

TRESTLEBOARD

UNIVERSITY LODGE 141

OCTOBER 2022



Brothers,

October is upon us and with that, my last meeting as Master at University Lodge. November will be our step-up night and the start of a new chapter with Brother Mike Champion at the helm.

These three years have been an honor, at times, trying and always, I tried my best with due diligence, respect and with consideration to the fraternity as a whole. I hope to see brothers at our meeting ready to vote and get our next exciting year started.

Our lodge is strong. I couldn't be prouder of the officers who have put in their time, a ton of effort, and their emotions as well. We have all grown over the last three years together through the pandemic, through zoom, and through isolation while still keeping our heads up and supporting each other. I am excited for the years to come.

Fraternally,
WM Ben Stagner



University Lodge 141 Stated Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2022

Doors open at 6:00pm

Dinner served at 6:30pm

Lodge starts at 7:30pm

ELECTION
OF
OFFICERS

Come elect your
2023 officers
at the October
meeting!

Check out our
new website!



University Lodge 141 Charity Budget Discussion

On Thursday, September 29 at 7:00pm, the Charity Committee will hold an open meeting for lodge members to review and give feedback on the 2023 charity budget ahead of an up or down vote on the budget at our stated meeting on October 3rd. Anyone interested in giving feedback on our charity budget should attend this meeting. If you are interested and cannot make it, please reach out to JD Roger at jonathan.d.roger@gmail.com

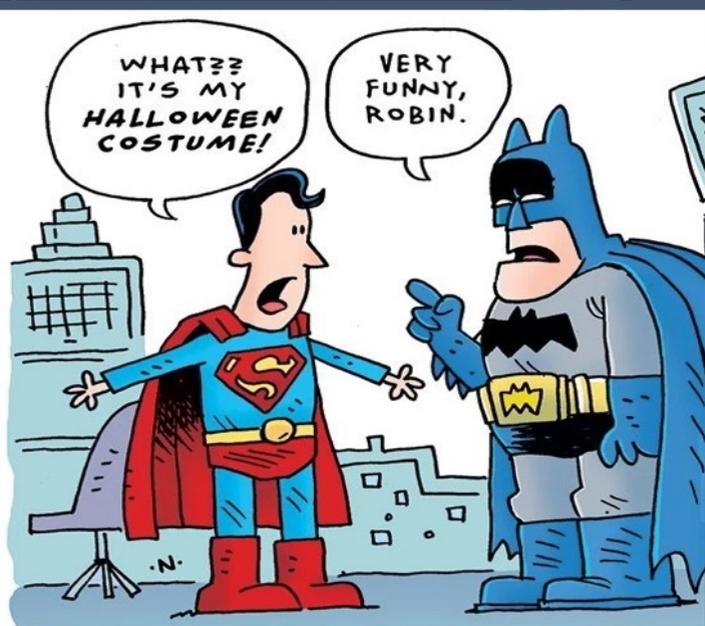
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Brethren Raised in October

Henry Cramer	1959
Gregory Smith	1961
Kurt Moss	1969
Terrance Talley	1976
John Whitcomb	1979
Dennis Archambault	1985
James Brainard	1986
Wayne Anderson	1988
HW Nagley	1992
Jerry Wilkins	1995
David Hakkinen	1996
Douglas Hoggatt	1997



Upcoming Meetings

October 3rd
Elections and Charity Budget

November 7th
Step Up Night

December 5th
Toys for Tots and Holiday Dinner



CARDINAL VIRTUES

by William R. Fischer

If you had three wishes what would you wish for? Most people would wish to;

1. Live forever.
2. Win the lottery.
3. Have peace on earth.

Living forever, although it seems immortal, is one of the most mortal parts of mankind abilities. We all live forever, for as long as you live that is forever. When your body expires your spirit lives on and people who know you will remember you, and that remembrance will keep you living forever.

Winning the lottery is much more difficult. First you have to play to win and then be one out of twenty million. But, all of this does not matter because we have enough for ourselves and our families. We have enough to live on, and to survive, we may not have it as easy as others but we have enough. Peace on earth is a matter of cooperation and understanding. The more we understand each other the less difficult it will be to cooperate and achieve peace.

We can be sure that some have other wants or needs, noble and selfish, but what about an alternative. How about ABILITY, STRENGTH, and WISDOM.

With ability TEMPERANCE would be easy. If you have the ability to accomplish what you wish, temperance would be the first accomplishment. To be able to control ones desires is the goal of every good man. This would make it easy for you to help others through your example and your knowledge. With strength FORTITUDE is a part. To be strong of character you must have fortitude. Fortitude is the driving force in strength of character. This would give you the skill to deal with those who would subvert the good you are trying to do.

With wisdom PRUDENCE would be found and JUSTICE could be served. Prudence is a part of wisdom. To be wise is to be prudent. Justice is known to a wise person. Thus, to be wise is to have the know-how to administer justice. Having the knowledge to use prudence and dispense justice can only come from wisdom. Thus, we would be able to tell who is in need and who is causing the pain of need.

