

HAN YANG MESSENGER

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LODGE HAN YANG #1048, ON THE ROLLS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, INSTALLATION 2015.

With each year comes change in the Blue Lodge and this year is no different. Bro. Roger Haynes stepped down as RWM, and Bro. Kevin Landry took his new seat in the East. District conducted their portion of the ceremony with expert precision and made the ritual a real joy to be a part of. Each member of the Lodge taking office did so with humility and a solemn promise to uphold the duty of their respective positions as ancient tradition charged.

Upon completion of business everyone moved into Seoul Club's banquet hall

for a feast truly fit for kings. Grilled Halibut served in a six-course fashion coupled with wine provided the nourishment needed to continue the night. Festivities moved to yet another location for more refreshment and companionship.

The Hotel Capitol provided an excellent venue to loosen one's tie and spend the rest of the night enjoying good company while catching up with brothers. During the evening's festive events everyone personified the timeless quality of brotherhood that

sets Free Masons apart from the average citizen.

Now the true challenge for Installation 2016 lies ahead. With everything having gone flawlessly and the amount of enjoyment experienced by all, next year's committee has big shoes to fill but ample time to do it.

BY BRO. JARED DAUN

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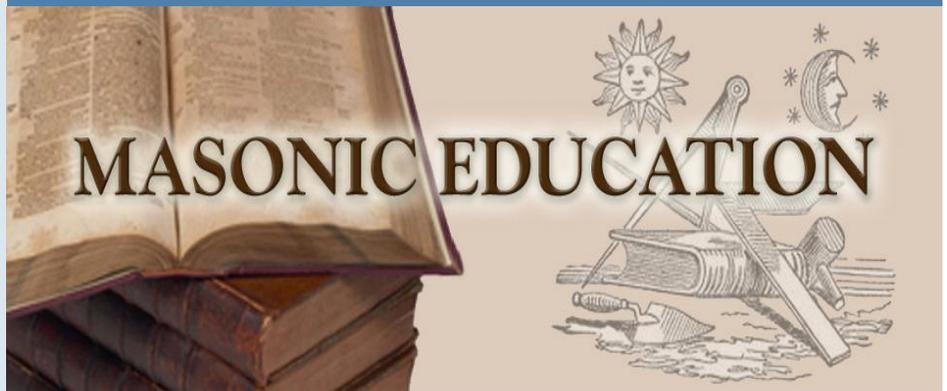
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Did You Know?

- It's estimated that there are roughly 6 million Masons in the world today.
- 8 of the people who signed the Declaration of Independence were Free Masons.
- A man named William Morgan was rejected from the Masons in 1800s. He pitched and received a large advance to publish a book revealing their secrets. He disappeared and was never seen or heard from again.
- Hitler believed that the Masons were a tool of the Jews and under the Nazi regime, it's estimated that between 80,000 to 200,000 Free Masons were murdered.
- Charles Darwin was a Free Mason.
- Polar explorers Richard E. Byrd and Bernt Balchen dropped Masonic flags on the North and South poles.
- 89% of the Supreme Court Justices belonged to Masonic Lodges in 1952.
- The United States first President, George Washington, was a Free Mason.



OUR GIFT FROM THE CRAFT

By Bro. Jared Daun

The human condition, suffering, is something we are born into and not long into life we fully realize that we are to continue this existence until we are called by the Almighty to cease our labor and join him in the Grand Lodge above. Free Masonry provides something not found elsewhere in life, direction and purpose. This is especially important because in life it's easy to lose one's course and stray into dark waters or sail into stagnate waters and sit idle as life moves on without us. Free Masonry reminds us that we are not here by mistake; we didn't come into being by an accidental cosmic explosion, as Stephen Hawking would like us to believe. We are "sons of the Most High, citizens of eternity, deathless as God our Father is deathless, and that there is placed upon us an abiding obligation to live in a manner worthy of the dignity of an eternal soul." Calling oneself a Free Mason is not the same as being a Free Mason. To fully realize what it is to be a Free Mason one must learn to subdue the passions. "Did you ever wonder why it was that the three enemies of Hiram Abiff came from his own circle, and not from the outside? It's because the

