

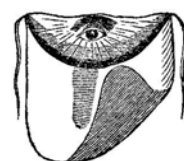
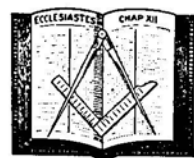
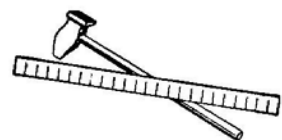
GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

With the coming of spring and summer I hope to see more Brethren attending our lodge meetings for support. We have exceptional Officers this year and for those Brothers that haven't been to a lodge meeting recently, how about setting aside a little of your valuable time to visit us? You might enjoy seeing a few of your friends and talking to some you haven't seen for awhile. I know we would enjoy seeing your smiling faces anytime. We have quite a few new members that you might know. Also, they would like to see you in their journey through their degrees.

We also need your votes on the new members that are petitioning to join our Lodge. We have quite a few already and more coming and your input on this subject would be greatly appreciated. In closing I would like to thank the members, Past Masters and visitors who have joined us this year.

Fraternally Yours,
Worshipful Brother Richard L. Rozzelle

CARING REPORT: Gregg Conley, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, Bruce Pope, Click Truitt, Richard Rozzelle's son, Don Hudson, Grimes Byerly's son, A.W. Morris, Jim Rader, Jim Yount, Jack Bridges, Bob Gregg, Joe Cagle, Jim Barker, Burl Lehman, Debbie Crenshaw and Family, Jerry Johnson's daughter, Bob Patton, Darrell Chapman, Charles Meadows, and Herbert Chilton, Jr. all need our prayers and attention.



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LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	J.P. Hilton	1994
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J.F. Taylor	1979	L.D. Huffman	1997
J.H. Elmore	1981	W.G. Byerly	1998
J.C. Bridges	1983	D.J. Wallace	1999
T.L. Hartman	1984	H.W. Walker	2000
E.C. Cline	1986	J.W. Davidson	2001
J.E. Vaught	1987	M.D. Hale	2002
J.H. Elmore	1988	W.J. Hunley	2003
C.E. Isenhour	1989	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
E.W. Masche	1991	D.L. Brandon	2006
J.D. Crawley	1993		

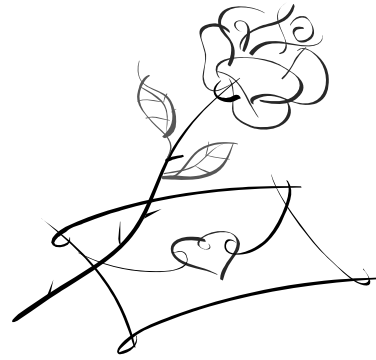
MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Marc Davis	5/1/1948	John McDaniel	5/9/1943	Ernest Masche	5/23/1927
James Smith	5/2/1926	Willard Pittman	5/11/1959	Pennington Wray	5/23/1938
Robert Hall	5/2/1935	Robert Hoard	5/11/1966	Alfred Swofford	5/24/1939
Dewey Keller	5/2/1947	James Taylor	5/14/1931	David Abernethy	5/24/1954
David Bowman	5/3/1951	Dan Beacham	5/14/1940	Frank Johnson	5/25/1924
Henry Truitt	5/4/1915	Creed Shortt, Jr.	5/16/1930	Marcus Cline	5/26/1945
Keith Campbell	5/4/1968	Philip Poats	5/17/1918	Donald Childress	5/26/1962
Robert Cline	5/6/1925	Johnnie White	5/19/1935	Walter Kisby	5/27/1962
Harry Whitener	5/8/1927	John Teague	5/21/1915	Horace Teague	5/28/1947
Nelson McLaughlin	5/8/1957	Robert Tucker	5/21/1938	Nelson Teague	5/28/1947
		Robert Drum	5/22/1939		



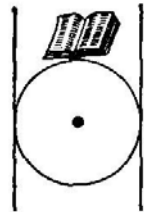
Special Thanks to ABC Florist of Newton for donating the Lodge's new wreath to be used during Masonic Funeral Rites. Please support this business by purchasing your next floral arrangement from them!!!

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Pythagoras and the Dummies
By: Worshipful Brother David Abernethy

I was amused recently when I thumbed through the book "Freemasonry for Dummies" and saw no index references for Geometry (although there was one for Goat!) Although several philosophies from Masonry were listed, the belief that the advance of knowledge is one of the highest aspirations of the enlightened person was absent.




Why is the famous Theorem of Pythagoras celebrated as one of these advances? What, exactly, did Pythagoras and his school discover? Egyptian and Middle Eastern schools were good at teaching "cookbook" solutions for common problems in farming and building; you yourself must be well aware of the "plug and chug" formulas our schools dish up today, in the same manner as did the predecessors of the Greeks. One of the facts these predecessors knew was the familiar formula for the possible measures of the sides of a right triangle. So, Pythagoras didn't discover the formula itself. The advance of the Pythagoreans was in how to prove that the formula was true. How is anything proven true, except through logic? Take a look at Euclid's *Elements*, probably the most successful scientific textbook ever written. The method of presentation is not by rote, but by proof. The hecatomb was sacrificed to celebrate the advance of science by extending logic to the problems of science. Once the logical, scientific method is established, then "the sky's the limit" of what man can discover through advances in mathematics and the sciences.



Sadly, our children are losing the benefits of the Pythagorean approach that was "cutting edge" before Caesar's time. Look at any geometry textbook in use in schools today and you are likely to see little use of the methods of proof that are the main reason that geometry was put into the curriculum. Other courses contain nothing about it. Is there any wonder that other countries produce a higher percentage of mathematicians and scientists than the United States, and their brightest students have higher test scores than ours? It would be a shame if most students will not be exposed to becoming anything more advanced than Dummies. Society could benefit from relearning about Pythagoras and his real discovery.



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Lodge Events Calendar MAY 2007

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 7:30 OES	2	3	4	5 7AM—10AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST
6	7 6:30 Meal 7:30 BL Stated	8	9 7:30 York Rite	10	11	12
13	14	15 7:30 OES	16	17	18	19
20	21 6:30 Meal 7:30 BL Stated	22	23	24	25	26
27 3pm—5pm Cert. Lect. Class	28	29	30	31		