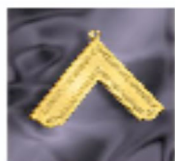




HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



Greetings from the East... Worshipful Master William Enloe, PM

Brothers,

When I think of Easter, I think of family and traditions that we carry down to our children. In years past, I can recall times of hunting for eggs and not really understanding how the eggs got in our yard or why they were there in the first place.






As I grew older and had kids of my own, I would hide the eggs that my children would search for and wonder how they got there or why they were searching for them in the first place. Some might say that human behavior dictates that we must always do what we have always done. This should not suggest that traditions are bad, but it could mean that we must be aware of the behavior and not allow it to spiral into oblivion.

Masonically speaking, we have traditions that are understood as things that we must do because we have always done them. As an example, we ask that the leaders of our fraternity memorize a lecture. Does this mean it is negative to expect a member to memorize a 16-page lecture to show he is a great leader? The answer may depend on your point of view, but honestly it might be better to be informed why we are doing it rather than just blindly following something without asking why.

I may not understand the real reason why we ask our leaders to perform the lectures of our ritual, but I feel it is because we have many lessons within our organization that

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Upcoming Activities

Watch for update emails
from the Worshipful Master

March 18th 8:30 pm

Save our Starving Children
Charity project - call Jim Leppert at
602-369-9353 for details

March 25th 7 pm Stated Meeting

open on 1st Degree, or the lowest
degree of masons present.

**April 15th 6:30 pm next practice or
degree night, come join the fun!**

Sickness and Distress

Chris Behrend had his 7,000 lb. Hummer rolled off of lift ramps and it stopped on his head and neck. He is in good spirits and back at work just to get out of the house. He is recovering but has some memory problems.



From the Secretary's Desk...

By George "Z-Klown" Mather, PM

Brethren All,

My belief in my Lord and Savior have increased every year since I became a Mason. Family, God, Work and Masonry have remained in that order. When we let Him show us the way to eternal happiness with Him, we are able to see what he want us to do and share with those we come in contact with in our lives.

Personally, over the last year while going through cancer surgery, chemo and recovery His belief in me and showing He was not done with me gave me the strength and cour-

age to keep moving forward.

Masonry is a way of Life and we become better men when we put in the time and effort to discover the works and meaning behind the Fraternity. Getting to know our fellow Brothers in our Lodge and helping each other encourage other good men to join us strengthens us and we all can better serve our communities and each other.

I am dedicated to serving our Lodge, looking for ways to serve the comminutes we live in, showing the world that we are here to do good for all and to entertain them along the

way.

We are 105 strong members of Hunters Paradise Lodge No 85 and we can strengthen ourselves and become a Lodge that will excite men to join us. Each of us can make a difference in the Lodge and the men we recruit.

May your reflection this Easter be of all the daily blessings He shares with us and look forward to His guidance all the days of our lives.

George
Z secretary

**What's
A
Mason?**

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You have read what the Worshipful Master and Lodge Secretary feel about Masonry and religion. Here is some information from the Masonic Information Center on the subject.

Is Masonry a religion?

The answer to that question is simple. **No.**

We do use ritual in meetings, and because there is always an altar or table with the Volume of the Sacred Law open if a lodge is meeting, some people have confused Masonry with a religion, but it is not. That does not mean that religion plays no part in Masonry-it plays a very important part. A person

who wants to become a Mason must have a belief in God. No atheist can ever become a Mason.

Meetings open with prayer, and a Mason is taught, as one of the first lessons of Masonry, that one should pray for divine counsel and guidance before starting an important undertaking. But that does not make Masonry a "religion."

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 are hidden in the ritual. So, by asking him to memorize the lecture he may learn more of our traditions, lessons, symbols, and other teachings then pass them on to others. So,

don't be afraid to ask why because by searching for the answer we learn more about ourselves and others.

Fraternally
 Bill Enloe PM
 Worshipful Master

(What is a Mason? continued)
 Sometimes people confuse Masonry with a religion because we call some Masonic buildings "temples." But we use the word in the same sense that Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes called the Supreme Court a "Temple of Justice" and because a Masonic lodge is a symbol of the Temple of Solomon. Neither Masonry nor the Supreme Court is a religion just because its members meet in a "temple."

dren. They may give scholarships. They encourage their members to get involved with and to support their individual schools.

But there are some things P.T.A.s do not do. They don't teach. They don't tell people which school to attend. They don't try to tell people what they should study or what their major should be.

In some ways, the relationship between Masonry and religion is like the relationship between the Parent-Teacher Association (the P.T.A.) and education. Members of the P.T.A. believe in the importance of education. They support it. They assert that no man or woman can be a complete and whole individual or live up to his or her full potential without education. They encourage students to stay in school and parents to be involved with the education of their chil-

In much the same way, Masons believe in the importance of religion. Masonry encourages every Mason to be active in the religion and church of his own choice. Masonry teaches that without religion a man is alone and lost, and that without religion, he can never reach his full potential.

But Freemasonry does not tell a person which religion he should practice or how he should practice it. That is between the individual and God. That is the function of his house of worship, not his fraternity. And Masonry is a fraternity, not a religion.

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