



# Gems of Purpose

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## Sumner County Mortuary Club &

### The Sumner County Scottish Rite Club

Brother Robert Wade Lankford, 33° and Past Master of King Solomon, is seeking to revive both the Sumner County Mortuary Club and the Sumner County Scottish Rite Club. The Mortuary Club has been inactive for the past several years.

Members of the club were notified when a fellow member passed away and they would send in an amount of money to help support the widow and family of the departed. The money was presented to the widow in cash to help defray minor expenses during and after the funeral. Things like food and travel money, a new dress for the funeral, or just walking around money. At those times, the widow is too upset to think clearly and needs the money for incidentals. It was a wonderful Masonic organization, and it would have great benefit if revived.

The Scottish Rite Club offered Scottish Rite Masons a chance to enjoy Scottish Rite Masonry on a local level. If you are interested in either or both of these clubs, please contact either the secretary or Brother Robert Wade Lankford.

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## Clandestine Lodge

“A body of Masons uniting in a lodge without the consent of a Grand Lodge, or, although originally legally constituted, continuing to work after its charter has been revoked is styled a ‘clandestine lodge.’”

## Clandestine Mason

“One made in or affiliated with a clandestine Lodge. With clandestine Lodges or Masons, regular Masons are forbidden to associate or converse on Masonic subjects.”

- *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*  
Albert G. Mackey, 33°

## Anderson's Constitutions Continued

Anderson's third charge is dealing with lodges. It is very interesting, and I think you will find it enjoyable.

### III. OF LODGES.

A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work; Hence that Assembly, or duly organized Society of

Masons, is call'd a Lodge, and every Brother ought to belong to one, and to be subject to its By-Laws and the General Regulations. It is either particular or general, and will be best understood by attending it, and by the Regulations of the General or Grand Lodge hereunto annex'd. In ancient Times, no Master or Fellow could be absent from it especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a sever Censure, until it appear'd to the Master and Wardens that pure Necessity hinder'd him. The persons admitted Members of a Lodge must be good and true Men, free-born, and of mature and discreet Age, no Bondmen, no Women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good Report.

(<http://bessel.org/landmark.htm>)

## 50 Year Mason

Brother Owen Smith Woodard was presented with his fifty-year pin at the lodge's Family Night, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Brother Owen was made a Master Mason on August 18, 1956. Congratulations to Bro. Woodard on this great achievement.

Other 50 year members of Bethpage Lodge are Raymond Story Brown, Clyde Beasley Dilleha, and Clyde Odell Tuttle.



## A Masonic Prayer

Gracious God, teach us the benefits of living so as to cause our lives to be as pure and spotless as was the first Masonic apron presented to us. make us careful about our reputation as individual Masons and as a fraternity. Remind us of the blessings which flow from purity of heart and blamelessness of conduct in a world where scandal seems to be the rule rather than the exception. Guide us on our way as we journey from this place and strengthen us to make purity of life and rectitude of conduct our aim. Amen.

(Anonymous)



## The Cornucopia

What does Thanksgiving and Masonry have in common? Well the cornucopia is one thing! According to Mackey's Encyclopedia, cornucopia means "the horn of plenty". Mackey continues to say the following:

"The old pagan myth tells us that Zeus was nourished during his infancy in Crete by the daughters of Melissus, with the milk of the goat Amalthea. Zeus, when he came to the empire of the heavens as a constellation, and gave one of her horns to his nurses, with the assurance that it should furnish them with a never failing supply of whatever they might desire. Hence it is a symbol of abundance, and as such has been adopted as the jewels of the Stewards of a lodge, to remind them that it is their duty to see that the tables are properly furnished at refreshment, and that every brother is suitably provided for."

## Rising Point

Rising Point is a quarterly publication published by the Bonisteel Masonic Library. Visit their website at [www.bonisteelml.org](http://www.bonisteelml.org), and download the Rising Point newsletter from [www.bonisteelml.org/MASONIC\\_REVIEW.htm](http://www.bonisteelml.org/MASONIC_REVIEW.htm). The articles are entertaining and very informative. It is free to download the articles and very inexpensive if you prefer to get a print copy. Check it out!

### A Female Mason!

Honorable Mrs. Elizabeth Aldworth, Daughter of Lord Doneraile of County Cork, Ireland, received the First and Second degrees as a girl. Curiosity prompted her to conceal herself in the lodge held at Doneraile Court, and upon her discovery, it was decided to admit her as a member to solve the predicament.

There are actual several such cases recorded in history. Believe it or Not?

*Prov. 23:23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.*

## Dates to Remember

October 19 – Stated Meeting 7pm  
October 27 & 28 – York Rite Festival (G.L.B.)  
October 28 – Official Visit 6pm Eat 7pm OV  
November 16 – Stated Meeting 7pm  
November 18 – Quarry Meeting (Lebanon Lodge) 7pm – Dickie Johnson  
November – 3, 4, 10 & 11 – Scottish Rite Reunion (G.L.B)

## SUPREME COUNCIL HAS A NEW WEBSITE

The Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonry, S.J. has a new website. They have moved to [www.scottihsrte.org](http://www.scottihsrte.org). Stop by and surf. The website is interesting and informative. You can take a virtual tour of the House of the Temple and read articles from past issues of the Scottish Rite Journal. It is a very user-friendly site, and I think you will enjoy your visit.