

UNIVERSITY LODGE 141 TRESTLEBOARD MARCH 2023



Brethren,

FROM THE EAST



As I travel around to different lodges every month, I'm constantly reminded of the reasons I joined Freemasonry and why it continues to be relevant. The variety of the individuals that contribute to the uniqueness of each lodge allow us to feel like we're truly traveling to new lands to be paid our master's wages. All of the lodges visited are back on their feet post-pandemic, busy with their labors, and it's been a heartening sight to behold. I highly encourage the members of University Lodge to travel with me as I visit the different lodges in our area and feel the fraternal warmth that flows as soon as you walk through the door. Each lodge has welcomed us as true brothers and I look forward to reciprocating with our own visitors in the coming months.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all of you that we'll be holding a 3rd Degree for Bros. Darios Mortant and Chris Lawler (along with a courtesy degree for a brother from Green Lake Lodge) on Monday, April 24th. SW Rhys Nunnelee will be looking to fill roles in the coming weeks and we'll need to hold at least 2-3 practices to ensure we run a degree worthy of our standards. Please be open to step up and pitch in for this important evening.

Lastly, we are starting to get a lot of inquiries from men who are interested in joining a lodge. I'll be inviting these gentlemen to our dinners before stated meetings, to help out at the food bank, and/or another Monday when we're at the lodge. If you see an unfamiliar face during any of these, kindly introduce yourself and make them feel welcome - you could be talking to a future brother.

Take care and hope to see all of y'all soon!

- WM Michael Champion

University Lodge #141 will be travelling to St. John's #9 on
Wednesday, March 15th. They meet at Greenwood Lodge. Join us!



Next Stated Meeting

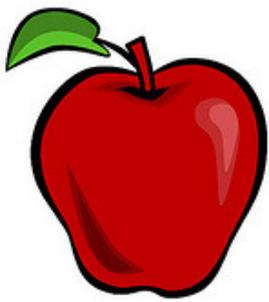
March 6th

Doors open at 6:00pm
Dinner served at 6:30pm
Lodge opens at 7:30pm



Upcoming dates:

March 11th – Food Bank
April 3rd – Stated Meeting
April 24th – MM degree



University District Food Bank



JOHN CLINTON COHN

Born: May 29, 1927

Raised: May 21, 1968

Died: February 17, 2023



Brethren Raised in March

Vollie Waggoner	1956
Richard Glein	1964
Terrill Henderson	1964
Frank Walters	1965
Parker White	1967
Robert Bodkin	1972
James Burnett	1974
Gene Budbill	1977
Raymond Murrell	1977
Peter DeSomma	1983
James Hall	1986
Kenneth Freeman	1989
Ricky Palmer	1992
Jerry Parton	1992
John Hayes	1996
Umit Eksioglu	2004
Andrew Freeman	2007
Chris Freeman	2007
Matt Livingston	2010
Michael Champion	2010
Jonathan D. Roger	2013
Brandon Rouge	2016
Harry Mittelholz	2018

"One of the most important tenants of our or institution is that of charity. Our lodge donates money to various organizations every year and it is a good thing that we do. However, sending money does not give one the feeling of having given charity. Last year, WB Champion started our work at the University Food Bank as an opportunity for brothers to participate in charity. Every 2nd Saturday of the month (except in December) we help the food bank organize donations, separate good from overripe produce, clean the floors and shelves and any other tasks they ask of us. It is not difficult labor and we always walk away feeling good about our charity and also the time we have been able to labor together with our brothers. Afterwards, we rest our labors and head for refreshment.

It is a fun time together and the staff really appreciate and count on us helping out that one day a month. It may not seem like much, but they always tell us how much of a difference it makes for them.

If you are interested and able, we will be doing it again this month on Saturday, March 11th from noon ~ 2pm-ish. Afterwards, of course, we will go for refreshments. If you can come, please let me know so I can tell the staff how many of us will be there to support the service they give to those who are struggling to make ends meet."

-Bro. Scott Bohart



Service Awards

Thank you brothers for your years of service to the craft!



Raymond Goodwin
60 years!!



Harold Mitchell
75 years!!

"The subject matter of Masonry is the relationship between Spirit and Matter, between Heaven and Earth, between God and Man, between the Soul and the Body."

-Hon. Sir John A. Cockburn



Wolf, Goat and Cabbage Riddle

"Once upon a time a farmer went to a market and purchased a wolf, a goat, and a cabbage. On his way home, the farmer came to the bank of a river and rented a boat. But crossing the river by boat, the farmer could carry only himself and a single one of his purchases: the wolf, the goat, or the cabbage. If left unattended together, the wolf would eat the goat, or the goat would eat the cabbage. The farmer's challenge was to carry himself and his purchases to the far bank of the river, leaving each purchase intact. How did he do it?"



