

Calendar of Events

October

4 th	@ Lodge	6:30 Dinner	7:30 Stated Communication	
15 th	@ Lodge	9am to 1pm	Open House	All welcome
18 th	@ Lodge	6:30 Dinner	7:30 Stated Communication	
22 nd	@ Saint Cloud Civic Center	10am to 4pm	Kids ID program at Women and Children's Expo	
25 th	@ Monticello Community Center	6:30pm	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Organizational Meeting	

November

8 th	@ Lodge	6:30 Dinner	7:30 Stated Communication
22 nd	@ Lodge	6:30 Dinner	7:30 Stated Communication

December

6 th	@ Lodge	6:30 Dinner	7:30 Stated Communication	(2012 Elections)
20 th	@ Lodge	6:30 Dinner	7:30 Stated Communication	(Installation) (Tradition Prevailing)
23 rd	@ Cub Foods	12:00 Noon	Grocery Bagging	(Fundraiser for the River of Hope)

Would you like to attend a Lodge meeting for events and need a ride? Wondering what is going to be served for dinner? Would you like to write an article for the next issue of the Messenger?

Contact Brother Dallas O'Dell at 763-295-6443
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Monticello Lodge #16

Grand Lodge of Minnesota

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Monticello, MN 55362



Learn about the world's oldest and largest fraternity!

Masonic Lodge Open House
Saturday October 15th 2011
9 AM – 1 PM
Monticello Masonic Lodge
152 West Broadway, in Monticello.

Join us for refreshments and conversation. We will have members on hand from Masonry, the Shriners, Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, and the Scottish and York Rites. Everyone is welcome!

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Masonic Kids ID Program

Brothers of Monticello Lodge #16

I have just returned from the 2nd Kids ID event of this week-end. Actually I didn't attend an event yesterday as I spent some time at home with my bride.

The Kids ID program, that we are currently using, was introduced in Minnesota in the fall of 2009. It replaced the older system with the messy ink fingerprinting and small CD disc with a photo. We are now using the most comprehensive child identification program in the nation. For those of you that have not been involved with the new program it involves having a parent filling out a form, with all of the child's personal characteristics, height, weight, address, phone numbers and contact information and a consent form is signed. DNA is then taken, the personal information is entered into a computer program, 3-4 photos are taken, a video with audio, for voice recognition is taken along with digital fingerprints. All this is down-loaded onto a CD and a paper copy is printed. 2 personal ID cards are printed and laminated for the parents. The program has been a huge success wherever it has been held. Several Lodges have held events 3, 4, and 5 times and are scheduling additional events. The public loves the program. It is a great way to bring our Lodges back into focus in our communities.

Monticello Lodge will be helping with the event at the St. Cloud Civic Arena on October 22, 2011. I hope to see everyone there to help represent Masonry. It is so gratifying to see how much the parents appreciate this program and the Masons for the work they are doing in the communities to help protect the kids

Fraternally,
Bob Holly
Masonic Grand Lodge of Minnesota
Kids ID Chairman

Know the Facts:

- 797,500 children (younger than 18) were reported missing in a one-year period of time studied resulting in an average of 2,185 children being reported missing each day.
- 203,900 children were the victims of family abductions.
- 58,200 children were the victims of non-family abductions.
- 115 children were the victims of "stereotypical" kidnapping. These crimes involve someone the child
- does not know or a slight acquaintance who holds the child overnight, transports the child 50 miles or more, kills the child, demands ransom, or intends to keep the child permanently.
- Since 1997, the AMBER Alert program has been credited with the safe recovery of 525 children.
- Since 1984, NCMEC has assisted law enforcement with more than 174,000 missing child cases, resulting in the recovery of more than 160,000 children.
- NCMEC's toll-free national Hotline 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678) has handled more than 2.5 million telephone calls.



Masonic Trivia

In 1892 the world's tallest building was the Masonic Temple at Randolph and State Streets in Chicago



In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.



On his famous solo flight across the Atlantic, Charles Lindbergh wore a square and compasses on his jacket as a good luck piece. He was a mason.



President Ford was a Mason. He received his Your Rite Degrees IN the Oval Office.



To show no favor toward any religion, George Washington took his oath of office on a Bible borrowed from a nearby Masonic Lodge

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Why are we “Blue”?

