



Tidings From The West

*A Masonic Newsletter Originating From
West Memphis Masonic Lodge No. 737*

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You Can Own A Little Piece Of History

With the assistance of Brother Frank Werner, the photos on the Lodge walls and the 50 plus years of Lodge minutes have been scanned electronically. You can own your personal copy of these two DVD's. One contains individual scans of each of the photos of our past masters. The second contains all the written records by year in PDF form, making search by date easily accessible.

You might ask why anyone would take the time to remove all the pictures from their frames to scan them, and why would anyone stand for hours feeding page after page of minutes into the scanner. A few months back a fire destroyed much of the historical records at the Marianna Lodge. That Lodge has a history dating back to the 1800's.

We have records back to our beginning in 1945. The sheer volume of data is overwhelming. However, no amount of insurance could restore our legacy if lost in a fire. How could we guarantee the safety of these valuable records? You guessed it, we scanned them and secured copies in several locations outside the Lodge. As an added advantage you can own your private copy with a donation of \$10 or more to the Lodge, courtesy of Brother Frank Werner. The modest price in no way reflects our appreciation to Brother Werner for his many hours and technical support to make this unusual item available. Even at minimum wage the value would be several hundred dollars. Who is the winner? We all are! The Lodge records are guaranteed safety and we get to own a little piece of history.

Do You Have An Axe To Grind?

Do You Want To Recognize Someone Special?

Do You Have Something Special To Say?

Have You Made An Unusual Observation?

Here's Your Chance

You can submit your thoughts, words or feelings to the Lodge Secretary for inclusion in a future issue of this publication.

Written material will be included over your name with as little editing as possible to insure good taste or remain within physical constraints. Pictures and graphics may be included if germane to your text.

Need a little help? The Lodge Secretary will help you express your thoughts and feelings. ALL contributions will be submitted to the originator for approval before publication. Just to make sure that the information is an accurate representation of what you wanted to say.

Poison pen or personal attacks will be rejected. Please try to be constructive with your comments. Remember to keep your comments short and to the point. Space is limited.

Guess Who Is A 50-Year Mason

JAMES THOMAS COLVIN
ROBERT HORACE NEAL



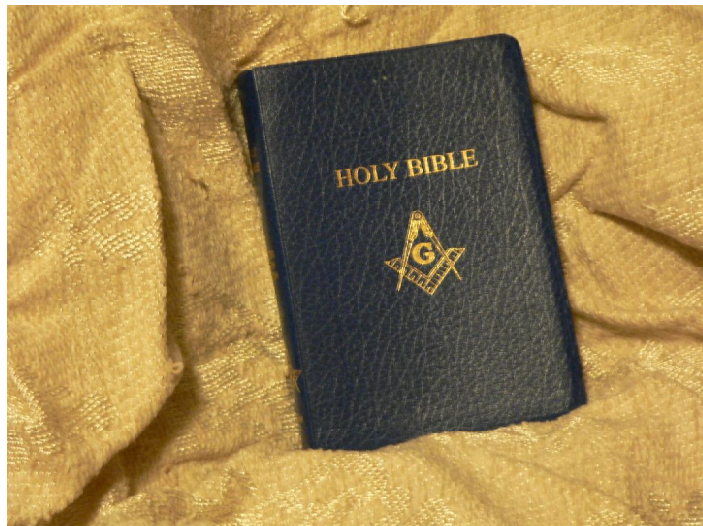
Has The Light Gone Out?

We are told that the search for light is to be our great quest. Like Diogenes, who searched for the honest man, we must be vigilant in the search for Masonic light. The double meaning of the letter "G" is a very good place to start.

Like the agnostic who believes that God is too complex for man to understand, to the great thinkers who gave us the theorems and axioms of geometry, we must provide a time to search for the light of knowledge. As a Master Mason you were given a book to use as your rule and guide. Where is it now? Do you consult it often or does it lay dusty and ignored?

Masonry was never intended to be a religion. Some have substituted Masonry for church attendance. How you approach this situation and your obligation to the Great Architect is your business and should not be discussed. However, it is important that you address the issue.

It is very doubtful that we will attain knowledge as a great mathematician. We will probably never know the 15 minutes of fame associated with an earth shaking revelation. But, we can study and aspire to greater things and find more light in understanding ourselves and the world around us.



When a man becomes a Master Mason he receives his own volume of Sacred Law. Do you know what is contained between the blue covers of this wondrous volume...or, do you merely think you know?

Are you familiar with the Masonic Creed? You can find it on one of the first few pages of your Great Light.

