

Ribault Lodge No. 272 F&AM



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Jacksonville Beach, Florida

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Second & Fourth Tuesday

ANOTHER YEAR IS ABOUT TO ROLL OVER INTO A NEW YEAR. MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON BE WITH EACH BROTHER AND ALL OUR FAMILIES.

Our Lodge Trestleboard has gone electronic. If you have not yet received your e-mail version, we need your e-mail address. You can call or email to either:

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Ribault Lodge Charities

Financially Stressed Families
Grand Master's Youth Program
Florida Masonic Home
Master's Charity (TBD)
Other when approved by the Craft

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d James Q. Palmer	1940	d Don A. Kelly	1979
d John R. Hampton	1941	d George C. Smith, Sr.	1980
d George A. Turnbull	1942	S. Barre Barrett	1981
d Roy W. Morsch	1943	Edgar W. Russ, Jr.	1982
d James H. Dickinson	1944	Don R. Kimbrell	1983
d Hewell H. Daniel	1945	d James E. Smith, Jr.	1984
d James M. Gilmore	1946	d t James D. Lowder	1985
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d t Frank E. Brunson, Jr.	1948	Michael L. Russ	1987
d Benjamin C. Adams	1949	Vernon L. Armstrong	1988
d Edward W. McCormick	1950	d Bert W. Wechtenhiser	1989
d C. Monroe Jones	1951	d J. Thomas Lietch	1990
d William S. Wilson	1952	t Charles F. Irle	1991
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d Charles S. Franks	1954	John C. Calvin, Jr.	1993
d Alcy J. Braddock	1955	Thomas E. Korevec	1994
d Harold C. Bryan	1956	Harold T. Fetterolf, Jr.	1995
d H. Welmer Grage	1957	d Rudolph G. Dvergsten	1996
d Kenneth F. Brooke	1958	d Carroll A. Putnam, Jr.	1997
d William T. Pendergraft	1959	d Raymond L. Parker	1998
d Roy S. Bass	1960	Malone S. Jones, Jr.	1999
d Arthur C. Parsons	1961	Rex M. Siemer	2000
d t Columbus Webb	1962	Reynaldo L. Carangian	2001
d t Rufus F. Young	1963	d t John A. Palumbo	2002
William D. Adkins	1964	Robert M. Krepp, Jr.	2003
d James W. Wood	1965	d Bobby G. Yarbrough	2004
d Fred D. Woolverton	1966	Philo B. "Ben" Underwood	2005
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d Harold F. McCauslin	1968	James L. Burton	2007
d Clarence D. Collins	1969	Gary R. Stengl	2008
d David S. Young	1970	Roger R. Bodkin	2009
d Paul D. Sitz	1971	M. Scott Roycraft	2010
d Guy R. Craig	1972	Curtis A. Nye	2011
d Ish W. Brant	1973	D. Shawn Moonen	2012
d J. Daniel McClure	1974	Donald C. Nicholas	2013
d Melvin E. Morse	1975	Edward W. Sparks	2014
d Franklin D. Church	1976	Brian L. Powell	2015
d George D. Folmar	1977	John D. Gosztyla	2016
Herman Bass	1978	Robert E. Sapitan	2017

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TRUSTEES

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Wor. Edward W. Sparks (1)

Wor. Bryan L. Powell (2)
Wor. TBD (3)

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RIBAULT 2020

Wor. Harold T. Fetterolf, Jr. - Chairman - 724-7895
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MASONIC RENEWAL AND FAMILY NIGHT

John R. Craft - Chairman - 721-2715
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Wor. Curtis A. Nye Wor. M. Scott Roycraft

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 31	January 1	2	3	4	5	6
	HAPPY NEW YEAR					Open Installation of 2018 Officers 10:00 am followed by Lunch
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Stated Meeting Eat @ 6:30 Meet 7:30		EA Degree Eat @ 6:30 Meet 7:30		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						Open Books Orange Park 9am til noon
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Stated Meeting Eat @ 6:30 Meet 7:30	NE FL District Mtg Ribault Eat @ 6:30 Meet 7:30	MM Degree Eat @ 6:30 Meet 7:30		Mysteries of Masonry Ribault 8am – 9am
28	29	30	31	February 1	2	3

From the East

My Brothers,

I want to let each one of you know just how humbled and honored I am to have earned your trust in being elected by you to serve as Worshipful Master of Ribault Lodge. I have been left huge shoes to fill and I will strive to earn that trust every day.

