



St. John's Lodge No. 2

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



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Brethren,

The Stated Communication of St. John's Lodge No. 2 A.F. & A.M. will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the New Castle Masonic Temple, 1406 Wilmington Road, New Castle, Delaware 19720

*By Order of the
Worshipful Master*

*Gregory A. Schulze, PM
Worshipful Master 2012-2013*

Attested by: John A. Loeb, PM - Secretary

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From The East

Brethren,

It is that time of the year once again. As summer fades away and fall approaches, we start our new Masonic year. It has been a very busy summer at St. John's Lodge with the Installation of Officers and 2 brothers being raised in July. I would personally like to thank Worshipful Brothers Tom Ventura, Sr., PM and Gene Small, PM for installing the officers for this year.

The year is starting to stack up as a busy year for the lodge with degree work, and the several programs lined up at our monthly meetings.

In closing I look forward to the year as your newly installed Worshipful Master. We have a great team of officers and with the tutelage of our well skilled Past Masters and Brethren, I know that St. John's Lodge is in good hands for the future.

Yours Fraternally,

Gregory A Schulze, PM
Worshipful Master

September Program: Finance Investments

A Masonic Story

The Salesman And The Farmer

A salesman breaks down in a remote country lane, a farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover that they are "Brothers". The salesman is concerned as he has an important appointment in the local town: "Don't worry says the farmer you can use my car, I will call a friend and get the car repaired while you go to the appointment" Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns but unfortunately the car is awaiting a part which won't arrive until the next morning. "It's not a problem," says the Farmer, "use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow, stay with us tonight and I'll see that the car is done first thing!" The farmers' wife prepares a wonderful meal and they share a glass of fine single malt during an excellent evening. The salesman sleeps soundly and when he awakes there is his car, repaired and ready to go. After a full breakfast,

the salesman thanks them both for their hospitality. As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and asks "my brother, thank you so much but I have to ask, did you help me because I am a Mason?" "No" was the reply, "I helped you because I am a Mason."

Travel well my Brothers.



August

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|---------------------|-----------|
| George T Decker III | 8/10/1972 |
| William H Duncan | 8/01/1957 |

September

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| George R Greenley | 9/22/1965 |
| Charles W. Horness | 9/23/1959 |
| Charles C Hitchens | 9/27/1967 |
| Robert C McCullough, Sr. PM | 9/25/1957 |
| William W. Quigley | 9/23/1953 |
| Gregory A Schulze, PM | 9/23/1992 |
| Richard D Till | 9/25/1974 |
| Douglas A Twyford | 9/20/1989 |
| Millard T Williams | 9/25/1985 |
| Thomas J Ventura, Sr., PJGW | 9/14/1977 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

And other important stuff!

- *Please notify us if you know of any member who is ill or in need of assistance*
- *PM Gene Small will be hosting the program for the September meeting. He will have a speaker from the Grand*

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2012 – 2013

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Gordon Parker

Announcements

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Lodge of Delaware to talk about financial investments.

➤ *This month the Worshipful Master will be accepting nominations for the Hall Company. If you are interested in helping your lodge by serving as a member of the Hall Company, please submit your name to the Worshipful Master prior to the meeting. The Hall Company meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month.*

➤ *The NCMHC Stock Holders meeting will be on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 7:00 pm. If you own stock, please plan on attending.*

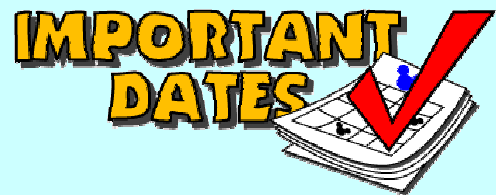
➤ *We are still looking for a few good men to sit in the chairs with a commitment to completing the work and progressing through the officer line. We have several Brothers who have committed to the work, but we can never have enough. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the refreshments and/or just in general. Contact the [Worshipful Master](#) if you can help in any way.*

➤ *The 206th Annual Delaware Grand*

Lodge Communication in Rehoboth

Beach Delaware will be held on October 1, 2012. Registration starts at 8:30am.

