

University Lodge 141

Trestleboard

April 2024



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Time sure does go by quickly. My year as Worshipful Master of our lodge is halfway over. It has been a great seeing everyone at lodge and the amount of visiting Masons and men interested in Masonry we have also had in attendance at our Stated meetings.

In continuance of my focus for this year, I'd like to remind everyone to keep University Lodge in mind. We had a great turnout for dinner and upstairs as well for last month's meeting! Would love to see you all at this month's meeting. Bethel 5 of Job's Daughters will be catering the dinner and having their 2nd Annual Bake Sale. Upstairs, we will be holding our second "Shrinking the Lodge" discussion. This one will focus on some aspects from the 1st degree.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Fraternally,
WM Rhys Nunnelee

Next Stated Meeting

April 1st

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



Upcoming Dates:

- April 13 – Food Bank
- May 6 – Stated Meeting
- Grand Master's Visit
- May 11 – Food Bank
- June 3 – Stated Meeting
- District Deputy's Visit
- June 17 – FC degree



Fellowcraft Degree

University Lodge will be passing a brother to the Fellowcraft degree on Monday,

June 17th at 6:30pm.

All Fellowcraft Masons are welcome!



2nd ANNUAL Bake Sale

Proceeds Benefit Bethel #5 Jobies Travel and Promotion

April 1st 2024
Following Dinner
University Lodge



University District Food Bank



VWB Coe Tug Morgan obtaining bags for the Food Bank. Great work Brother!

Last month, we continued our fruitful partnership with the University District Food Bank by having a group go in and work a 2-hour shift. It was a great time for fellowship as we helped the Food Bank with assorted tasks to prepare them for the following week. There has long been talk about our collective desire to do more in the community and contribute some Masonic charity to people in need so we are very excited for this to evolve and have us be a resource that the food bank can tap for help.

The next opportunity is Saturday, April 6th, from 12:00-2:00pm.

This is open to spouses, partners, friends, and children ages 14-up. For any that are interested in signing up for this shift or one in the future, please contact me by email at crowscall@gmail.com

-Bro. Scott Bohart



Brethren Raised in April

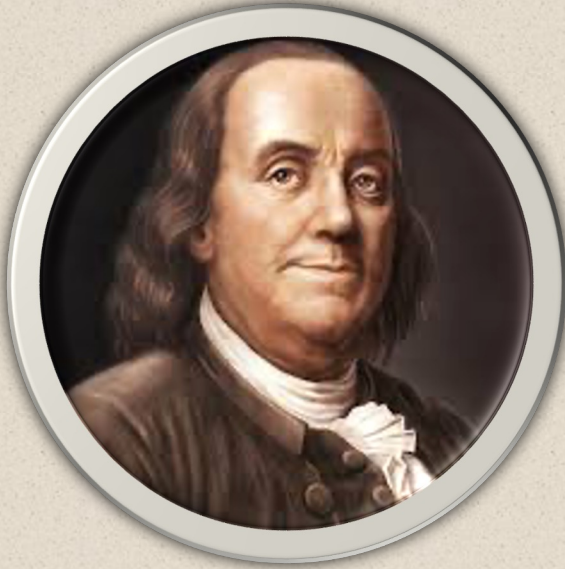
Joel Rindal	1957
Ralph Watson	1962
James A. Smyth	1963
John Parks	1964
William Petrie	1965
William Booth	1979
Daniel Fisher	1986
Stephen Stewart	1992
Remy Valenzuela	1996
Mark Creed	2001
Alex Credgington	2012
Renick Hamil	2012
Adam Alsobrook	2019

Each Digit of Your ZIP Code Has a Meaning

The 1963 introduction of Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) codes in the United States aimed to streamline the mail sorting process for faster delivery. Two-digit numerical codes originated during World War II. Those two-digit codes evolved into the five-digit ZIP codes we know today. The first digit represents a broad geographical area, from 0 in the Northeast to 9 in the West; the following two digits designate the code of a central post office facility in that region; and the last two digits represent small post offices or postal zones. In 1983, the ZIP+4 code was introduced to further increase the precision of mail sorting by adding a hyphen and four more numbers to the five-digit ZIP code. These additional numbers serve to identify specific delivery routes that can represent houses on one side of a street or even a particular building that receives a lot of mail.



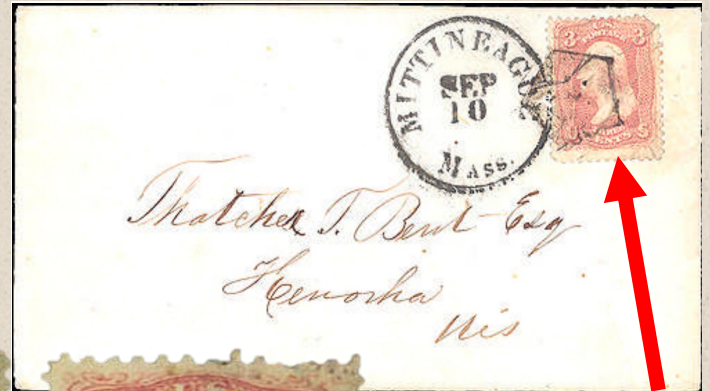
Masonry and the Post Office



Ben Franklin, a famous Freemason, became **Deputy Postmaster General** in 1753. During his time in this position, Franklin made a simple accounting method for postmasters along with making riders carry mail both day and night. Our mail system changed drastically under Ben Franklin and he would eventually become Postmaster General and create a modern post office that we still use today.