Part of my vision for 2018 is to look to the future at the needs of our lodge and try and tackle some necessary and desirous projects to enhance our lodge from a structural, as well as a knowledge based, perspective. I am looking forward to our raising new brothers, making lodge visits and holding outreach events.

Here is to the beginning of what should be an exciting year.

Fraternally Yours,
Neil Hornick
Worshipful Master-elect

NOTICES

Wor. Gary Stengl is seeking funds and needy families for our Lodge Charity Program. Our Charity Program is available to lend assistance when a situation is identified and the need verified.

JANUARY DEGREE WORK:

EA Degree 1/11/18
MM Degree 1/25/18

Happy JANUARY Birthdays

Joe Overby	Herald Newnum
Bill Schmidt	Tom Pauley
Larry Cooper	Charlie Bane
Larry Filkoff	Keith Srock
John Paris III	ROBERT SAPITAN
Rembert Arnold	

**Installation of 2018 Officers
January 6, 2018
10 am followed by lunch**

From the West

Brothers -

I am humbled to have been elected your Senior Warden for 2018. Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the guidance, support, and love that you have shown me through my journey through the chairs thus far. We will have a busy year ahead, and I'm excited about the prospects of another wonderful year for Ribault Lodge.

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From the Secretary

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12 Brothers have been suspended due to non-payment of 2017 dues: LB Cooper, DA Corring, RE Dunkerly, Jr., QP Hebert, GD Lowder, CE Miller, WR Millner, HC Schwarzbauer, AM Smidt, JE Thornton, JA Wendricks, AH Reiffen
2018 Dues notices have been issued. Please provide your current email address and phone number with your payment.

Attest

WOR. Harold T. Fetterolf
Secretary

Neil H. Hornick
Worshipful Master

My intent is to offer a "From the West" column in each trestle board, and hope that you find the content useful. One of the most glorious blessings of our fine craft is that of brotherhood, and to-wit, I could not sum up any better this message for January than what PGM John Cooper from California Grand Lodge has done in the following article. It is long, but please read with attention when you have a moment.

Behold How Good and How Pleasant

John L. Cooper, FPS, on the meaning of the 133rd Psalm in the First Degree

Among the first things that an Entered Apprentice hears at his Initiation into Freemasonry is the beautiful 133rd Psalm. It goes like this:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

This cryptic psalm is at once a challenge for us to enter into a profound mystery, and a promise that if we do so, the results will be a life-changing experience. Let me share some thoughts with you about the 133rd Psalm.

First, what it is not: This psalm makes no religious statement about our relationship to God. There is absolutely nothing in the psalm that implies a connection between "dwelling together in unity" and "life forever more." The relationship between God and man is the proper province of a man's own religion, and about that Freemasonry purposely has nothing to say. It cannot be said too often. Freemasonry is not a religion, and is not a substitute for religion: Let there be no mistake about this. While a belief in God is a prerequisite for a man to become a Mason, he must work out his own relationship with God outside the context of Freemasonry itself. We do not have a theology. We do not lead anyone to a relationship with his God, and we do not in any way ask a man to substitute his own understanding of God, as taught by his particular religious faith, for anything he will learn in Freemasonry. Freemasonry deals with our relationships with each other, and the implications that such relationships have on our own lives, and the lives of those we meet along the pathway of life. We insist that a man is responsible before his God for what he does with his life, but we ask each one to seek the important and eternal answers from his own religious faith.