➤ *If any Brethren have anything to offer for the good of masonry for future issues of The Trestleboard, please contact the [The Editor](#).*

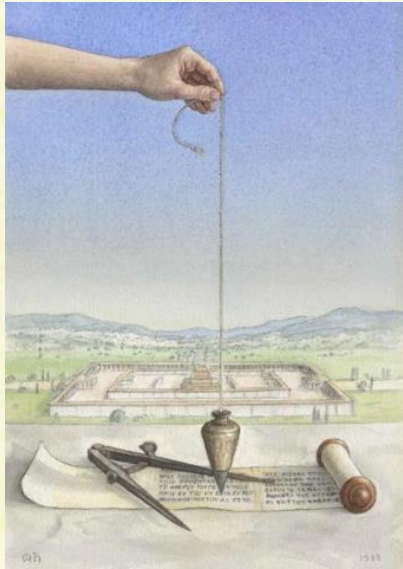


September

9/10 – Officer Practice
9/12 – Regular Communication
9/17 – Officer Practice
9/17 – School Of Instruction
9/19 – Possible Degree (check website)
9/24 – Officer Practice
9/24 – School Of Instruction

October

10/1 – Officer Practice
10/1 – School Of Instruction
10/8 – Officer Practice
10/8 – School Of Instruction
10/10 – Regular Communication
10/15 – Officer Practice
10/15 – School Of Instruction
10/17 – Possible Degree (check website)
10/22 – Officer Practice
10/22 – School Of Instruction
10/24 – Officer Proficiencies
10/29 – Officer Practice
10/29 – School Of Instruction



The plumb or plumb rule is an instrument of antiquity. The earliest craftsmen used a weighted cord as a plumb. The Greeks of yore formed a bob of lead on a cord and they gave it a name: MOLUBDOS, meaning lead. From this working tool evolved the name MOLYBDENUM, the name of a well known metal. The ever practical Romans took the word and latinized it to become PLUMBUM, the tool to measure perpendiculars of structures, walls, aqueducts, and fortifications in every corner of the roman empire. The Gauls adopted the tool, and their successors, the Normans, shortened the word to PLOMB. The Britons added the letter "a" to coin a new word: APLOMB, meaning not easily upset -- not off center. Later, Englishmen revised the spelling to PLUMB and it became a verb as well as a noun. Early English mariners used this tool. Shakespeare called it a plummet: "Deeper than ere a plummet sounded." It was the French who began to call the lead bob a ball. In French BOULE, meaning a ball of lead small leaden balls or boules were the primitive BULLETS. The Latins modified the word to BULLA. They used very small bullas which they compressed into a thin wafer, utilizing it as a legal seal for documents. Thus was born the Papal BULL -- it is definitely not of bovine origins!

While originally a simple lead weight on a string, the plumb, when required by expert craftsmen, evolved into the shape of the Junior

Warden's jewel, and specifically adapted for operative stonemasons. It is interesting to note that this jewel or tool is sometimes found to be richly embellished with symbols (sun, moon, all-seeing eye, etc.) and at other times very plain. Reference to the plumb arises throughout masonic rituals and books and throughout the lore of masonic catch-questions:

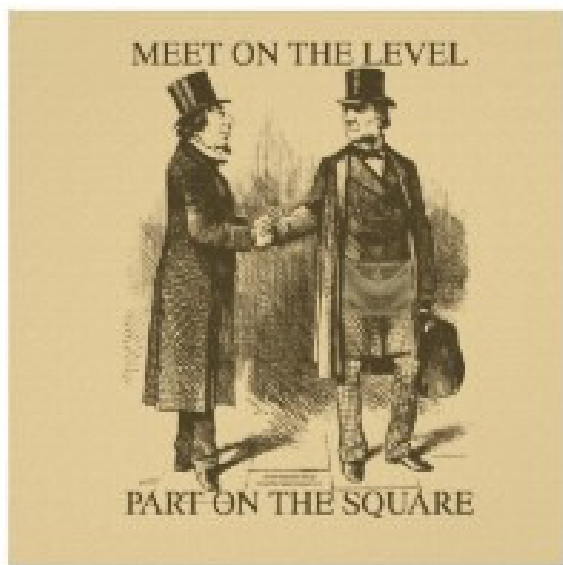
Example: Q: How long have you been a mason?