Franklin was initiated into a local Masonic lodge in Pennsylvania in 1731. He would be elected Grand Master of Pennsylvania just 3 years later in 1734. Also, in 1734 Franklin reprinted the Masonic Book "Constitutions of the Free-Masons", sometimes referred to as Anderson's Constitutions after it's author James Anderson.

From the 1850's through the late 1930's, many small town postmasters across the U.S. were members of the craft. While Postal Service management in D.C. looked the other way some postmasters took the opportunity to use personalized hand canceling devices that showed a square & compasses, a setting mall, and even a representation of Jachin and Boaz, the pillars that adorned the outer porch of King Solomon's Temple.



Masonic
Keystone
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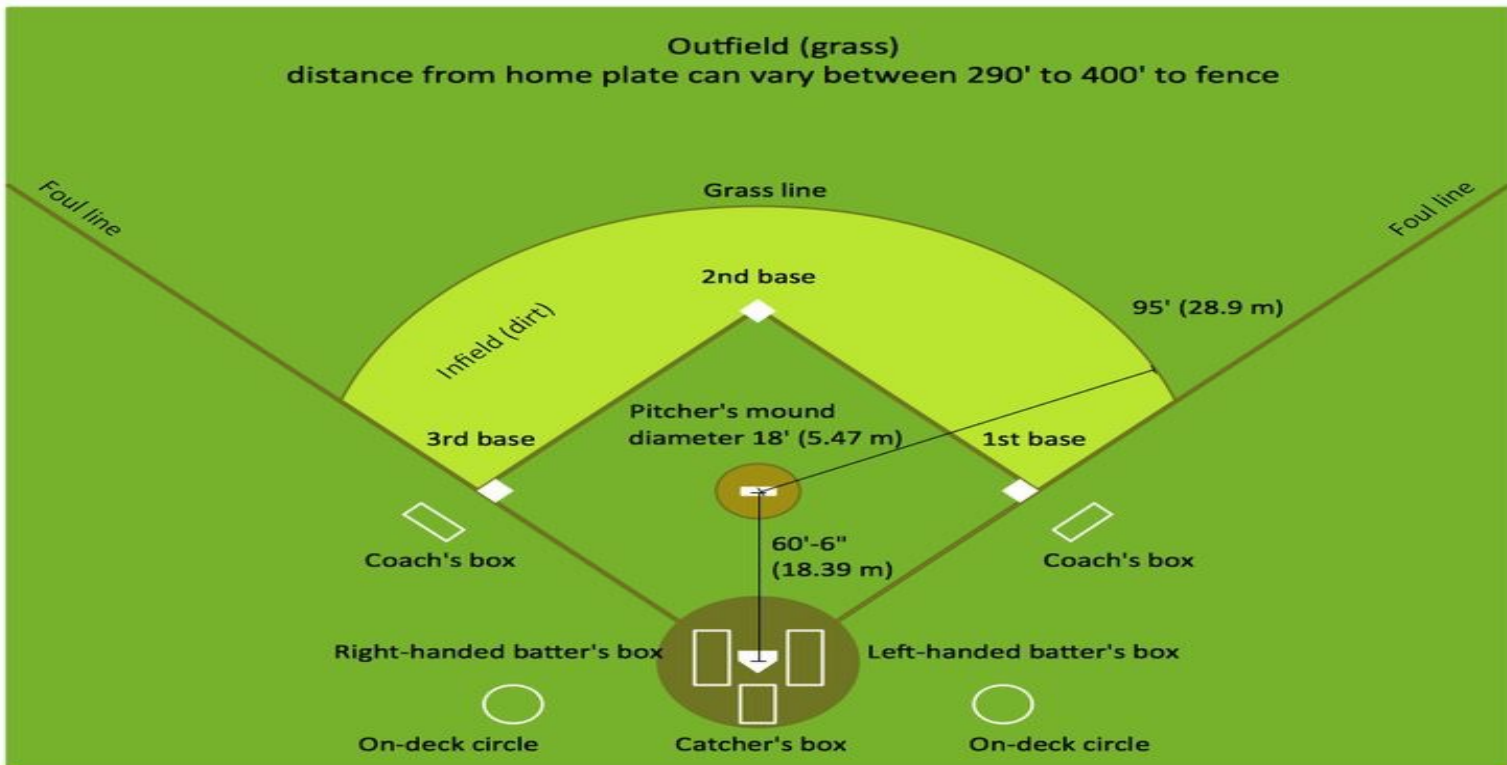


Masonic Square and
Compasses cancels.

The most often collected area of Masonic Philately (the in-depth research and study of postage stamps) is that of the images famous Masons on stamps issued by various countries. Recent counts indicate that well over 1250 Masons have appeared on stamps from over 83 countries. Fourteen US Presidents were Master Masons and one, Lyndon B. Johnson, received his Entered Apprentice degree, but never finished the remaining Blue Lodge degrees.

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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