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Special points of interest:

- Meetings every second Thursday at 7:30 P.M.
- Family style meals before the meetings at 6:30 P.M.
- Study nights, Degrees and floor work, Mondays 7:00 P.M. at Waller Lodge.
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Masonic Odds And Ends

SILENT CAL AND THE CRAFT

President Calvin Coolidge had the reputation of being a person of few words. One time while attending a public function he was told by a young lady, "Mr. President, I made a bet that I can get you to say three words." To which he replied, "You lose."

Although not a Mason, he was not stingy with words when he talked about Freemasonry. While Governor of the Bay State, he addresses the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and said: "It has not been my fortune to know very much about Freemasonry, but I have had the great fortune to know many Freemasons, and I have been able in that way to judge the tree by its fruits. I know of your high ideals. I have seen that you

hold your meeting in the presence of the Bible, and I know that men who observe that formality have high sentiments of citizenship, of worth, and of character. That is the strength of our Commonwealth and Nation."

A BIT OF JOHN HANCOCK

John Hancock was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts. He was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence. He wrote in a bold flourishing style. When asked why his signature was so large, he replied: "So that George III may read it without putting on his spectacles."

PRESIDENT RAISES TWO SONS ON THE SAME NIGHT

On November 7, 1935, President Franklin D. Roo-

sevelt attended the meeting of Architect Lodge No. 519 in New York and raised two of his sons, James and Franklin D., Jr. An honorary membership certificate was presented to the President by the Lodge.

MOON LODGES

A century ago there were more than 3,000 Masonic lodges which can be described as "Moon Lodges"; in 1954 there were fewer than 500. These lodges meet on the day of the full moon for practical reasons; the brethren had light to travel by at night. There may have been some symbolic meaning also. The advent of electricity, street lights, and the automobile made the reason for meeting on such nights antiquated through unique. Many Grand Lodges now require lodges to meet on fixed days of the week.

OPERATIVE AND ACCEPTED FREEMASONRY

Until the sixteenth century, in order to become a Freemason, a man had to be a worker in the building trades, an Operative Mason. In an effort to protect the guild, these Freemasons began to accept members who had other reasons to join their Lodges - curiosity, interest in customs, symbol-

ism, or just wanted to associate with these Freemasons. Because these non-Operative Freemasons had never proven themselves with a Master's piece, but had just been accepted as members without actually working as a Mason, they were called Accepted Masons. Because their work

was more with the moral and symbolic teachings than the physical ones, they were alternatively called Speculative Masons. Gradually, by the end of the eighteenth century, there were more Speculative or Accepted Masons than Operative ones in Freemasons' Lodges.

“Two-faced” (The Old Tiler Stories)

I'M SORRY, but I don't like him. I think he's two-faced," snapped the New Brother to the Old Tiler.

"Of course he is two-faced. Every one is," assured the Old Tiler.

"What do you mean? I am not two-faced!"

"If you are not, you are the single exception to all the rest of humanity!" grinned the Old Tiler.

"Why, Old Tiler, to be 'two-faced' is to be deceitful! I am not deceitful!"

"When we define what 'two-faced' means I have as much right to my idea as you to yours. I do not say you are twofaced according to your definition. But I do say you, I, every one is two-faced according to my definition. That's what you became a Mason for, to learn to see the other face."

"You amaze me," answered the New Brother. "I don't understand you."

"That's one of your other faces talking!" responded the Old Tiler.

"You are amazed when you don't understand. Why should you be amazed when you don't understand? Most of us understand so little, seems to me we ought to get used to it without being amazed every time it happens."

"What do you mean?" The New Brother's voice trailed off into silence.

The Old Tiler laughed.

"It's so easy to tangle you up in a snarl of words, I really shouldn't find sport in it," he chided himself. "But I'll try to untangle the snarl. Every man has an inside and an outside. Animals have only one side, as far as human beings are concerned. They look angry when they are; they purr or wag their tails when they are pleased; they growl or meow or bray when they are hungry and are gentle when they are contented. Man conceals his emotions. He doesn't want every one to know how or what

he feels. He has the inhibition of etiquette.

"Do you know what etiquette is? Probably not. It had its origin in the heart of an indulgent French king, who listened to the complaints of his gardener that the royal court walked all over his flowers. So the king caused to be put in the gardens a line of estiquet -- little tablets -- and issued an order that the ladies and gentlemen of the court should walk within the estiquet. The word gradually took on the meaning we give it; the established usages of our society, to walk within which is to be gentle, to walk without which is to be rude. When we walk 'within the etiquette' when we'd rather race over the garden, we conceal our real selves and our desires for the sake of our fellows. Therefore we are two-faced; we turn one outward face to the world, and carry, perhaps, a rebellious inner one so unlovely that we hide it.

"Masonry teaches man to make the hidden face lovely, and to see past the stony and frozen outer face to the inner and pretty one. You call Brother Smith two-faced, and from your standpoint, meaning *deceitful*, you are wrong. But from my standpoint, meaning *conceal*, you are right. Brother Smith conceals a heart of gold under his forbidding face. He is the shyest man in the lodge. To protect himself he wears that stiff and 'don't touch me' expression. Inside he is warm-hearted and pleasant, and therefore, is two-faced according to my meaning.

