

# University Lodge 141

# Trestleboard

## May 2022



### FROM THE EAST

Happy May Brothers,

I am so glad to announce that we will be having dinner once again at the lodge. 6:00 doors open and 6:30 dinner. With all of us learning how to get back to normal, I encourage us to help fellow brothers safely come back to lodge. As always, we encourage you to be vaccinated and protected with further boosters.

Furthermore, May will be our return to the annual University Street Fair on May 21 and 22. We hope to see brothers help out and connect while answering questions and showing the public who we are.

Be safe and be healthy!

-WM Benjamin Stagner



Next Stated Meeting  
**Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Doors will open at 6:00pm**

**Catered Chipotle dinner will be served at 6:30pm.**

**Lodge meeting will start at 7:30pm.**

Dress is semi-formal.  
Masks are optional.



## Fellowcraft Degree

We will be having an FC Degree on **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm**. Come support our brethren as they continue their Masonic journey. See you there!



The U District Street Fair is a great opportunity for us to get into the community. We will have a table in front of the lodge full of games and info about Masonry. Come be part of the fun.  
**See you at the University Street Fair!**





# University District Food Bank

**Want to make a difference in our community?  
Come help out at the Food Bank!**

University Lodge has a fruitful partnership with the University District Food Bank. Each month, a group of us work a 3-hour shift, cleaning out and restocking the vegetable and dairy cold display, double-bagging paper bags for customer use, bagging individual pastries together into multi-packs, and various duties around the warehouse. This is our opportunity to do more in the community and contribute some Masonic charity to people in need.

**The next shift is Saturday, May 14th, from 3:00-6:00pm.**

We are in the midst of trying to schedule these out once every month and are looking for 5-10 brothers to man a crew each time. 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 [michael.m.champion@gmail.com](mailto:michael.m.champion@gmail.com).

More info at -- <https://www.udistrictfoodbank.org>

-SW Michael Champion



## What is Masonry?

By Bro. Walter H. Bonn, Victor, Iowa

*It's not a sign or handshake,  
a hall where tilers sit,  
It's not a guarded building,  
where passwords will admit,  
It's not a place of symbols,  
which Wardens oft display,  
It's not a lodge of members,  
who meet in white array.*

*It is the home of justice, of liberty and truth,  
Of loyalty to country, of sympathy for youth,  
Of succor for a brother,  
of gentleness and cheer,  
Of tolerance for neighbors,  
whose life is often drear.*



## Brethren Raised in May

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| Coe Tug Morgan      | 1956 |
| O. Paul Marr        | 1957 |
| Peter A. Sellen     | 1960 |
| Howard O. Wilson    | 1963 |
| Jerry N. Caldwell   | 1966 |
| J. Richard Smith    | 1967 |
| Donald A. Stumbaugh | 1968 |
| John C. Cohn        | 1968 |
| Fred P. Barnhart    | 1975 |
| Jack E. Garton      | 1977 |
| Bowman L. Chelette  | 1978 |
| Clifford J. Gross   | 1982 |
| Helmuth Svoboda     | 1987 |
| Kenneth D. White    | 1989 |
| Steven M. Gamber    | 1989 |
| Edward S. Krigsman  | 1995 |





# COMPASSES OR COMPASS? - WHICH IS CORRECT?

This is a question that has concerned a number of members but a simple answer cannot be given. There has been a suggestion made that the plural form came into common use when the mariners compass was invented. The word *compas* has been recorded as having been used in the 14th century. Three examples are: 1340 "craftily casten with a *compas*" 1387 "made the first *compas*" and in 1391 by Chaucer who wrote of the "poynt of my *compas*". In 1551 this sentence was recorded "haue a payre of *compasse* aptelye made for to draw the circles." In 1570 a mathematical text had "geometrie teacheth the vse of the Rule and *cumpasse*." Swift wrote in 1745 "to fix one foot of their compass wherever they think fit." As recently as 1845 Emerson wrote "defined by compass and measuring wand."

Earliest uses of the plural form have been recorded in the 16th century. In 1555 "we took owre *compases* and beganne to measure the sea coasts" and an example from 1594 "how to make with your *compasses* a perpendicular line to fall from any point given another right line." Milton wrote in *Paradise Lost* in 1667 "in his hand he took the golden *compasses* to circumscribe this universe."

The mariners compass first appeared in 1515 "Some the anker layde . . . one kepte the compass and watched the our glasse." In 1552 this was recorded "ane *skypper* can nocht gyde his schip without direction of his *compas*."

In at least four verses of the Old Testament compass appears in its singular form. Isaiah 44:13 "The carpenter stretcheth out his rule he marketh it out with a line he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass . . . ." Other references are Exodus 27:5, Exodus 38:4 and Proverbs 8:27.

Early masonic rituals do not show any marked preference for either form. Prichard's *Masonry Dissected* of 1730 uses the singular four times and the plural once. *Three Distinct Knocks* published in 1760 has the plural form seven times and the singular twice. *Jachin and Boaz* which appeared in 1762 shows a slight preference for the singular over the plural by five to four.

In the United States some jurisdictions use *compass* and there are also masonic clubs known as square and compass clubs.

After reading this far it would be a bold reader who would say one or the other was correct. There is, however, a criterion of correctness for the modern New Zealand constitution mason and that is how the word appears in our Book of Constitution and Ritual. As it always appears as *compasses* then as far as our working is concerned *compasses* is the correct form.

-by V. Wor. Bro. I.J. Nathan G.L.

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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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