enemies to be most feared are always from within, and are ignorance and sins. Bodily death is something a Free Mason never fears, it's the corruption of the soul that he must fight against." The reality of being a Free Mason is nothing other than to be a master of one's self." So how exactly does Free Masonry provide this direction and purpose I spoke of earlier? Through peculiar morality, allegory, and symbols. Be square when dealing with others, don't stray from your moral compass, and give praise to God. Our days are even laid out in 3 parts of 8 hours to remind us of what's important. 8 hours to God, 8 hours for work, and 8 hours for ourselves. Free Masonry is not a part time club to hang out with the guys nor is it something is to be only practiced in Lodge. Free Masonry is a way of life. It's the key to our salvation. Let us never forget the three grand principles on which the order is founded: Brotherly love, relief, and truth. May our course in life stay true and within the boundaries outlined in the Sacred Volume of Law that we all hold so dear. Look out for one another and ensure that each brother has everything he needs.

Practice charity in all facets of daily life and be the man that Free Masonry calls us to be. Our obligations are to the craft and each other so keeping this in mind it's important to remember that at various points in time there may be a brother in distress battling his problems at home, work, or inside of himself. Getting to know one another on a more personal level should definitely be a goal for all of us. Lastly, I conclude with this,

"What is brotherhood? It is the wisdom of Lincoln and the warmth of Gandhi. It is the humility of Jesus, the humbleness of Mohammed, and the humanitarianism of Confucius. It is Catholic and Protestant and Jew living together in peacefulness and harmony. It is Italian and Dane and Bulgarian and Pole working side by

side on the job and sitting shoulder to shoulder in the union hall searching for ways to advance the common good. It is the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. It is the Bible, the Talmud, and the Koran. It is the essence of all wisdom of all the ages distilled into a single word. But equally is it the understanding of neighbors and friends who sorrow at your misfortunes and rejoice at your triumph. You cannot see brotherhood; neither can you hear it nor taste it. But you can feel it a hundred times a day. It is the pat on the back when things look gloomy. It is the smile of encouragement when the way seems hard. It is the helping hand when the burden becomes unbearable." -Peter E. Trezick



New Lewis in town:

Alexander Thomas Burch arrived on September 16th weighing 7.13lbs. His proud parents, Tom and Weng Burch are blessed to have such a handsome son. Now big sister Alena has a new bodyguard to keep the boys away. Bro. Tom said, "I am very happy to have a healthy son. In regards to Free Masonry, he will need to find his own way. My only hope is to be a good man so he will ask about Free Masonry when he is ready." Well anyone that knows Tom also knows that he is a great man and will be the perfect example of what it means to be a Free Mason. Congratulations to the Burch family and may the G.A.O.T.U. guide and bless you all.



What does the future hold for our Lodge?

According to the newly installed RWM, Bro. Kevin Landry, the Lodge will maintain its current course and continue to build upon it's previous achievements. RWM Landry was quoted saying, "Steady as she goes. Those brothers in the Lodge put a lot of time making meetings and really take their duties seriously. I just want us to maintain the camaraderie and keep doing events together. The key is appreciating everyone's commitment and come through to over deliver." Although change on some level is natural the brothers at Lodge Han Yang will not experience any major shifts in course.



Raphayel House Fund Raiser

On Oct 31st brethren from Lodge Han Yang will be dressing up and taking to the streets in search of some generous donors to help raise funds for handicapped children's medical equipment. The Raphayel House is a local charity that provides assisted living to those with mental and physical challenges. By giving back to the local community Lodge Han Yang contributes to the broader spectrum of charity that Free Masonry is renowned for.

Anyone that would like to participate is welcome and encouraged to attend. The more people that show up greatly increases our chances of collecting a good amount of donations that could ultimately change the life of a child in ways that we, who are more fortunate, could never know. The cause is serious but the venue in which we will be collecting the funds is going to be fun. Go all out and invoke the spirit of Halloween as we beat feet throughout Itaewon.

If anyone has questions about the event please feel free to contact Bro. Jared Daun for more details via email @ jared.daun@yahoo.com or call 010-2159-1703. Until the next issue... take care brothers!