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June 05	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
June 12	(Thursday)
7:30 PM	Second Degree Conferral
June 26	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	OAM—Mt. Moriah
June 27	(Friday)
6:30 PM	Hall Association Meeting
7:30 PM	First Degree Conferral

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ASTRONOMY: The Seventh Liberal Art

by John C. McMullen

As we read and study our ritual we come across in the Fellow craft degree, the three, five and seven steps. The seven steps are said to allude which to the seven Sabbatical years, the seven years of famine, the seven years in building the temple, the seven golden candlesticks, the seven wonders of the world, seven wise men of the east, the seven planets, and the seven liberal arts and sciences. Of the seven liberal arts and sciences are grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. I would like to talk about astronomy for a moment and show how this science has evolved and how it is interconnected to many other sciences. We know that astronomy is the study of the heavens. When one begins to study heavenly bodies one finds that the uses of many different sciences come into play. Topology for one deals with the study of the geometric properties of a body. We would use topology to study and map out the surface of the body we are studying. We would use geometry to calculate the size of the body, its mass and geometric proportions. Chemistry comes into play when use spectroscopy to break down the body's light rays and thereby giving us an idea of its chemical make-up. Geometry as well as trigonometry is the basis for calculating the orbit and velocity of the body in question. Astronomy as we know it now is quite a different art then it was so many years ago when our forefathers and our Grand Masters were here. Back in olden times before telescope and radio telescope, astronomy took place in a simpler form. The mere looking up into the night sky and charting the stars was not the exact science that we know now. To fully appreciate the skies as seen by the ancients we need to feel the emotional climate in which our ancestors lived. Many of us live in bright, light-polluted cities, and spend much of our time indoors at night, it is difficult for us to fully appreciate the majesty of the night sky, and the important role it played in ancient times. We need to try to remember the rush of emotions we felt the first time we looked at a dark night sky, and clearly saw the Milky Way crossing the sky amidst a sea of countless stars. While crude by modern standards, the measurements of ancient astronomers were often of impressive precision in their description of planetary motions, and in the measurement of risings and settings of constellations.

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From the East

Brethren,

Our Degree work will be picking up shortly. We have a First Degree scheduled for Friday (yes, Friday) June 27th at 7:30 PM. The candidate is the grandson of a Past Master of ours. I hope you all can make it. We also have a Second Degree Conferral on Thursday, June 12. All sideliners appreciated! We have several outstanding or pending applications, so stay tuned. Also, on behalf of the lodge I'd like to offer get-well wishes to Patty Dingman, who suffered a stroke last week. She is doing better now at Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital. Finally, Mt. Moriah hosts the OAM this month on Thursday the 26th. We would appreciate help in setup and cleanup.

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MASTER MASON DEGREE - Ecclesiastes – 12:1 (Explanation)

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- (1) Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,
Many young and middle aged people overlook there surroundings and God, but as old age comes to them they start to become concerned with how they have arrived at where they are and now try to play caught up.
- (2) While the evil days come not,
When your body and mind don't work the way they did in youth.
- (3) Nor the years draw nigh,
Your time and years are drawing to a close.
- (4) When thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them,
When you can't do that which took no effort in youth to do, and now all you can do is sit and watch, or have someone else do it for you.
- (5) While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened,
When death finally prevails and you are no longer part of the wonders of life and nature.
- (6) Nor the clouds return, after the rain,
Rains created new growth and life, a fresh start. And the sun or the stars once again appear.
- (7) In the day when the keepers or the house shall tremble,
The keepers or the house are the hands, the arms, and legs, the trembling comes with the feebleness of old age.
- (8) And the strong men shall bow themselves,
When they become stooped over, or bow legged, no longer able to stand erect.
- (9) And the grinders cease because they are few,
The grinders are the teeth, which were usually very few, (in old age), if you were fortunate enough to have any.