Email your solution to the Secretary!
Answer will be in the April Trestleboard!

Cleopatra's Needle Saved by a Freemason

The obelisk known as 'Cleopatra's Needle' was gifted to George IV in 1820 by Pasha Mohamed Ali. However, the British, although sincere in their appreciation for the gift, rejected the transportation costs and the obelisk remained in Alexandria where it had lain since c. 15 BC.

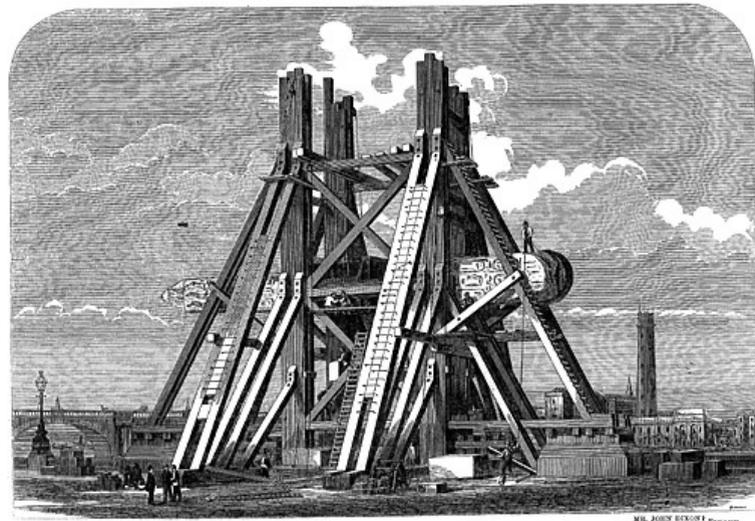
It was the intervention of **Freemason Sir William James Erasmus Wilson** (1809-1884), that led to the obelisk making its final, somewhat perilous, journey to England.

The foundation stone was made by master stone mason William Henry Gould (1822-1891) and it was laid with Masonic ceremony. Finally, on 12 September 1878 the obelisk was raised on the Victoria Embankment in London. The final cost to Sir Wilson was £10,000.

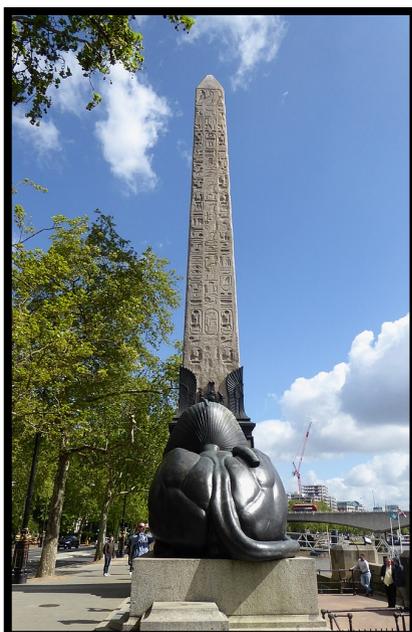
The obelisk is flanked by two faux-Egyptian sphinxes, which ironically were placed facing the wrong way – instead of guarding the monument, they are looking at it! The symbolism of the sphinx is that of a guardian and in ancient Egypt there were often entire avenues of sphinxes leading up to a temple, or temples, for example, the linking avenue between Karnak and Luxor temples.

Freemasonry adopted this icon, especially in the Art Deco period of the early 1900s and there are many examples of Masonic Halls/Temples flanked by varying representations of Egypto-Greek sphinxes. Another prominent obelisk to have been erected is not of Egyptian origin but was designed to be equally as impressive.

The Washington Monument, situated on the National Mall in Washington DC, was constructed between 1848 and 1885 to commemorate the first President of the United States, George Washington; himself a prominent Freemason.



RAISING CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE 1878



THE WESTERN SIDE OF CLEOPATRA'S
NEEDLE IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER,
LONDON.



THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT
ALMOST COMPLETE AROUND 1884.

In true American style, the designers attempted to outdo the magnitude of ancient Egyptian obelisks by creating what was the tallest structure in the world – a mighty 554 feet, 7 11/32 inches (169.046 m) tall – until 1889 when it was trumped by the erection of the Eiffel Tower.

The cornerstone of the Memorial was laid on 4 July 1884 with great ceremony and was apparently 'pronounced sound after a Masonic ceremony using George Washington's Masonic gavel, apron and sash, as well as other Masonic symbols'.

Source:

<https://www.thesquaremagazine.com/mag/article/202102free-masonry-and-egyptomania/>

University Lodge No. 141, like the institution that is its namesake, holds up the ideals of lifetime learning, self-improvement and service, both for the benefit of its members and the community at large. Nothing less than excellence in ritual is acceptable and jovial fellowship will be its counterbalance.

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