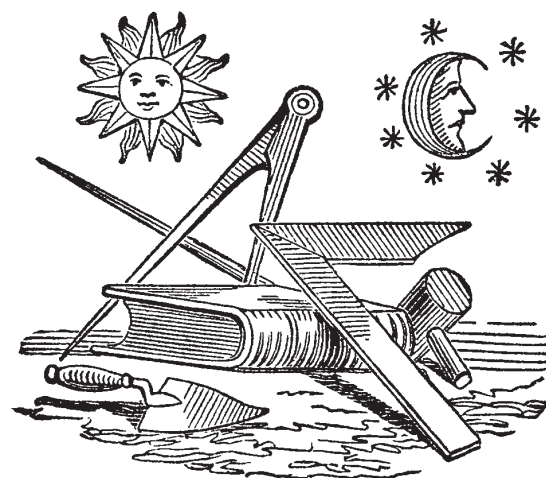
Blue is the symbol of truth and universality, and we have seen how it was therefore much used by Divine command, and in the vestments of the Jewish priests. It is the color appropriate to the First Three Degrees, or Ancient Craft Masonry, and the curtains, cushions, etc. of a Lodge are therefore blue. This color naturally suggests the thoughts of the blue sky and the blue sea; of their vast extent, their profound depths, those of the sky being absolutely without limit; of their changelessness throughout the lapse of ages, though clouds may sometimes for a while obscure the sky, and the storms agitate the surface of the sea. There is much to engage the mind and much to affect the heart in the thought of the perfect stillness of the ocean depths, to which the power of the most fearful storms never reaches; and of the ever unbroken repose of the illimitable space beyond the clouds, where the orbs of heaven always shine in pure and serene majesty. Such thoughts carry away the mind from the world and its vicissitudes and cares to the better country. Nor is this all. The color that symbolizes truth and universality teaches us to maintain truth in our relations to God Himself and to our fellow man, and it teaches us that our charity ought to be extended to the entire human race. Truth in our relation to God is, in other words, sincerity and earnestness in religion, implying a continual cultivation of its graces, and a constant endeavor to discharge all its duties. Truth, in relation to our fellow-men, implies not only the avoidance of all falsehood in speech, but of all that savors of deceit in our conduct, uprightness in all our dealings, a perfect and unimpeachable honesty, such that our own conscience may have nothing of which to accuse us, even in transactions the true character of which only God and ourselves can discern.

- Source: Wm. W. Vickers
The Canadian Craftsman, June 1898

Message from the East

Worshipful Brother Tracy Newman

I had the pleasure of visiting Clearwater Lodge for a second degree the other weekend. Since I joined the Fraternity, one of the things was at first surprising and at the same time very enjoyable, was visiting other Lodges. Surprising at first, because it was so new to me to be welcomed by a group of people that I had never met, yet it was quite obvious that it was very natural to them to welcome people that they had never met. While I no longer find it surprising that this is the way Brothers welcome visitors, I still find myself drawn to visit other lodges whenever I can, just to remind myself of the fellowship that makes this Fraternity so great.



Message from the South

Junior Warden Allan Johnson

Well brothers we are getting off to a good start this year. This newsletter is a fantastic undertaking to reach out to those who have not been to lodge for quite some time. Also, to keep the members who are lucky enough to go south for the winter up to speed as to what we, as a lodge are doing, besides shoveling snow and scraping ice off the windows! I would like to personally thank the brothers who have volunteered for getting it organized and out in the mail. This project will require help (ie Articles, ideas or any input) from, I would say, every lodge member if possible. Weather they have been in lodge lately or not in the last 10 years.

Leaving our Brothers behind?

Tonight is Tuesday, October 04, 2011. Our fraternity is hundreds of years old, our lodge is over a hundred and fifty years old, and we have members of our own lodge that have been Masons for over fifty years (even sixty years!). There are some things that have never changed, and some things that have changed very little, and there are some things that have changed significantly. Communication, most certainly, fits in the later-most category.

I know what you're thinking... "Duh!" But, for me this was an epiphany tonight; so for those of you who were not at tonight's meeting, I'll give you the synopsis.

I was just explaining that I had created a new Facebook page for our lodge (www.facebook.com/monticello16) and was wondering if anyone would be interested in adding content to it. That's when WB Duane piped up and asked (I paraphrase here), "Is that where all our communication is going?" Essentially, what our esteemed chaplain was asking was, if he doesn't have a Facebook account, if he doesn't have an email account, is he no longer going to be included in lodge, outside of lodge? This brought up a healthy discussion on the methods of communication that we utilize as an organization.

As I look at our society as a whole it seems to me that, as we're progressing in our communication capabilities, we're regressing in our communication effectiveness. Many of us text, chat on line, Facebook, tweet, and may have multiple phone numbers and email addresses. We have contacts on our smartphones, laptops, and tablets, and in our email programs for people we don't remember, and wouldn't even recognize if we bumped into them in the store (assuming you're not shopping online). But how often do we use these many splendid avenues for substantive communications? How often do we communicate with our friends and colleagues that have the same capabilities and propensities, and forgo communications with others simply because they don't have a Facebook or email account?

There's nothing wrong with progress and technology; there's no need to fight it. In fact, embracing it is surely the only way we'll be able to thrive as a fraternity, for future generations. But in doing so, we need to remember to not leave our less technically savvy Brethren behind. To that end, the attending Brothers in tonight's communication have motioned, seconded, and passed a resolution to send out this printed newsletter on a consistent basis; starting with monthly editions.

Your feedback is always welcome. Correspondence can be mailed to Monticello Lodge #16, P.O. Box 222, Monticello, MN 55362.

And of course, you're always welcome to attend lodge on the first and third Tuesday of each month, September through May.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bro. Joel Peterson

Senior Steward

Our Chance to Answer the Call

Monticello Lodge #16 has been invited to participate planning and implementation of a "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" program in our community. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 6:30PM at the Monticello Community Center. Several members of our Lodge are planning on attending. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bro. Dallas at 763-295-6443 so he can let the organizers know how many Masons will be there.



What is Beyond the Yellow Ribbon?

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a comprehensive program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting Service members and their families with community support, training, services and resources.

We do this by:

1. Creating awareness through the Yellow Ribbon Community Campaign and synchronizing sustainable community support networks.
2. Connecting and coordinating organizations, agencies and companies to provide resources and support to Service members and their families.
3. Delivering a series of formal Yellow Ribbon Training events to Service members and their families before, during and after deployment.
4. Providing an opportunity for Minnesotans to support Service members and their families.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is united to bring Servicemembers all the way home.