BLUE LODGE

by William R. Fischer

Blue is emphatically the color of Masonry. It is the color of the vault of heaven, which embraces and covers the whole globe. If a Mason does anything under the blue sky of heaven, he should behave in a just and moral manner. He is bound by his obligation to act under the blue sky in the same manner that he does in the Lodge.

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Aristarchus of Samos, a Greek about 310-230 BC, had a heliocentric model. He proposed that all of the planets, including Earth revolved around the Sun, and that the Earth rotates on its axis once a day. His ideas did not gain widespread acceptance during his lifetime. This sun-centered model was later revived by Nicholaus Copernicus, a Polish cleric (1473-1543) around 1500. He was dissatisfied with the complexity of the geocentric model. Copernicus was the first to determine the relative distances of planets from the sun. Arguments against the geocentric model were so forceful that he came under fire from the Catholic Church and was forced to give a public denial of the heliocentric/Copernican system, and was placed under house arrest for the last 10 years of his life. He was not pardoned by the Church until 1992. By the time of Issac Newton who was a prominent English scholar, mathematician and physicist, the scientific world had accepted the heliocentric model. Newton Studied the heavens but in a much different light. He used physics to explain the motions of the heavenly bodies. Through his three laws of motion we have much of what describes how gravity affects the movements of the heavenly bodies.

Modern Astronomers have an incredible wealth of history to draw on. They still use the science of geometry, physics, trigonometry, spectroscopy and topology, among others in their study of astronomy. However their work is made much easier by the use of incredibly powerful telescopes. These telescopes are thousands of times larger and more powerful than those made use of by our ancient brethren. They have computers and powerful computer programs to help them with their calculations. With these powerful tools they delve into the hidden mysteries of the heavens and as they solve one great question they find a hundred others to take its place.

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- (10) And those that look out of the windows be darkened,
The windows are the eyes. Failing sight is a trait common to old age.
- (11) And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low,
The doors are the lips, the streets are the mouth by which nourishment enters, and the sound of the grinding is the human voice. In old age when the teeth are lost, mumbling is a very common attribute.
- (12) And he shall rise up at the voice of the birds,
The birds is the crowing cock. In old age mankind is more restless in his slumbers, and early rising is a habit with many.
- (13) And all the daughters of music shall be brought low,
The daughters of music is the ears. The voice loses its strength and hearing becomes less acute in the aged.
- (14) Also, when they shall be afraid of that which is high,
In the declining years, men fear to scale the heights which in their prime they ascended with ease.
- (15) And fears shall be in the way,
Timidity is a common fault of older people. They are filled with apprehension at the first sign of danger.
- (16) And the almond tree shall flourish,
It refers to the white flower of that tree and the allegorical significance is to old age, when the hair of the head shall become white or gray.
- (17) And the grasshopper shall be a burden,
To the weakness of old age, even the weight of so small a thing as a grasshopper, is a burden, or a pest.
- (18) And desire shall fail,
The appetites and desires of youth cease in the declining years.
- (19) Because man goeth to his long home,
Literally to his grave. Or to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.
- (20) And the mourners go about the streets,
This refers to the original custom of having official mourners, who make public lamentations for the dead.
- (21) Or ever the silver cord be loosed,
The silver cord is that spiritual cord which connects man to his God the same way an umbilical cord connects the baby to its mother.
- (22) Or the golden bowl be broken,
The skull is called the golden bowl, from its yellow color.
- (23) Or the pitcher be broken at the fountain,
The pitcher is the great vein which carries the blood to the ventricle of the heart, here called the fountain.
- (24) Or the wheel broken at the cistern,
The wheel represents the aorta or great artery which receives the blood from the ventricle of the heart or the cistern and distributes it through the body.
- (25) Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
Upon decomposition the body will return to mother earth from where it first originated, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