So if given three wishes, maybe we should wish for:

- The ability to help those in need.
- The strength to forgive those who cause pain.
- The wisdom to know the difference.

If we all did this we would still live forever, we would all be richer and peace on earth would last for an eternity.

The Last Chance Halloween

by *Midnight Freemason Contributor*

Bro. Steven L. Harrison, PM, FMLR

Halloween and Freemasonry: There are probably many tie-ins what with all the costumes worn in degree work, skulls and other symbols; and that's before the conspiracy theorists weigh in. Occasionally, though, the pairing of the mysterious holiday and Freemasonry brings to mind images of Harry Houdini, a life member of St. Cecile Lodge 568, New York City.

A man of mystery, you could almost say Brother Harry lived Halloween 24/7. Aside from being, arguably, the world's greatest magician and escape artist, Houdini maintained an abiding interest in the paranormal. He did not, however deceitfully promote it as he felt many did. He despised fraudulent seers and mediums and worked tirelessly to expose their chicanery. He felt everything he couldn't expose as being fake must be real.

He made many attempts to communicate with his mother after she died, but found no evidence of contact. Still, feeling communication with "the other side" was possible, he made a pact with his wife Bessie that the first to die would attempt to contact the other through a coded message. No one knows what the full message was, but part of the pact was that Houdini would open a pair of silver handcuffs they owned. Bessie never received any communication from Houdini after his death, but hundreds of psychics claimed they did.

On Halloween 1936, the 10th anniversary of his death, she held a final séance in which he failed to appear. After that, Bess declared the search over and said she believed he could not come back, "It is finished." Two years later she created a firestorm in the world of spiritualists when, playing herself in the film *Religious Racketeer*, she said she did not believe communication with the dead was possible.

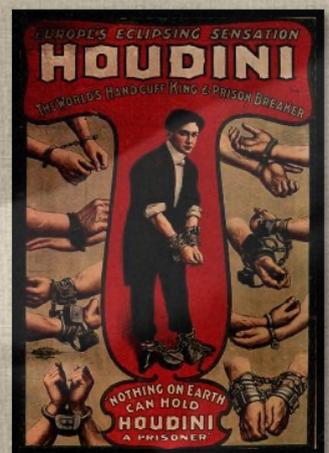
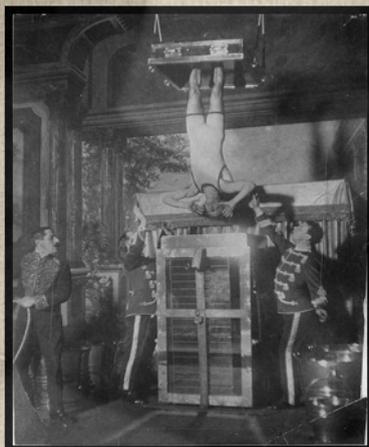
During his life the great Houdini did everything he could to separate the fake aspects of spiritualism from what he thought might be real. Shortly before his death he testified before congress against spiritualists and fortune tellers licensed to practice in Washington, DC. So adamant was he that they were charlatans, the hearing broke out in a shouting match and some of the spectators tried to attack Houdini. On the other hand, still believing there was something to communication with the spiritual world, he worked with Thomas Edison in an attempt to develop a "delicate psychic detecting instrument." The object of the "ghost machine," as it was called, was to be so sensitive it could detect the presence or touch of an ethereal being from another world. There is no evidence the machine was ever built

On October 26, 1926, Houdini received a painful blow to the stomach in a demonstration at McGill University in Montreal. Contrary to popular opinion, most medical experts believe the blow was unrelated to the appendicitis attack that followed; however, Houdini failed to get treatment thinking the pain in his stomach was due to the punch to his abdomen. After his appearance in Montreal, he traveled to Detroit where he collapsed at the end of a performance. Five days later, on Halloween, Harry Houdini died.

I was standing in a nondescript empty room on the fourth floor of old Grace Hospital in Detroit. The building, once considered progressive and modern, had deteriorated to the point that it would be torn down in a few months. I ran the Information Technology department downstairs and once my group moved out, the wrecking ball would move in. I soaked it all in. Somehow it just didn't seem that special, but shortly several people and the news media — this year including Time Magazine — would gather there as they had done for years on Halloween.

This wasn't just any room. This was the very place where, on October 31, 1926, Brother Harry Houdini died. I took a final look and turned to leave. As I walked away, people filed past me to enter the room for Houdini's last séance.

Houdini, as had been the case on every Halloween in Grace Hospital since he died, did not show up.



“Watch your thoughts, they become your words; watch your words, they become your actions; watch your actions, they become your habits; watch your habits, they become your character; watch your character, it becomes your destiny.” — Lao Tzu

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