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*Celebrating Our 108th Year*



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## UNDER THE MASTER'S HAT

Brethren,

The Inspection season is complete, and University Lodge passed with praise from RWB Adam B. Michael. I want to thank all my Officers and Brethren for their assistance in all the practices leading up to conferral of our Master Mason Inspection degree. We have more candidates waiting in the wings and I look forward to our completing more of the degrees while bringing the new Brothers to Light. I love how this Lodge comes together for events and your continued support of the many charities we are involved with. It makes me incredibly proud to have to have this opportunity to serve you.

There are a few events coming up that are of importance to the Lodge as a whole. Please review the following agenda as we will have various events going on in the Lodge and at the Temple that you may enjoy.

We have selected our Scholarship Awards winners for the 2023 year and will be presenting the awards to those worthy young adults at the June 6th meeting. I encourage all available Brethren to attend and show them our appreciation for their dedication to higher learning, hoping that they will remember us fondly in their post graduate years.

We have two food events coming up; a BBQ to be held at the temple from 12p – 4p on Saturday June 10th, and a Masonic Table Lodge on the 20th of June at 7pm and would love to have as many Lodge Brothers present as possible. Please RSVP to the Secretary at [lodgesec631@gmail.com](mailto:lodgesec631@gmail.com) as soon as possible if interested.

Lastly, I encourage any members to consider getting an endowment at the current \$800 enrollment as the cost will be going up later this year. I am also asking All brethren to please log into Grandview and update your current contact information into the system, if you have not already done so. Please visit the link at [www.freemason.com](http://www.freemason.com). You will find your member number on your membership card. If you have any trouble finding your card, please contact the Secretary at [lodgesec631@gmail.com](mailto:lodgesec631@gmail.com)

Fraternally yours,  
Gary Pastor  
Worshipful Master  
University Lodge #631



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# 2023 CALENDAR

## Activity Calendar Events May/June/July

### May

- 5/16/2023 Stated Meeting – Master Mason degree. Officers in Tux or dark suit, Brethren in suits and ties.  
5/17/2023 Ladies at the Table – 6:30 pm Dinner. Red Roses for your Lady. Please RSVP by May 11, 2023.  
5/23/2023 Community Lodge Education Presentation of the 300th Anniversary of Anderson's Constitutions  
Tuesday May 23rd at 7:30pm, at the Northwest Masonic Temple.  
5/25/2023 District Quarterly Meeting and Awards, Community Lodge at 7pm.

### June

- 6/06/2023 Stated Meeting - MM Degree return, and call for Special Meeting for the 20th and Scholarship Awards  
6/10/2023 BBQ at Northwest Temple  
6/20/2023 Stated Meeting - Open/Close, Special Meeting Table Lodge.

### July

- 7/05/2023 Lodge is Dark  
7/08/2023 14th District Officers Association Golf Outing York Golf Club 10:30am.  
7/19/2023 Lodge is Dark  
7/22/2023 Columbus Clippers Dime a Dog Night.  
7/30/2023 GL Annual Comm. Registration opens online on Grand View & Freemason.com

### August

- 8/01/2023 Lodge is Dark  
8/15/2023 Lodge is Dark  
8/19/2023 Tri-Lodge Golf Tournament at York Country Club – Contact Secretary.

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*I wanted to add something I read that has helped to keep me active in so many different Masonic organizations.*

*It is a hard check of reality that continues to drive me, and I hope you all will appreciate it for its content.*

### Clap and Cheer – by Louis King Loose Nuts, Missing Rivets

"What is the most important thing in a ship's engine room?" This was once a question asked of aspiring machinists' mates in their examinations for the rate of Chief. The answer varied. Some said the main engine itself. Others chose the throttle, the feed pump, the main condenser, the engine order telegraph, and many other pieces of equipment. All were wrong! The correct answer was "a loose nut!"

It was obviously a trick question. But it had a serious purpose after all. Some would say, "What makes a loose nut so important?" Just about everything in an engine room is held together by bolts and nuts, literally hundreds of them, of all sizes and shapes.

Everything in a ship's engine room is there for a purpose. Nothing is redundant or unnecessary. There is no room for superfluous equipment. Therefore, if one nut, regardless of size, loosens and causes that of which it is

a part to malfunction, the ship's propulsion machinery is in danger of breakdown.

So, even though that question seemed frivolous, a trap for the unwary and one frowned upon by serious-minded examiners, there was a serious logic behind it. A ship, far at sea, with a crippled power plant is in an extremely dangerous situation, alone and helpless.

Many Masonic Lodges today are finding themselves in analogous situations. Every member of a Lodge is an important part of that Lodge's machinery, from the Tyler, outside the door, to the Worshipful Master in the East. You may protest that you are not an officer – just a sideline, with no active part to play.

