



The Masters Corner

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Freemason Ritual Techniques

TO GO THROUGH THE SAME PERFORMANCE OVER AND OVER, TO SAY THE SAME WORDS IN THE SAME WAY, AND NOT EVEN TO KNOW THE MEANING OF THESE ACTIONS AND THESE WORDS, IS THAT NOT RATHER CHILDISH?

This question, I take it, must have come to most of you. We Americans have so prized originality, novelty, and individuality that we all have a tendency to despise and even fear ceremonial.

Repetition is the essence of ritualism; and since nothing can grow staler or more inept sooner than repetition, we find many persons thinking of ritual as meaningless stage play. This being so, let us reflect a little on ritual, what it is, what it does for us, and why we may all, individualistic as we may be, frankly and intelligently uphold it as having a just right to a major place in the functioning's of any Masonic Body.

Man's being has been shaped by a Universe that loves repetition and ceremonial; the inspiration to ritualism is everywhere. Night and day everlastingly succeed each other; the four seasons continue their endless circumambulations, like the candidate about the lodge room; the stars move about in their fixed orbits, the tides rise and fall, moons wax and wane, seed-time and harvest come and go, growth is followed by decay, birth is succeeded by death. Early man in his rude ritualism's has taught us that to ritualize is in mans nature, and that no amount of rationalizing will ever eradicate from his soul his penchant for thus expressing his thoughts and his emotions. The enlargement of the individual consciousness into a group consciousness, that, my brethren, is the secret of the prevalence of ritualistic ceremonies.

If we will apply this fact to the use of ritual in our Masonic Bodies we shall be better able to appreciate and to understand its practice there. But, it must not be supposed that a ritual, especially our Masonic Rituals, excludes novelty, and the opportunities for the individual to add to the richness of it all, for there is always room for the member of a degree cast to improve the work by his better rendition of it, by his vocal interpretation, by masterful gestures, by superiority of costume and make-up, and every York Rite Body has opportunities to show its own genius to the full by way of better equipment and furnishings.



Important Dates

- **2nd Tuesday Lodge Meeting @ The Lodge Hall – January 9th 7:30 pm**
- **MLK Day - Youth Rally @ Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church – January 15th 8:30 am**
- **PH1 Playoff Party @ the Lodge Hall – January 21 2pm**
- **4th Thursday Lodge Meeting @ the Lodge Hall – January 25th 7:30 pm**
- **District Meeting & Raising @ the Lodge Hall – January 27th Meeting starts at 5 pm and Raising to follow**



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Prayer List

Roscoe Wilson - wife

January Birthday

PM Jason Senter
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If we missed you please send an email to info@mtnebo67.org

TRIVIA QUESTION #8

What was used to mark the grave of GM Hiram Abiff?

Please send answers to info@mtnebo67.org

Important Reminders

Q4 Dues are Past Due as of Jan 15th

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

From the Chaplain

1 Timothy 5:3-8

Honour widows that are widows indeed.

But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

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Health of Mt. Nebo Lodge #67 Scorecard

Based on lodge activity and feedback