A: Ever since I was raised from a dead level to a living perpendicular on the squares by the hand of a friend, whom later I found to be a brother.

If you were to visit an American York Rite lodges you will find that in the FC degree the VSL is opened on the book of Amos; and it contains an excellent example of the beauty of the plumb: "Behold, the Lord stood upon a wall, with a plumb line in his hand. He said: "Amos, what seest thou?" Amos replied, "A plumb line." The Lord said, "Behold, I will set a plumb line amidst my people Israel, and I will pass by them nevermore."

To the operative masons, the level and plumb were intertwined, and together they formed a square. Brethren, the plumb rule is an instrument used in architecture by which a building is raised in a perpendicular direction; and it is figurative of an upright and true course of life. It typifies care against any deviation from the masonic upright line of conduct! If you apply the square to the level, you get the PLUMB -- the living perpendicular esteemed by all true craftsmen, and the emblem of growth and immortality. It is a truly magnificent jewel, an indispensable working tool; and when applied to the work with its fellows, the square and the level, it opens the doorway of that middle chamber in those immortal mansions, whence all goodness emanates.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Phoenixmasonry-Masonic-Museum-and-Library-USA/191452707278>



In this area each month we will profile one of our members. This month the light from the three lesser lights are on:



David Parker, PM

David and his wife Debbie live in Landenberg, PA, with their 2 daughters. In March of 2000, he became a Master Mason member of St. John's Lodge then followed in the steps of his father, Lewis A. "Jack" Parker, Jr. PM, by volunteering to become an officer. He quickly moved through the line, becoming Worshipful Master in 2003. David has many wonderful Masonic memories, but the one that made the biggest impression was when he attended a lodge meeting on the USS Constellation, the last sail-only warship designed and built by the U.S. Navy, in

Baltimore Maryland.

In the outside world David is a Senior IT Programmer Analyst. For hobbies he likes to ride motorcycles, create websites and hang around with the brothers of the NUR Mini Choppers.

Now that you know a little about David, make it a point to say "hello" when you see him because he enjoys meeting brothers that he doesn't know yet.

Committees

2012 – 2013

By-Laws

* Thomas J Ventura Sr., PJGW
Eugene R Small PG Mar.

Finance

* Eugene R Small PG Mar.
James T Elliott, Jr., PAGM
John W. Cochran

IOJD Representative

* Harley W Spry PAGM

Widows Assistance

* John A Loeb, PG Mar.
Arthur A Loveless, Jr., PSGD
Bentley L Carter

DeMolay Representative

* G Thomas Taylor, III, PJGD

Trustees

* Eugene R Small P.G. Mar.
Gregory A Schulze PM
Thomas J Ventura Sr., PJGW

Lodge History

* Thomas J Ventura Sr., PJGW
John W Cochran
Frank E Hartsell

Dues

* John A Loeb, P. G. Mar
Eugene R Small P.G. Mar.
Arthur A Loveless, Jr. PSGD

Widows Baskets

* Bentley L Carter
All Officers & PM's

Mason of the Year

* Frank E Hartsell
Randy Woods, Sr.
Stephane G Sabourin

Technology/Web Site

* David M Parker, PM
Thomas J. Ventura Sr., PJGW
Steve Sabourin

Intender Program

* Bentley L Carter
Instructors from the school

Charity

All Officers

Masonic Church Day

* G. Thomas Taylor, III, PJGD
Kyle Schulze

Grand Masters Visit

* Gregory A. Schulze, PM, WM
Eugene R Small PGMar.
Randy Woods

OES Representative

* Walter S Wonchoba, PM, PGI

Preparation Room

* Stephane G Sabourin
Paul White
Kyle Schulze

Past Masters Night

* Gregory A. Schulze, PM, WM
David M. Parker, PM

Masonic Home Service

* G Thomas Taylor, III, PJGD
All Officers and Members

Officers Instruction

* Thomas J Ventura Sr., PJGW
Eugene R Small P.G. Mar.
Arthur A Loveless, Jr. PSGD
David M Parker, PM
John W Cochran

Sick & Visitation

* Harley W Spry PAGM
Stephane G Sabourin
Thomas J Ventura Sr., PJGW

School of Instructions

* G Thomas Taylor, III, PJGD
Walter Wonchoba PM
Paul White
Kyle C, Schulze
Jack Crystle