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Back in the days of Galileo people believed that not only the sun and planets but the entire universe revolved around earth. Our modern view of astronomy in which the Earth rotates on its axis and revolves around the sun evolved during a time called the scientific revolution. This was in the 16th and 17th centuries (1500's and 1600's), and followed the Renaissance (1275-1475 AD). This period in time provides a transition between the medieval and the modern world. In the Mid 16th Century (mid-1500's) there were 2 models to describe the structure of the universe. The geocentric and heliocentric theories were those two. The geocentric model placed earth at the center of the universe. The heliocentric model placed the sun in the center of the universe as a stationary object with the universe rotating around it. Both were good models because they accounted for all observations of the movement of the sun and the moon, and the planets, and the stars, they were good predictors of future positions of celestial bodies; models were verifiable and they were simple. The geocentric model probably originated with the Greeks or Egyptians prior to 300 BC. It was summarized by Ptolemy (about 100 - 200 AD), a Greek philosopher who studied in Egypt.

Quality of observations was fairly poor, but the model worked fairly well. With more precise observations, it did not hold up; many corrections had to be added and it did not explain some things, such as changes in brightness of planets. Aristotle had a strong influence, and his teachings carried great weight. He promoted the geocentric model. Tycho Brach was another astronomer who lived from 1546-1601. In trying to decide between the geocentric and heliocentric models, Tycho was disappointed with the predictive capability of both models. Much of the reason was the crudeness of the available instruments. Tycho felt that he needed better instruments to make more accurate measurements. He hoped that better observations would allow him to choose between the models. He was still unable to choose between the geocentric and heliocentric model. He had his own model with the Earth at the center, orbited by the sun and the moon, with planets orbiting the sun. He never worked out the mathematical details, and his model was never accepted. The Ptolemaic "Earth-centered" model survived for almost 1300 years.

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From the Secretary's Table

We have received a nice DVD for the George Washington Masonic Memorial if anyone would like to borrow it to see. Also there will be a rededication of the Columbia Masonic Temple on June 14th if you would like to attend. We are down to only 21 members who have not paid their 2014 dues as yet, so we are doing wonderfully.

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From the West

Brethren,

We just had our proficiency on the second degree in advanced stations. We are going to start working on the third degree in advanced stations. I am still looking for a Junior Deacon and Stewards. If you would like to fill one of these positions let me know.

The Lodge Officers are part of a "progressive line", which is also known as "going through the chairs" ...or as the Masonic Officer Chairs. This line of succession moves up one position at a time from one year to the next. If no one asks to "step out of line" for any reason, 7 years from the time of becoming Junior Steward, the Master Mason will arrive at the chair of the Worshipful Master. The progression is as follows: Junior Steward, Senior Steward, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden...and then Worshipful Master.

On May 12 I had the pleasure of visiting Liberty Lodge. It was my first time there. They were performing a second degree for a fellow DeMolay Advisor of mine from Santa Clara Chapter. There were several other advisors there to support him in his advancement. When I showed up I was asked if I wanted to assist in the degree. So, that night I was the Senior Steward. I enjoyed their fellowship and I hope to visit them in the future.

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From the South

Brethren,

The menu for our June Stated Meeting dinner, which will take place at 6:30 PM on Thursday, June 5th, 2014, in celebration of Flag Day and by popular request, will consist of a Green Salad, Tri-Tip Steak, and Corn on the Cob, with Berry Parfait for dessert. For Vegetarians, Vegetable Lasagna. Contact me or my wife at 408-252-5340 at least three days in advance to reserve your vegetarian meal. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 per person. If you are planning to attend the dinner, please RSVP by Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014, preferably by email, to dialdice@gmail.com. You may also RSVP via phone or text, at 408-550-5039. As usual, I will use the RSVP count when planning for how much food to prepare. These dinners are always a great way to share good times with fellow brothers and their families. If you have any suggestions for a future dinner this year, please let me know. Also, any help, especially with taking money at the door or cleanup afterwards, would be greatly appreciated.

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the Army birthday on this date; Congress adopted 'the American continental army' after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. It is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first (and only) U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale.

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