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GLOBES

by William R. Fischer

A question was asked, "If King Solomon's Temple was built in 967 BC and globes were placed on top of the pillars, how did they know the world was round?"

This question is quite pertinent because it was not until 1522 that Magellan proved the world was round. How could the men of King Solomon's period know the world was round? The answer is they did not know.

The contemporaries of Solomon believed the earth stood still, and was inside a hollow sphere with its inner surface dotted with stars revolving about the earth. This slow turning "celestial sphere" is the oldest theory of mankind's observations of the "starry-decked heavens".

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This could explain the globe on the pillar at the right, but what about the one on the left? Even if they knew the earth was round this globe could not be a good representation of it. They did not know about the Americas. They thought the earth was an oblong square or rectangle, so there should have been a rectangle on the top of the pillar.

What was there?

It is believed that the "globes upon the pillars" are a corruption of the lily-work of the Old Testament. The lily was apparently the Egyptian lotus which was in Egypt a symbol of the universe. Thus the symbol of the universe was placed atop the pillars and referred to, as centuries past, as globes because of their round hollow shape.

From the East

Brethren,

Congratulations to Bro. John Owens on being passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. It was a great degree.

I would like to see more people attend our degrees. The last several degrees, we have had a very low number of sideliners attend. It is getting to be very discouraging. I know you all have lives of your own, but please make an effort to attend lodge events. It is depressing to give a degree to a nearly empty room and gives the impression to our candidates that we don't care. To those who do attend regularly, many thanks.

Wor. Bob Rowan's memorial service was very nice. They set out seats for 500 and it was still standing room only. He will definitely be missed by a lot of people.

Faternally,
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AID AND ASSISTANCE

by William R. Fischer

The duty of "Aid and Assistance" is an important obligation, imposed upon every brother of the order. "To aid and assist all worthy distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans."

This is according to human nature that will always prefer a friend to a stranger.

Expressed in the language of "Long Tom Coffin":

A messmate before a shipmate.

A shipmate before a stranger.

A stranger before a dog.

As we have the opportunity, let us do well for all men, especially to those of the same house.

We must be ready to aid those who need our help, brothers or strangers.

If those we could have helped and don't, are lost, we lose even more.

For these poor people only lose what they have, but we lose them, our dignity, and our own self worth.

MOMMY, IS THAT MAN A MASON?

by Ex. Comp. Don Maybaugh, Jr. (Ohio)

The Royal Arch Mason - Spring 1977

The following story was related to me by my daughter.

A couple of months ago, my five-year-old granddaughter was in the front yard, jumping rope with her sister. The one end of the rope was tied to a tree, the other end, in the hands of her sister was being twirled. My granddaughter was jumping when suddenly the rope became tangled.

Just then a retired neighbor from the next street came walking by. Seeing the girls were in trouble, he stopped to help untangle the rope and retied it properly. He then took hold of the other end and spent several minutes showing them how to twirl it properly. My granddaughter then thanked him.

His answer to her was, "Honey, you don't have to thank me it was my duty," after which he continued walking down the street.

My granddaughter then went into the house and asked her mother, "Mommy, is that man a Mason?" Her mother smiled and said, "Yes, honey, that man is a Mason!"

They say that out of the mouths of babes come words of wisdom. That same man was senior warden 30 years ago, when I was raised a Master Mason. Although, due to ill health, he had not attended lodge in the last few years, he still remembered his obligations. When he was active, he inspired me enough that I vowed to myself that someday I would become master. Due to my work for 20 years, I was unable to fulfill that vow. But, in the last few years, I have been privileged to serve as master, high priest, and now as generalissimo of my Commandery. I am hoping to serve as commander next year.

As such, I have often heard, "Why is attendance in all bodies on the decline?" We strive for perfection in our lodge ritual work, but do we, as Masons, let our light shine before men that they may see our good works?

The Mason of whom I have spoken, although unable to attend lodge, was able to impress a five-year-old girl. Can we not learn from this event that our everyday lives in lodge, work and the home are what it is all about? My little granddaughter has seen me rush home from work, dress and hurry to lodge. The night I was installed as master, she gave me a worshipful master's pin to wear on my lapel.

She may be only five years old, but she seems to know what Masonry is about.

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I AM PROUD TO BE A MASON

by Seymour Atlas

I shall never forget my first thought as I made my initial entrance into the Masonic Lodge that conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on me, and followed with the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees. I was immediately made to feel that I was surrounded by Brothers. I felt there were no strangers present. This was one big family that seemed to have adopted me, and I, in turn, was elated to adopt them as my family.

My horizon of Masonry expanded, and my pride and joy were bubbling and effervescent. I couldn't wait to be able to confer the Degrees on others as there was so much I wanted to explain and elaborate about each Degree.

I was offered this opportunity and immediately began to study and memorize many parts, and over the years I became very active, holding office, lecturing, and taking an active part in every phase of Masonry where my talents and abilities could be used. One aspect of Masonry that has made a great impression on me was the ability of all Brothers, regardless of religion, to ask me why did I need Masonry as a Rabbi, because my profession was one of integrity, kindness, honesty, and all the attributes expounded in Masonry. It was difficult for many to grasp my need for this addition and supplement to religion. I worked with men of different religions, as well as of the Hebrew faith, and they were all impressed when I would say that Masonry is not a religion, but to be a Mason we had to believe in God, and if this was the only aspect of our religion and we had no other formal religion, yet we adhered to all the moral teachings of Masonry; this too would have put us in the category of men of integrity. However, Masonry is not a substitute for religion, nor is it a religion.

