ANCIENT YORK LODGE No. 89



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Nashua, New Hampshire

Fraternal Greetings,

I was recently sitting with a Brother from another lodge who confessed to me that he had no interest in the educational aspects of Freemasonry stating that no where in our ritual does it say that the esoteric aspects of Freemasonry are important and that the "face value" aspects such as fraternal bonding and charity are what we should be solely be focused on.

I beg to differ. Each of us makes a vow to "keep sacred and inviolate the secrets to each degree." Many of us, including myself immediately lock on the words "sacred" and "inviolate," but the key word here is "keep." In order to value the secrets, we must first KNOW the secrets of each degree in order to value them. Whether modern Freemasons want to admit it or not, our Masonic Forefathers spent a significant amount of their lives diving into the esoteric meanings of our craft to assist themselves in a personal spiritual journey. We must learn these secrets, and share them with the select few that we feel are worthy, or our fraternity will be lost.

You will never learn the secrets by only attending Masonic events, by watching presentations or just going to lodge. Find a brother who pushes you to learn WITH him, not FROM him. You will never look at our beloved Craft the same way again.

Fraternally, Ryan Flynn Worshipful Master

2018 Lodge Officers

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April Masonic Birthdays

Walter D. Alcox, Jr47
David H. Henry4
Donald R. Crerie42
Howard W. Matchett3
Douglas D. Mercier25
Lester E. Johnson20
Robert F. Richfield, Jr18
David R. Oliver7
Jason G. Borelli7
Peter A Roughard 1

April 3rd, 2018 Officer Meeting At Wor. Flynn's home, starts at 6:30

April 10th, 2018 Officer Meeting April Stated Communication

Dinner at 6:30pm. Education for the evening will begin before lodges at 7:15pm and will be an in depth presentation by Wor. Flynn on his research into a Masonic painting from 1510. Lodge opens in short form on the EA degree immediately after the presentation.

April 14th, 2018 Evening of Masonic Light

April 28th, 2018
Masonic Con, Attleboro, MA
Masonic Temple
All day event showcasing Masonic Speakers
and vendors

May 8th, 2018
May Stated Communication
Dinner at 6:30 Lodge opens on the EA at 7:30 sharp. Education for the evening to be determined.

Quote of the Month

"In order to be a mentor, and an effective one, one must care. You must care. You don't have to know how many square miles are in Idaho, you don't need to know what is the chemical makeup of chemistry, or of blood or water. Know what you know and care about the person, care about what you know and care about the person you're sharing with." — Maya Angelou

Last Chance to Get Tickets to the EoML

The 7th Annual Evening of Masonic Light is in a few weeks. We need funds as soon as possible, so if you are planning on attending, purchase your tickets now.

Tickets are now available on our website: www.ancientyork89.org/7th-annual-evening-masonic-light/

May 5th Ancient York Open House

The Nu Muse Festival in Nashua will be occurring on May 5th throughout downtown Nashua. I will need a few volunteers to come to the temple and entertain guests.

June Stated Meeting and Chili Contest

Before the June Stated Meeting we will be holding a chili cooking contest that will be open to our families to participate. \$10 per meal, kids eat free. Winning recipe wins half of the money. Runner up gets to determine which charity receives 2nd half of money. If you are intending to bring a recipe, please bring it in a crock pot or container.

June 23rd Mt Owls Head Degree

If you are planning on attending the Mt Owls Head Degree in Canada let the Master or Secretary know. Also, we are looking into getting a hotel in Canada for the wives so that they can enjoy a day of shopping and fun while we attend the degree. Please let the Master or Secretary know if you are interested.

Masonic Trivia of the Month:

This famous battle in American history had two Grand Masters commanding armies against each other. Answer in next issue

Last Months Answer: One door was in Canada, the other the US.

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