Let us once more descend into the ship's engine room. You see the engine, the condenser behind it, the pumps, the gauges, even the clock, all important parts. Now turn around and look at the walls of steel that contain the machinery. Just look at them! Blank steel plates with rows and rows of small round rivets. Nothing that moves; no bright steel rods flashing as they move, no great cranks revolving tirelessly. Nothing but rows of rivets in the hull plates. Dumb, motionless, unimportant rivets. Unimportant? Ignore it and soon the room begins to flood, the vessel is endangered!

You may say this is a far-fetched example. Maybe so.

But remember – those rivets hold the ship together. Without them, the ship could not exist. So, rivets are not important? Now let us look at a Lodge room. We see the moving parts, the officers – the motive power of the Lodge. Each one is there to perform some useful function. They are the moving parts of our “machine.” The bright, flashing parts. There are others – less flashy but nonetheless essential, the committee members, the ritualists, instructors, and the like, who are like engine room pumps, less visible but just as necessary to the whole machine.

Once again, turn to face the walls. Now you are seeing the rivets of the Lodge – the sideliners! Like the ship’s rivets, they play no active parts but, like the rivets, they are the ones who hold the Lodge together, giving it its form and strength. Yes! It’s YOU my sideline brothers, who hold the Lodge together. You play a more important part than you maybe realize!

Your Lodge today is on a sea of Apathy that surrounds us. Each time one of you decides not to attend a meeting, feeling that you are unimportant and won’t be missed, YOU, like a missing rivet, leave a hole. A hole through which a stream of Apathy rushes in.

Apathy is a powerful wrench that can loosen the bolts and nuts of the Lodge machinery. Regardless of which part is affected, the Lodge loses its effectiveness. More men drop out, more apathy rushes in to engulf it. Before you realize it, your Lodge is sinking – sinking in a sea of apathy. The Lodge is full of rivet holes!

Look around you, at the once-lively flourishing Lodges. Some are sinking. Others have vanished – sunken in a sea of apathy. You think you are unimportant. WRONG! You are now an important DANGER! You are the only one who can plug in the hole you left. You decided you were unimportant. You and the others like you. If the Lodge fails to stay afloat, don’t say it is not your fault. Don’t blame the ones who are still fighting to save it. Blame yourself and all the others who, like you, are inundating the Lodge with Apathy!

You are the missing rivet, the loosened nut! Unimportant?

Think about it – and ACT, while there is still time! NEXT YEAR MAY BE TOO LATE!

*Remember – Stated Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month. Dinner at 6:15 and meeting at 7:00 sharp!*

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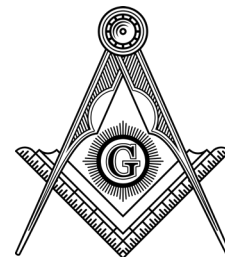
## “Duties of American Citizenship”

(an excerpt) by Theodore Roosevelt  
Buffalo, NY, January 26, 1883

“Of course, in one sense, the first essential for a man’s being a good citizen is his possession of the home virtues of which we think when we call a man by the emphatic adjective of manly. No man can be a good citizen who is not a good husband and a good father, who is not honest in his dealings with other men and women, faithful to his friends and fearless in the presence of his foes, who has got a sound heart, a sound mind, and a sound body; exactly as no amount of attention to civil duties will save a nation if the domestic life is undermined, or there is a lack of the rude military virtues which alone can assure a country’s position in the world. In a free republic, the ideal citizen must be one willing and able to take arms for the defense of the flag, exactly as the ideal citizen must be the father of many healthy children. A race must be strong and vigorous; it must be a race of good fighters and good breeders, else it’s wisdom will come to naught and its virtue ineffective... But this aside from my subject, for what I wish to talk of is the attitude of the American citizen in civic life. It ought to be axiomatic in this country that every man must devote a reasonable share of his time to doing his duty in the Political life of the community. No man has a right to shirk his political

duties under whatever plea of please or business; and while such shirking may be pardoned in those of small cleans, it is entirely unpardonable in those among whom it is most common-in the people whose circumstances give them freedom in the struggle for life. In so far as the community grows to think rightly, it will likewise grow to regard the young man of means who shirks his duty to the State in time of peace as being only one degree worse than the man who thus shirks it in a time of war. A great many of our men in business, or of our young men who are bent on enjoying life (as they have a perfect right to do if only they do not sacrifice other things to enjoyment), rather plume themselves upon being good citizens if they even vote; yet voting is the least of their duties, nothing worth gaining is ever gained without effort. You can no more have freedom without striving and suffering for it than you can win success as a banker or a lawyer without labor or effort, without self-denial in youth and the display of a ready and alert middle age. The people who say that they have no time to attend to politics are simply saying that they are unfit to live in a free community... “

This made me think and I hope it does the same for others. -WB Pastor



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**July 8th, 2023**

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#### **Bible verse 1 Corinthians 12: 4-12**

*4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

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