



Tidings from the East

Dear Brethren:

One nation under God.

Under God. How comforting those words are. As masons, we profess to believe in God, the architect of the universe. Our belief leads us in our daily activities and interactions with all mankind but most especially, with fellow masons. You may feel a certain bond with fellow masons that may not exist when dealing with non-masons. A special trust may exist. A special friendship may be present. Rightfully so, we expect more out of a fellow mason than we do of a non-mason. This can be both a blessing and a curse because we are held to a higher standard, a standard we have all promised to uphold. We are not expected to treat non-masons any differently than brother masons and we can all think back to our early religious upbringing, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Our nation is strong because of masons who have led it and because of their belief in God. We need to always seek to preserve and cherish those beliefs and see to it that those that come after us continue with the beliefs.

During this Thanksgiving Season, we are especially mindful of all God’s graces and all that He has given to us and we should pray that he gives us strength and conviction to pass on our beliefs to others.

Brother Corey Smith was raised on October 15, 2009 at Walden Lodge. On November 5, 2009, we will have an Awards Ceremony for those masons who are celebrating milestones in their Masonic journey. Both new and

seasoned masons alike carry their belief in God with them daily.

Think about your own journey. Are you following your promises? Are you fulfilling your obligations? Are you practicing good masonry? Renew and refresh your obligations, follow them, and practice them. In more ways than you can consider, you will be blessed.

Fraternally yours,

Larry Crane
Worshipful Master

The Silent Summons

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master’s visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made him self comfortable, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember’s flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, “Thank You so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I’ll be back in our Lodge next meeting.” — Author Unknown

Walden Lodge Awards Night

Twenty-five Year

Stephen L. Keener 03/31/1984
Fred M. McClure 03/31/1984

Fifty Year

Roy Turner Brock, Jr. 11/16/1959
Robert Jeter Foster 03/05/1959
Billy F. Harvey 11/19/1959
Albert Frampton Rochester 01/22/1959

Sixty Year

Francis Monroe Curtis 04/22/1949
Paul Harold Davis 01/06/1949
Robert William Gray 03/19/1949
Louis Eugene Tasciotti 06/02/1949

In Memoriam:

Mitchell L. Allen 10/15/2009
George W. Clapp, PM 10/22/2009
Albert C. Gossett, Jr. 10/16/2009
Johnnie Guy, Jr. 08/06/2009
Charles E. Laye Unknown
Carlos A. Loop Unknown

Regular Meeting & Awards Night – November 5, 2009. Eat at 6:30 PM – Meeting at 7:30 PM