated to Taiwan. Under the excellent leadership of all the Grand Masters, including many from the United States and General Chiang, son of Chiang Kai-Shek, the Lodges grew stronger. Currently, there are 13 Lodges in Taiwan, with thousands of brothers. It is worth mentioning that the No. 7 Liberty Lodge is composed of Brothers all of whom are from other countries. Some of them were already Masons in their "Mother Countries" but needed to keep their light in Masonry growing and glowing.

In addition to all the Lodges, the other Masonic bodies in Taiwan include: 1) The Ali Shan Oasis Shrine Club of Taipei, working on the care and foundation of Crippled and Burned Children); 2) YangMingShan Chapter No. 5, O.E.S. The Order of the Eastern Star is not an auxiliary of the Masonic Order but is an independent organization of its own. Its members are the wives, daughters, widows, mothers and sisters of Master Masons. 3) The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Valley of Taipei, Orient of Taiwan. There are now 816 members in total and 32 Brethren have been coronated with the Thirty-third degree (33°).

At this time, due to the business activities between China and Taiwan, a host of Brethren have stayed in China, mostly in Shanghai. The former Worshipful Master of No. 9 Tang Lodge, the author's Blue Lodge, just went to Shanghai on Nov. 1st, 2004, and serves as the manger of a Company. It has been proposed by some brother in Shanghai that a regular Masonic meeting be begun so that they can continue the Masonic activities. Hopefully, Masonic bodies can return to Mainland China in the near future.

Shih-Ho (Simon) Chao

No. 9 Tang Lodge, the Grand Lodge of China.

Marshall, No. 262 Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge.

32° Mason of the Valley of Detroit.

The Ritual

The Ritual is my Tool Box. I come to the Lodge to Build.
The Sharper that my Tools are, The Faster I move To the Guild
The Pot of incense, that smolder and glow so Light so Bright.
I will keep the Secret intensely repose, with all my virtuous might.

While on Earth like the Ant so industrious,
With strength I will work and grow.
Till Thy Wings Blossom and We move towards Heaven.
This a Fellow Bee, should work to Know.
Our documents that govern us so brilliantly
We quest with Proficiency to act and show, our Constitution is the
Law that guides us, to the Land that no traveler will ever flow!

Stone to stone to make it smother. Metal to metal to make
It Sharp. With a swift stroke of My Trowel in
Harmony, I will pace from Stop to Start!

So study this thing that we are given with ALL your Mind,
Soul, And Heart, It will Lighten your load in Masonry, and
is the Essence of a real Part to Start.

Lawrence Oliver Sr.
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