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The Month's AYL Events

AYL February Stated Communication

Tuesday, February 9 2016

Dinner at 6:30 PM; Lodge at 7:30 PM

AYL Officer Meeting & Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

6:30PM; Masonic Temple, 3rd Floor

These dates and more are on our
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From The East

Brethren,

I want to talk about Light.

Light is the fastest, most pervasive substance in the universe. At a speed of 186,000 miles a second, nothing in the cosmos travels faster.

Last week, I was speaking to a man who was interested in petitioning the Craft. In doing so, I was again provided with an opportunity to reflect on my own view of the Craft and my place in it.

One of the things I said to that man, is that Freemasonry is not passive. Being a Freemason is an action; not a title.

Frankly, I dislike the slogan that so many of us have adopted: "Freemasonry makes good men, better". I believe this statement to be inaccurate; incomplete. The phrase suggests that all one needs to do to become better is simply TO BE a Freemason.

For me, Freemasonry is a *individual* journey and a *collective* journey. It is about *Light* and *reflection*. We seek Light and reflect it inwardly and outwardly.

It is easy to forget our teachings and let our day-to-day lives cast a shadow on that Light. We may allow ourselves to become passive, or even completely dormant spiritually or physically. I have been guilty of this more often than I care to admit. Let us all be reminded of what we came here to do!

Freemasonry is a vehicle for this Light, but a vehicle without fuel serves no purpose. Equally, a vehicle with fuel must have a destination or it also serves no function.

As we speed off for another journey around our star, please consider your place as the most important member of our Lodge; a Brother Mason. Think about how you can make our Lodge better and display the tenets of our beautiful Craft.

Let us use this time of renewal to reinvigorate our commitments to the Craft, our Lodge and to each other.

Your 2016 Officers

Worshipful Master	Christopher J. Busby
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From The East (Continued)

Remember that no thought, question or deed is insignificant. In order for us to truly perpetuate the principles of our order, we must be active inside and outside of the Temple walls, as well as within our Spiritual Temples.

No matter the season, the most Light shines on those who seek it. Never stop seeking, Brethren.

Fraternally,

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February Masonic Birthdays

Ray A. MacDonald, 72

George H. Dooley, 70

Leonard D. Lavoie, 68

Frederick H. Hebert, 65

John G. Senter, 61

Gary A. Hughes, 44

Robert A. Fellows, 44

Thomas J. Streck, PM, 44

Frank M. Twardosky, 43

Arthur L. Hebert, PM, 42

Benjamin Feldman, PM, 39

Norman E. Hall, 36

Master Mason Degree in Rhode Island

Thanks to a dispensation received from Most Worshipful Grand Master John F. Gordon and agreement from the GL of RI, we will be conducting a Special Communication of Ancient York Lodge No. 89 at Jenks Lodge No. 24 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on **Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 4:00pm** to confer the Master Mason Degree on one of our candidates if eligible. It will be a Special Communication of Ancient York Lodge.

This will be a very special evening of reaching out to our Brethren across jurisdictional borders. There will be a charity dinner following the degree hosted by the Brethren of Jenks Lodge No. 24. Ladies of both Lodges are invited to attend a Paint & Vino event that will be happening during the degree in close proximity to the Temple and to attend the dinner afterward at the Lodge.

Contact Worshipful Busby or Right Worshipful Lowe if you are planning to attend so that we can get accurate counts to Jenks Lodge and plan car-pooling.

5th Annual Evening of Masonic Light Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker:

W.: Bro. Mark A. Tabbert

Director of Museum & Library Collections, George Washington National Masonic Memorial and Author of "American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities"

Featured Speaker:

W.: Bro. Oscar Alleyne

Internationally respected Masonic speaker having presented over 100 lectures covering multiple areas of interest to over 5000 Freemasons.

This is a tiled Master Mason's Lodge. Following Lodge, social hour and a table lodge style banquet will occur. A special musical performance is slated for the evening.

Tickets are only \$40 or purchase a table of 8 for \$280 and are available to purchase at <http://www.ancientyork89.org> or from any AYL Lodge officer.

Masonic Quote

"The method in question (of Freemasonry) is that of initiation; the usage and practice is that of allegory and symbol, which it is the Freemason's duty, if he wishes to understand his system, to labour to interpret and to put to personal interpretation. If he fails to do so, he still remains-and the system deliberately intends that he should-in the dark about the Order's real meaning and secrets, although formerly a member of it." ~ W.L. Wilmshurst