My experience has shown that Masons are, for the most part, deeply religious men. I am proud to be a Mason and a part of an organization that is devoted to helping, without question or embarrassment, widows, orphans, and those in need.

I am proud to be a Mason and to be a part of a Fraternity dedicated to the upholding of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights.

I am proud to be a Mason who believes in the freedom of mankind and the sanctity of human life.

I am proud to be a Mason who believes in the dignity of God's children and opposes hatred and bigotry, and stands for truth, justice, kindness, integrity, and righteousness for all.

I am proud to be a Mason and shall always be happy to number myself among those who uphold those cardinal principles and moral standards of life that are so needed if our organization is to continue on the high level that has been its character from its inception. May God grant it continued strength to go, to grow, and to glow so that I and all Masons can exclaim: "I am proud to be a Mason!"

A CIVIL WAR STORY

by John Hohenstein

Zerubbabel Lodge #15, Savannah, Georgia

It was a time not long after Fort Sumter and The War of Northern Aggression was well under way. The Yankees, as they are still wont to do, had promptly flocked to Hilton Head and Tybee Islands, the barrier islands on opposite sides of the mouth of the Savannah River. The Savannah Folks didn't mind much that the Yankees had stolen the good beaches, for the water was still a bit cool for Southern preferences and, besides, they knew the gnats and mosquitoes would teach the Yankees a lesson they'd never forget. So, the Southerners, as Southerners are wont to do sometimes, just waited.

They didn't have to wait very long before the Yankees on Hilton Head sent out a messenger under a white flag. It seemed that the Yankees had among them a young fellow who had passed through the Fellow Craft Degree before shipping out. The Yanks were just sitting around slapping gnats when it occurred to one of them that, just maybe, there was a nearby lodge that could test him in the Fellow Craft Degree and raise him to that of a Master Mason.

As luck would have it, there was indeed a lodge in Savannah that would soon be having a Masters Degree.

One morning, not too many days later, a detail of Confederate Cavalry slipped across the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled through Bluffton to the shore opposite Hilton Head Island.

From there they escorted one Fellow Craft Mason and, I believe, a number of Master Masons of the Northern Persuasion, safely through the Confederate Lines and back through about 35 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah where the candidate and his witnesses were delivered into the lodge.

The records note that this Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

That night another detail of Confederate Cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, slipped back across the Savannah River and safely escorted their Brothers back to Hilton Head.

From the Secretary's Table

There are a few items of interest: 1) There will be a rededication of the cornerstone of the California State Capitol Building on June 21st. 2) Past Grand Master Allen B Gresham passed away on April 20th. 3) DeMolay could use some donations for their leadership development program. 4) There a number of Lodge Management Certification Programs coming up in May, July, and August. 5) And last, everyone wish Julianne Franceschini a happy birthday on May 15th.

Fraternally,

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From the West

Brethren,

May is Youth Orders Month. Our youth orders consist of DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs' Daughters. They need our support. We can support them this month by attending their meetings and events.

- Santa Clara DeMolay meets at the Santa Clara Masonic Lodge (1675 Scott Blvd) on the 1st Wednesday at 7 PM and 3rd Sunday at 4 PM.
- Santa Clara DeMolay is having a Mother's Day Breakfast at the Santa Clara Masonic Lodge on May 11th from 9 AM-noon (cost \$10 per person, ages 6-12 are \$5 and ages 5 and under are free).
- San Jose DeMolay meets at the San Jose Masonic Center (2500 Masonic Dr.) on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:30 PM.
- San Jose Rainbow meets at the San Jose Masonic Center on 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10 AM.
- San Jose Jobs' Daughters meets at the San Jose Masonic Center on the 2nd Friday at 7 PM and 4th Saturday at 9 AM.

I am still looking for a Junior Deacon and Stewards for next year. If you would like to fill one of these positions, let me know.

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From the South

Brethren, the menu for our May Stated Meeting dinner, which will take place at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 1st, 2014, will consist of a green salad, classic burritos (chicken, beef, and pork), and chips and salsa, with assorted Mexican pastries and flan (custard) for dessert. There will also be margaritas available to drink, in addition to the usual assortment of beverages, to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 per person. If you are planning to attend the dinner, please RSVP no later than Tuesday, April 29th, 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.

Cinco de Mayo, which is Spanish for 'fifth of May', is a celebration held on May 5. It is celebrated in the United States and also in parts of Mexico, primarily in the state of Puebla, where the holiday is called 'El Dia de la Batalla de Puebla'. In English, it means 'The Day of the Battle of Puebla'. It is a much bigger holiday in the United States than in Mexico, especially in the western and southwestern states. It originated with Mexican-American communities in the American West as a way to commemorate the cause of freedom and democracy during the first years of the American Civil War, and today the date is observed in the United States as a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride. In the Mexican state of Puebla, the date is observed to commemorate the Mexican army's unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day, which is celebrated on September 16.

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