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Greeting From the East

As we once again start a new year we see many familiar faces as well as new. Every year we start with the hope of making good men better and further cementing our brotherhood with each other. Most of the time we do, yet some times we fall short. It is my hope, as with most new Worshipful Masters, that we exceed these goals. This Lodge is not just mine but all of ours. We have lots of things planned for the year, from educationals to joint Lodge meetings with other Brothers.

As I've gone through the line, I see how much work all of our older brothers put in over the years who have sat in the same seats. It's too bad that such efforts burn out a lot of the Brothers, causing them to stop coming. I wish a lot of these Brothers would find in them the desire that once drew them to the fraternity and bring them out once more. There is much that they can teach the young, as well as the not so young, brothers that follow in their footsteps. Because without the brothers that came before us there would be no lodge. So it will be my personal goal this year to talk to every one of the brothers of our Lodge and see if we can't continue to make good men better as well as continue to cement our brotherly love and friendship among each other.



Robert Smith
Worshipful Master 2012
Mt Moriah Lodge #2



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

- Charles Dickens

The Importance of Masonic Education

By Michael St-Laurent, S.W.



Michael St-Laurent
Senior Warden 2012
Mt Moriah Lodge #2

The title may seem obvious, and it is. If you desire to succeed in most anything in life, it requires education. This truth is no different in Freemasonry. What is interesting about our Craft is that education is a two-way street. The Lodge wants to educate and The Lodge wants to be educated. Let's look at these two different, but equally as important, facets of Masonic Education.

The Lodge starts the education process by placing an initiate through the degrees that teach, through allegory and symbolism, life truths and moral lessons. Cleverly, the degree work lays the framework for a lifetime of study. It is up to each individual Mason to take what he has heard and synthesize the information into something he can use to better himself and those around him.

So how do we educate the Lodge? Interestingly, for me, education has been through the process of the student becoming the teacher. Sitting in the South and now the West, my daily routine is to practice and then perform degree ritual. The ritual began as memorization of words on paper and then transformed into wanting to understand the words that were being memorized. Through research and speaking with more "well-informed" Masons, I gain my Masonic education. I then pass the education on to those I obligate and coach. In essence, the Craft is one giant Train-the-Trainer organization.

We have all heard the words "you get out of Freemasonry what you put into it". I truly believe that if you allow yourself to be educated by the Lodge and then to educate the Lodge yourself, you will be a better man and Mason for it.

Fraternally yours,

Michael St-Laurent
Senior Warden

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

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- Author Unknown

Thoughts on the Entered Apprentice & Fellowcraft Degrees

By Todd Crane, Senior Steward



Todd Crane
Senior Steward 2012
Mt Moriah Lodge #2

While reading Chapter 1 in *Morals and Dogma* (Pike), here is what I felt:

To me it speaks of being true to oneself. If we could all learn to rule with brain and law than things would be so much different in the world. It is easy to see that as a society we are so easily persuaded and tempted by our own passions. If we can learn to subdue our own passions we can learn self-mastery, then we can become very powerful in body and spirit. As brothers in Masonry we all need to be equally yoked. While I read I couldn't help but think of Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*. When the ghost of Christmas present spoke of Ignorance and Want. To be weary of Ignorance all your life.

This reading really helped me to understand that I can use the symbols of Masonry in my every day life. I take what I do in the temple with me as I represent Masonry and the temple - I need to do and act accordingly. To do good because it is a pleasure and not a duty. This really helped me understand more about the EA degree, especially more about the movable jewels and why they are considered movable. I will keep that brotherly bond with my fellow Masons and be mindful of my brothers and all men.

(... to be continued)

I encourage you to read, and ponder,
Morals & Dogma.

Todd Crane, Senior Steward



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Information & Calendar

Website: www.mtmoriah2.org

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Social Dinner / 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)

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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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