Pancake Breakfast

* John W Cochran
Stephane G Sabourin
Jack Crystle

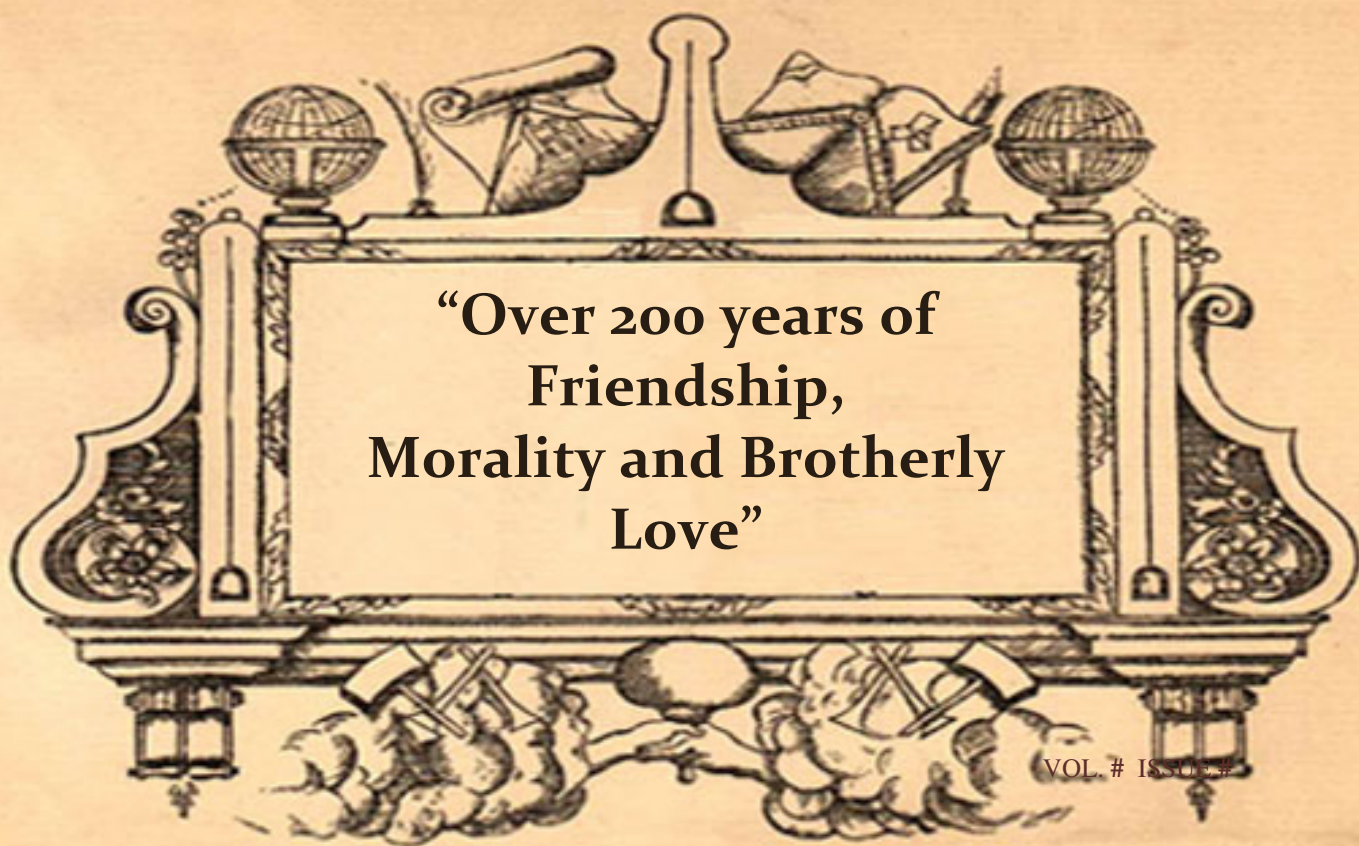
Ladies at the Table

* Stephane G. Sabourin

Shirts, Hats Sales

* Herbert J. Atkinson, PGM

* Denotes Chairman



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