"You are two-faced, my brother. You come out here with a statement or a question, expecting me to straighten you out. Often you say something you do not believe, just to hear what I'll say about it. You conceal the truth of your thought in order to get at the truth of mine and - - -"

"How did you know that? It's true, but I . . ."

"Why, boy, I have been a Mason since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary!" laughed the Old Tiler. "Did you think your short time in the fraternity and less than a score and a half years in life could fool this old fossil? I knew you, like all other men, had a concealed face as well as an outward one. Your concealed face is eager and interested. Your outer one has a shamefaced pride in knowing as much as other men. You are still so much a boy you don't want to be thought a boy, just as if being a boy wasn't the most beautiful state there is for a he-person. And so you try to be a know-it-all, and, a devil-of-a-fellow and an old-and-experienced-man-of-the-world and a Mason-of-erudition, and to carry out this little play, which fools people like you, but not old hands like me, you pretend while you really want to know about it all."

"Why, you two-faced Old Tiler!" cried the New Brother aghast yet laughing. "I'll say you are two-faced, and in *my* meaning, at that. I never guessed you knew it!"

"The time wasn't ripe to tell you," grinned the Old Tiler. "To my certain knowledge no brother in our lodge is two-faced in your meaning of the word. Every one of them has a hidden face, but most of those are pleasant. Masons learn to show their hidden faces to their brethren, so I have just showed you mine."

"You think I am grown up?" asked the New Brother, wistfully.

"If you were *all* grown up, you'd know all this without being told," answered the Old Tiler. "Go along with you, boy! You'll grow up soon enough. Especially if you show that hidden face."

"It's on exhibition from now on!" announced the New Brother firmly.

A MASON'S WIFE

From active Masons, resolute,
Our wives and families we salute;
We surely know the price you pay,
Who sit alone while we're away.

No high degrees on you conferred,
In Lodge, your name is seldom heard;
You serve our cause though out of
sight,

While sitting home alone tonight.

Masonic papers list our names,
Awards are given, fit to frame;
But yours is absent...you who strive,
To keep our fortitude alive.

You're part of every helpful deed,
On your encouragement we feed;
Without your blessings, how could
we,

Continue acts of charity?

And so, this poem, we dedicate,
To every Master Mason's mate;
And offer our undying love,
Rewards await in Heaven above.

SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

Sorry about not producing a newsletter last month, if you happened to notice. I was sick for a week and a half with a bad cold. And the next week and a half with a really bad stomach virus. When I go all the way to the back side of Kingwood to the doctor you know I am really sick. Beside, last month was the first time I missed a stated meeting at Hempstead Lodge. also the first one at Waller Lodge,

Visit the newly revised Waller Masonic Lodge Web Site at it's new location when you have a little time to explore. There are now more than 50 different pages dedicated to gaining more light in Masonry
<http://mastermason.com/WallerLodge/>

Going To The Dogs

"A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down."
..... Robert Benchley

"No animal should ever jump up on the dining-room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation."
..... Fran Lebowitz

"I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult."
.....Rita Rudner

ALEXANDER I by William "Ray" Fischer

Alexander I succeed Paul I as Emperor of Russia in 1801. He then renewed the prohibitions against all secret societies, especially Freemasons. Two years later Boeber, counselor of state and director of the St. Petersburg, military school had an audience with the emperor. Boeber described the object of the institution and doctrine of its mysteries in such a way that the emperor rescinded the decrees.

The emperor gave the institution protection and asked to be initiated into the Order, which was done. The Grand Lodge Astrea of Russia was established and Boeber was elected Grand Master.

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Parker, Monte Paul . 10-7-82
Smith, Huey D. 10-16-81

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Chamberland, Clarence 10-04-36
Holloman, "Doug" 10-19-41
Shields, Thomas Roy 10-30-16
York, Steven Wayne 10-08-51

Thoughts From The Secretary's Desk

You know, I guess almost everyone makes mistakes once in awhile. But, I never believed it would happen to me. Well, it seems I have made my first one.

When Filling out the "Annual Report" for the grand Lodge I noticed that the date of the Charter on the older reports was December 6 1893. And I celebrated the Lodge's 110th birthday on June 5, 1893. After checking further I discovered that the date of the petition was June 5th. So, because of my little mistake we get to celebrate the Lodge's 110 birthday again this December. Maybe with this second chance we can do something special to celebrate the event.

Test Questions From The Science Class

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized?
(e.g., abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?
A: A small lie.!

Q: What does "varicose" mean?
A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section"
A: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?
A: Benign is what you will be after you are eight.

Several years ago, this man returned home from a trip just after a storm hit with crashing thunder and severe lightning.

As he came into my bedroom about 2 a.m., he found his two children in bed with my wife, apparently scared by the loud storm. He resigned myself to sleep in the guest bedroom that night.

The next day, he talked to the children, and explained that it was okay to sleep with Mom when the storm was bad, but when he was expected home, please don't sleep with Mom that night. They said okay.

After his next trip several weeks later, his wife and the children picked him up in the terminal at the appointed time. Since the plane was late, there were hundreds of other folks waiting for their arriving passengers, also.

As he entered the waiting area, his son saw him, and came running shouting, "Hi, Dad! I've got some good news!"

As he waved back, he said loudly, "What's the good news?"

"Nobody slept with Mommy while you were away this time!"

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