



The Masters Corner

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Masonic Customs

Our customs, whether societal or Masonic, teach us the proper way to behave. But, Freemasonry is also about improving ourselves as individuals, so there had to be more to these Masonic customs than merely learning proper behavior. There had to be hidden lessons, secret meanings.

Masonic Customs, to cast a wide loop, encompasses every public and almost every private interaction between two or more people. We're going to break down these interactions and view them from a Masonic standpoint using the three steps delineated upon the Master's carpet.

On the third step, the top step is our Masonic ritual. When performed properly Masonic ritual is a beautiful thing. We use it during the Degrees to bring increasing amounts of Light to our candidates, and we use it to transmute the Lodge from one tiled state to another. Every word, every pronunciation, every enunciation matters; every step is measured and precise; every movement prescribed.

On the second step we have Masonic decorum. These are our ceremonies or demonstrations which, though performed in public, have specific rules or guidelines as to how we are to behave. These would include Masonic funeral services, the open Installation of Officers ceremony, the honoring of distinguished Brethren, and others. Although Masonic decorum has specific guidelines of behavior these guidelines are not fixed as is our ritual. They can be altered to suit the situation or circumstance.

And then on the lower step we have what we will call our Masonic manners. These are exactly as they sound: saying please and thank you, waiting to be recognized before speaking, not interrupting while someone else is speaking, ladies first and men last. Basically, Masonic manners are the same manners that Mom and Dad drilled into you as a child, the same manners that in today's increasingly casual society we witness less and less.

Six 7 Couch, Tim (2008, April 26) www.masonsmart.com



Important Dates

- **2nd Tuesday Lodge Meeting @ The Lodge Hall – March 13th**
- **Cigar Night @ MonteCristo - March 10th**
- **Cabinet Meeting, Location TBD, March 21**
- **4th Thursday Lodge Meeting @ The Lodge Hall – March 22nd 7:30pm – Lodge Pictures (Masonic Dress required)**
- **8th Annual District Easter Egg Hunt @ Hadley Park – March 31st Food & music starts @10am. Easter Egg Hunt starts @ 12pm**



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Prayer List

Bro Stan McClay

March Birthday

PM Loren Russell
 Bro Darren Kennedy
 Bro Anthony Suggs

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

TRIVIA QUESTION #8

How many GM's were present at the building of KS Temple?

Who were they?

Please send answers to info@mtnebo67.org

Important Reminders

Q3 Dues are Past Due as of April 1st

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

From the Chaplain

1 Timothy 6:1-7

Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising's, Perverse disputing's of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

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Health of Mt. Nebo Lodge #67 Scorecard

Based on lodge activity and feedback