You might like to look these up:

Progressive Steps in Masonry...Preface Pages 1-3
What is Meant by the York Rite?.....Pages 4-14
Quotations from Albert Pike.....Pages 14-24
Questions & Answers.....Pages 25-39
Bible Index to Freemasonry.....Pages 40-94

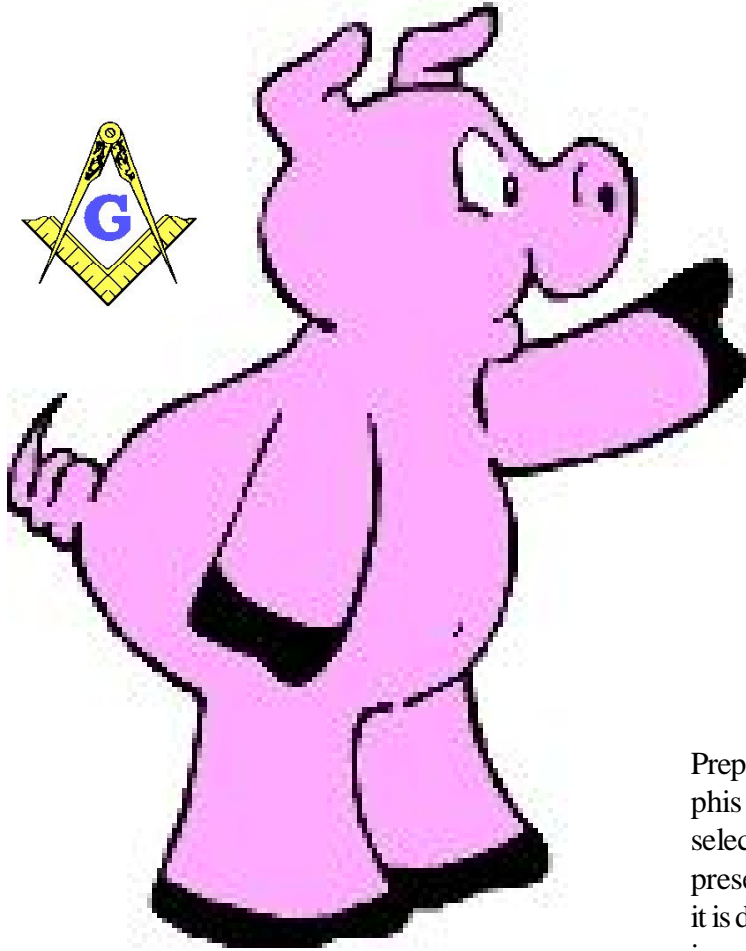
When you were presented your volume of the Great Light you were probably told, "They bid you read It frequently, carefully and thoroughly; and urge you use It as a rule and guide in your earnest effort to become a better man and a better Mason; a credit to this lodge in particular and an asset to the community....."

Please Don't Forget.....



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Bar-B-Q Boston Butt Just In Time For Labor Day

Prepared by an Award Winning Esperanza Bonanza and Memphis In May Bar-B-Q team. Each Boston Butt is carefully selected, anointed with special spices and slowly cooked to preserve the natural juices and flavor. When it is fork tender it is double wrapped in foil to protect the goodness and placed in an insulated container so that it arrives steamy hot and ready to eat.

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Delivery August 30th In Time For Labor Day

Affordable, Appreciated, Delicious

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Only
\$30.00 
EACH

We will deliver your Bar-B-Q to you in the West Memphis/Marion area if you wish or you can pick it up at the lodge, 308 Missouri, West Memphis, between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. on Saturday, Aug. 30th.



Call 901-857-3709 (cell) between 9 A.M and 5 P.M. to place your order and coordinate delivery or pick up. Orders must be placed before Noon August 22nd.

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There are 3 ways to receive your personal copy....

1. Pick Up A Copy At The Lodge
2. Receive your copy by e-mail.
3. Mailed directly to you.

Be the first... e-mail is the fastest way.
Hard copies are on the secretaries desk.
Snail mail as a last resort.

Those who do not step forward are doomed to be left behind

*Tell a friend how much you enjoy Masonry.
(You may need a petition.)*

NEW LODGE TELEPHONE/
E-MAIL DIRECTORY AND
ADDRESS BOOK IS GOING
TO PRESS THIS MONTH

If you have any last minute changes in your address, e-mail, phone or cell number please notify the Lodge Secretary so your information will be current.

NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

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**August 22 Last
Day To Order Your
Bar-B-Q Butt For
Labor Day**

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Are You Searching For More Masonic Light?

Look in the library. We have an excellent selection of books on Masonry for your reference. All we ask is that you see a librarian, check out your selection and return it within a reasonable time. Who are the librarians? Brother Stanley Sims and Brother Tom Callahan serve in that capacity. Thanks to them for setting up our lodge library.

737 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This is a tentative listing, final dates may change.

August 16 Trash Pick Up
 August 29 & 30 Deliver Butts
 September 30 Family Night
 October 14 Past Masters Night
 October 18 Pancake Breakfast
 November 8 Wives & Widows Dinner
 November 15 Trash Pick Up
 December 9 Election of Officers
 December 27 St. John's Day
 December 30 Family Night

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