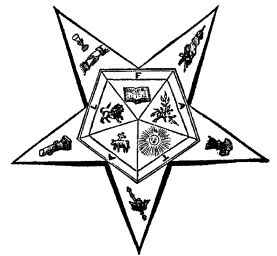




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"The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lords doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. " - Psalm 118:22-23

Craft Club has started up—every Wednesday @ 6:30pm. Contact Brother Earl Jacobs with any questions!

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The Freemason and Fortitude

The second principle under consideration is that of Fortitude. It is closely related to Temperance because very often the use of Fortitude is necessary to being temperate in a specific situation.

In Freemasonry Fortitude is defined as that noble and steady purpose of the mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril or danger, when prudentially deemed expedient. The word is related to the word "fort," which originally denoted a structure built around something for protection. It is a word that comes to us from the Latin and indicated not so much a moral attitude, but rather the true quality of manhood, as is implied that one had strength and courage.

Fortitude, therefore, is that quality of character which gives a person strength to withstand temptation and to bear all suffering in silence. Fortitude is a virtue, for it permits one to do his duty undisturbed by evil distractions. It is in great measure a frame of mind to regulate one's words and deeds with courage and with determination. It is both a positive and a negative quality in that it creates courage to do what is right and also creates strength or character to withstand intemperance. Above all else, it also creates the mental attitude to bear one's burden bravely when all other remedies fail.

One of the four cardinal virtues, whose excellencies are dilated on in the First Degree. It not only instructs the worthy Freemason to bear the ills of life with becoming resignation, "taking up arms against a sea of trouble," but, by its intimate connection with a portion of our ceremonies, it teaches him to let no dangers shake, no pains dissolve the inviolable fidelity he owes to the trusts reposed in him. Or, in the words of the old Prestonian lecture, it is "a fence or security against any attack that might be made upon him by force or otherwise, to extort from him any of our Royal Secrets."

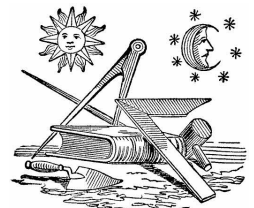
Spence, in his Polymetis writings, when describing the moral virtues says of Fortitude: "She may be easily known by her erect air and military dress, the spear she rests on with one hand, and the sword which she holds in the other. She has a globe under her feet; I suppose to show that the Romans, by means of this virtue, were to subdue the whole world."

The key to the meaning of this magnificent word lies in its derivation from the Latin *fortis*, meaning strong, powerful, used in the Middle Ages of a stronghold, or fort. Force, enforce, fortify, fortification, forceful, are from the same root. A man of fortitude has a character built strong like a fort, which can be neither taken by bribe nor overthrown by assault, however strong may be the enemy, or however great may be the suffering or deprivation within. One is reminded of Luther's great hymn, "A mighty fortress is our God."

As I personally grow in Masonry and as I grow older, as a young Master Mason myself.... I start to believe that these words and situations are really about the opportunities to identify ourselves as Masons by doing what we know to be right as true and virtuous men.

#140 MASON OF THE MONTH

At the 2021 Indiana Grand Lodge Annual Communication, four brothers from around the state were presented with the Order of Service to Masonry (OSM) award. These awards are to recognize our Brethren who serve Freemasonry, our country, and our fellow man tirelessly and well-often without any recognition. One of the recipients at this year's ceremony was Brother Brian Hooten, PM. Brian is the current Secretary of Oakland Lodge 140 and is a fifth generation Mason. His wife Deb attended the ceremony and was called on stage to place the pin on his lapel, recognizing him for his work within the Masonic organization. Please join me on congratulating Brian on the achievement.



On June 24, 1731— this date is the first entry of a Lodge meeting in the colonies that became the United States.

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 — Monthly Stated Meeting	3	4—National Donut Day	5
6 — D Day WWII	7	8	9—Craft Club	10	11	12
13	14—Flag Day	15	16—Craft Club	17	18	19
20—Father's	21	22	23—Craft Club	24	25	26
27	28	29	30—Craft Club			

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

As a brother and I were leaving the lodge the other day, a car pulled into the parking lot. The driver rolled the window down and asked us – “what do you guys do in there?”. He indicated that he had seen the old building torn down, and the new building erected, but knew nothing about what occurred within the walls – and did not recognize the Square and Compass on the end of our building. We proceeded to talk with him, provide some literature, and an application – in case he was interested in joining. It was refreshing that somebody was willing to step forward and ask the question; it would have been far easier to drive by and remain uninformed.

In sales and marketing, we are taught the usefulness of “elevator speeches” – which is a short description of an idea, product, company, or organization that explains the concept in such a way that the listener can understand in a short period of time – typically 30-60 seconds. Think about what Masonry means to you. How you would explain it to others. Prepare your own elevator speech – you never know when you may be approached and asked – “what do you do in there”.

Stay Safe Brothers!!

Skip Donnell—WM Oakland #140