What, then, does the 133rd Psalm have to say to us as Freemasons? It must have meaning for us, or else it would not have such a prominent place at the beginning of our Masonic journey. What do we want an Entered Apprentice to know about the meaning of this beautiful psalm? And does that meaning have anything to say to us who have traveled far in our Masonic journey? I believe that it does, and let me share my reasons.

The first and last stanzas of this psalm are connected, and when read together without the intervening stanza, which is merely an explanatory phrase, the purpose of the psalm stands out much more clearly. Let me read to you the first and last stanzas as one thought:

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity [...] for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.

In the Bible, and in particular in the part of the Bible which Christians call the Old Testament, a blessing is a unique act of conferring a special power upon another. Usually it is thought of as a divine act, that is to say, God granting His blessing upon an individual, or upon a people. But that is not the only usage: It was also a means of handing on power and authority from one generation to another. It was a way of guaranteeing the continuity of a community down through the ages. I believe that the Psalm 133 has this latter meaning for us as Freemasons, rather than any religious significance. And a proper understanding of this can help each of us practice the teachings of Freemasonry in a more effective manner.

The first stanza states the condition which will make the last stanza effective. Without the necessary condition of “brethren dwelling together in unity,” there will not be the necessary result of God’s blessing. If the first condition is not met, the second action will not occur. If a Mason cannot understand the mystery of “dwelling together in unity,” he cannot expect the consequence of God’s blessing upon what he does as a Mason. In simple terms, that is what we are telling the Entered Apprentice Mason when Psalm 133 is recited at his first step in Masonry. The lesson is a simple one, and yet one that will have profound implications. Much of what he will learn in the degrees of Masonry will explain to him how he can build the sense of brotherhood and unity within the Masonic fraternity. And much of what he will learn applies to those in the world at large who are not Masons, but who will also come within the reach of our understanding of “brotherly love.” But a blessing will not accompany it if he does not understand the necessary connection.

What, then, is “unity?” That is the operational word in the first stanza. First, “unity” is not “uniformity.” Freemasonry does not expect a man to cease to think when he becomes a Mason: Quite the contrary. One of the surest proofs that Freemasonry is not a cult is that we insist that each man think for himself. Freemasonry is, by one definition, the search for truth, and each Mason is asked to work out the meaning of truth for himself.

Secondly, “unity” is not “conformity.” Conformity means going along with the rest of the world. In fact, Freemasons have always been non-conformists. In an age when men and women hated each other because of differing religious beliefs, Freemasonry insisted on acceptance and understanding as the foundation for a world-wide brotherhood. In an age when social rank and power determined a man’s station in life, Freemasonry insisted that all were created equal, and that each person should have an opportunity to be all that he or she could be, based upon merit and not upon title and wealth. And in an age when some knew the “truth,” and enforced it upon others with the point of the sword, Freemasonry insisted that truth would emerge on its own if we just were patient enough in seeking it.

What, then, is the “unity” which confers such a blessing? I would suggest that it is the same thing as seeking the good of others around us. If I am seeking what is good for you rather than what is good for me, I have transformed our relationship from one of selfishness into one of selflessness. The bond that holds us together is strengthened when we seek good for each other before seeking good for ourselves. And the practice of this brotherhood – for such it truly is – shapes our attitudes in all our relationships. If I can make the practice of brotherhood the standard of my daily life, then all my relationships are transformed. My relationship with my wife and my children is transformed. My relationship with my fellow-workers is transformed. My relationship with my community is transformed, and my life has suddenly become a blessing for those around me: A means by which God can bless others.

Listen again to the words of this beautiful psalm, but listen with this new understanding:

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity [...] for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.

This is a life-giving promise – not in a religious sense – but in a human sense. Freemasonry tells us that if we live our lives as if others were more important than we ourselves are, that our lives will be enriched by a blessing we could not otherwise know. It is a great mystery, and it was first taught to us when we became Entered Apprentice Masons. And through the years, if we have properly understood it, that mystery has grown in grace and in power until it shapes and blesses us every day, and in everything that we do.

Written by: John L. Cooper III, FPS, is the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F&AM of California and the First Vice President of the Philalethes Society.

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Fraternally,

-- Bob