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Masonic Muscle

A topic that has been frequently on my mind this year is that of commitment and expectations. This is a topic that could easily fill a volume or two in a Masonic library, so I will instead make a few observations to keep it short.

Masonry has seen a great reduction in size over the past few decades. While many reasons exist as to this shrinkage, a good deal of it boils down to a lack of commitment and unfulfilled expectations. We join the Fraternity with many expectations of what we will garner from our affiliation. In next month's educational during our business meeting I will go into depth on this and associated subjects.

We join Masonry thinking of what we can become, what we will learn, and what we can contribute to society. Much like joining a gym, we do so with the expectation that we will lose weight, gain muscle, and increase our health. In Masonry we join thinking we will subdue our passions, gain in knowledge and wisdom, and become better men.

However, just like joining a gym, we can only do these things if there is resistance, self-sacrifice, and great effort made on our part. We cannot expect to go and hang-out at the gym and expect to become buff and healthy by sitting and watching others do it. A physical trainer can only help us if he expects us to do something.

In Masonry we can only grow when we are challenged and have to sacrifice our time, money, and energy. We can only grow and find that “light” that we seek for when we put forth the effort to stretch our limits and tear down that Masonic muscle tissue, thereby creating Masonic cellular growth, resulting in a healthy and strong body.

If we as Masons expect nothing from each other, especially our new members, then we and they will never experience growth and will not receive that which we seek. Requiring memorization, personal and group study, attendance, among other things will require the individual Mason, and our Craft on a whole, to build their Masonic muscle. On the surface everyone likes easy, but deep down, we all like to be challenged, we all like to rise to the challenge, and we all like the satisfaction we feel when we overcome those challenges and grow.

Making things easier for men to join our Institution, to belong to our lodges, to go through the degrees, or go through the officer chairs, will only make us a weak organization that will benefit no one and the individual Mason will, therefore, see no value or benefit to staying active. We will continue to decline, not only in actual numbers, but in Masonic strength.

In conclusion, expect more from yourself, expect more from your Lodge, expect more from your Brethren, and expect more from those seeking admission into our venerable Institution!

M.C. Rivetti, Worshipful Master
Mt. Moriah #2



“Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has many; not upon your past misfortunes of which all have some.”

- Charles Dickens

Definition of a Freemason

By Robert Smith, S.W.



Ancient Definition

In the farmers Almanac for 1823 published at Andover, Mass., the following was printed under the heading, "Character of a Freemason":

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment, which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts, which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principal.

And this definition should hold just as true today as it did back then. We should always be good, just and charitable towards all mankind, and especially to a Brother Mason.

Sincerely,

Robert Smith, S.W.



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- Author Unknown

Making Mt. Moriah #2 “Visible”

By Michael St-Laurent, J.W.



Worshipful Brother Dinehart opened my eyes a week ago when he sent a message via our Google Group on the visibility of our Mt. Moriah Lodge website through Google search. This was resolved technically and we are now on the first page of that specific google search. However, the idea of Mt. Moriah being “Visible” is a poignant one. This cornerstone article will briefly discuss the *why*, *when* and *how* Mt. Moriah will become more Visible.

Why? As a fraternity we have witnessed continual decline in our membership count. Not just in our jurisdiction but throughout the world. It is important to note that our jurisdiction has turned the corner and has seen positive growth last year and so far in this masonic year. We need to be visible as a Lodge and Fraternity to show society, our communities and our future brethren that we are an order worthy of praise and participation.

When? Visibility of our Lodge should be a constant mantra. We should not rest on our laurels or on the great work done by our predecessors. We should strive to continually learn from our past and present and use that knowledge to create the best future for our Lodge.

How? We’ve already begun to create “visibility.” We have implemented monthly Meetup Groups. We are doing great Lodge of Instruction topic discussions, like last week’s talk on “Symbolism in the Entered Apprentice Degree.” We have a brand new website that will have increasingly more lodge-specific functionality throughout the coming months.

We’ve started down the road of becoming a more visible Masonic Lodge. Through visibility we will be able to sustain smart growth of our membership and increase our giving back to our society, communities and ourselves.

Fraternally yours,

St. Michael, Jr. Warden

Mt. Moriah Meetup Group (4th Wednesday of every month @ Alchemy Coffee 4th East 17th South)

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Information & Calendar

Website: www.mtmoriah2.org

Google Group: mtmoriah2@googlegroups.com

Officer's Meeting:

1st Monday at 6:30

Regular Meeting:

2nd Monday— Dinner @ 6:30 Lodge @ 7:30

Mt. Moriah Meetup Group:

4th Wednesday @ 7:00 at Alchemy Coffee (4th E. 17th S., SLC)

For an up-to-date Calendar of all Lodge events, please visit:

<http://www.mtmoriah2.org/calendar-news>

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2011 Mt. Moriah Officers

Worshipful Master—M.C. Rivetti

Senior Warden—Robert Smith

Junior Warden—Michael St-Laurent

Senior Deacon—Etay Nir

Junior Deacon—William Blycker

Senior Steward—Joseph Sanders

Junior Steward—Todd Crane

Treasurer—Jan Carlston, P.M.

Secretary—Bill Jack Westbrook, P.M.

We are very pleased with all our officers. The core officers are confident in the abilities of the appointed officers to continue their progression through the line and lead Mt. Moriah into the future. We feel that these officers are ready, willing, and more than capable to fill the next seat in their Journey. They will do so with your vote and our full support!

Masonic Spotlight—Etay Nir

We focus our attention this month on our S.D., Etay Nir. Bro. Etay has an amazing history, great knowledge and experience that give him the confidence of the Lodge. Etay has been a Mason for nearly 7 years. He went through the chairs in California and was about to become a J.W. before moving to Utah. He was born and raised in Israel. After serving 13 years in the Israeli Navy he moved to the U.S. in 2000. He was awarded the rank of Navy Captain in the military. He holds a double Master's degree in Mathematics and Computer Science. He also holds a bachelors degree in political science, graduating from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Israeli Naval Academy. He is also a Fellow at the Brookings Institute and a candidate for the Council on Foreign Relations. He is happily married and has one child. Etay is a unique individual who has our full confidence and we look forward to his continued progression and service in our Lodge!

If you want to know where the future of Freemasonry will grow and prosper it's simple, in the heart, in your heart, in my heart, and in the hearts of those who follow us.

- Conrad Hahn

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“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.” - Thomas A. Edison

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