



## Freemasonry - A process in an event fueled society

In Freemasonry, one question that we as a fraternity are facing is how to maintain the interest of our newer members. This is by no means a new question or a new problem. A look back at the minutes of Masonic Lodge meetings from a hundred years ago shows that this is a challenge faced by every generation of Freemasons. Unfortunately, that same look back shows that what worked in the past will not necessarily work today. Society changes and we have to change along with it if we are to remain pertinent to the members of our Craft.

The society that we live in today is an event fueled society. Everything is an event, and then it's over and we're on to the next event. We go to a movie, out to dinner, on vacation. Our jobs are divided into projects that we plan, design, execute and then we start another project. T.V. time at home is an event; quality time with the kids; our lives are event-full. And, in most cases we either don't realize or don't see the processes that make those events possible.

We've become so accustomed to our lives being a series of events that we, at best, ignore the processes or, at worst, find them boring and uninteresting. The Masonic society is filled with events: Lodge meetings, Lodge functions, Reunions, Festivals, Ceremonials, and the list could go on and on. *Freemasonry*, though, is not an event; it is a process. It is what happens in the background and in between and during those events. It is the processes involved in bringing those events to fruition that manifests as Freemasonry.

Masonry is working side by side with others toward a common goal and for the common good. It unites men who otherwise would never have met, and brings them together in an atmosphere of genuine support and affection. It is what happens in the heart and in the mind when men labor together to succeed, or even to fail, in shared aspirations. It is the admiration and respect of one man for another, not for material accumulation but for strength of moral character and selfless service. It is holding oneself up to an ideal even knowing that our human frailties make it impossible to achieve that ideal. Masonry is a process by which a man comes to know himself.



### Important Dates

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Lodge Meeting @ The Lodge - December 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **Ride & Ride Awards Day @ Buena Vista Elementary - December 15<sup>h</sup> 8:30 am \*Masonic Dress\***
- **Consistory Entrance Meeting @ The Lodge – December 16<sup>th</sup> 10am**
- **St. John's Day @ St. James AME Church – December 17<sup>th</sup> 11am**
- **Feed the Homeless @ Jefferson Street Bridge Time TBD**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday – No Meeting**



## The Masters Corner

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### Prayer List

WM Alisha Senter

### DECEMBER Birthday

If we missed you please send an email to [info@mtnebo67.org](mailto:info@mtnebo67.org)

### TRIVIA QUESTION #8

Who are the two Saints John?

Please send answers to [info@mtnebo67.org](mailto:info@mtnebo67.org)

### Important Reminders

**Q2 Dues are Due Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 – Invoices will be sent week of 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**ALL** potential candidates should be directed to WM Ivie for communication of process.

### From the Chaplain

2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness,

Waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 Director of Chaplaincy, MWGLTNPHA

## Health of Mt. Nebo Lodge #67 Scorecard

Based on lodge activity and feedback

