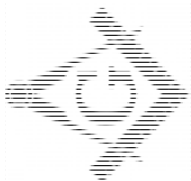


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A BROKEN ASHLER by Bro. Seymour Brandes

What's inside...

A sense of imperfection round me clings;
I hear an inward voice in deep lament:
Through the dark chancel of my soul there rings
A boding chant, with fear and yearning blent.

Thin as a specter's voice in lonely round:
I cannot tell from whence it came-or why,-
It harrows all my thoughts with mournful sound,
Like echoes of a drowning seaman's cry.

The precious pearls of wasted talent thrown
In isolated spots of my life's field:
Its irrecoverable riches sown
As worthless seed that gave a barren yield.

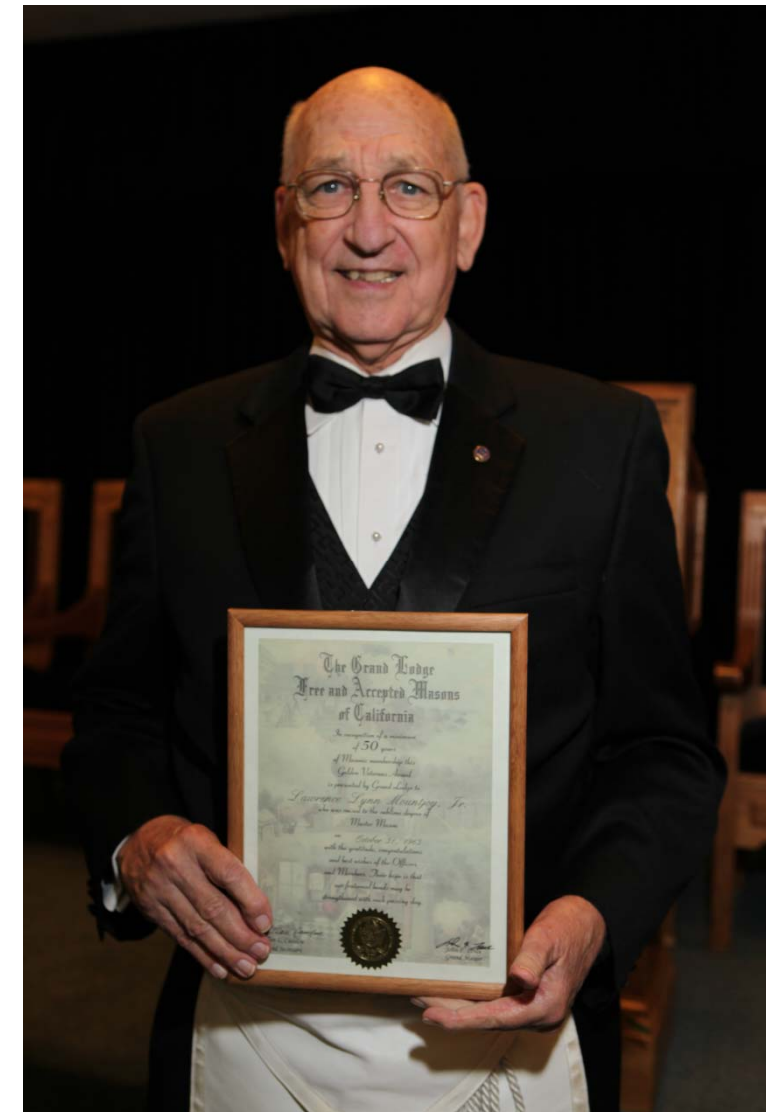
The images of folly, sloth and sin
That flecked with error all my nobler past,
Troop mockingly around with leering grin;
I view with shuddering doubt-I am aghast!

*From The New Age Magazine, Washington, D. C., April,
1915*



To Pledge Allegiance

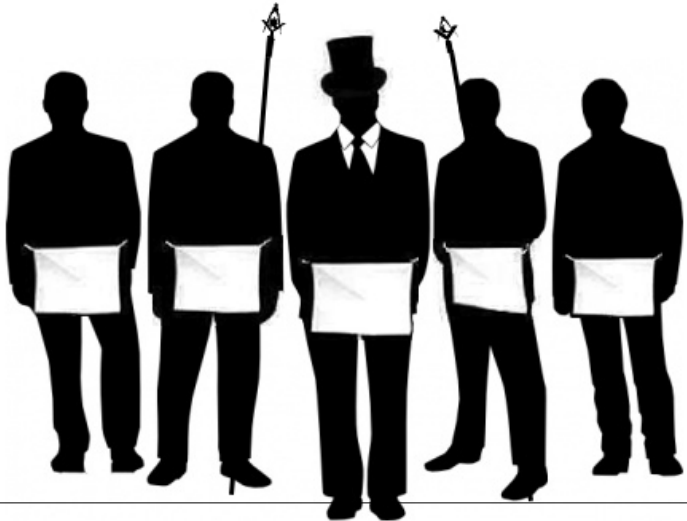
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From the East—Wor. Bilavian

The month of May was very successful. On May 7th, we visited The Glendale Unified School district where we recognized our public school teachers, principals, and workers and thanked them for their hard work and dedication in our community by passing out 76 certificates and awards. This has been a custom of Glendale Lodge for the past 41 years and it is an honor for us to keep this custom going to make sure our public schools are recognized and supported. I would like to thank all the brethren and especially Wor. Narbeh Baghadasarian, Bro. Vram Martirosyan, and Bro. Edvin Vartanian for their support and hard work. On the same day, we had the official visit of our Inspector Wor. Jeff William Yates, Inspector of 529th Masonic District where he is always warmly welcomed, and I would like to thank him for his visit and for his great support to Glendale Lodge and the District. I also would like to thank all the brethren for their support in attendance.

I would like to congratulate our Bro. Narek Manukyan for his passing to the Fellow Craft degree and would like to thank all the officers for their excellent work and especially Wor. Travis Robinson for serving in the East and Bro. Hrag Bekerian for delivering an excellent lecture on that night. They were both part of the Master Masons seminar that was held on May 11th at the Granada Hills Lodge and it was a great opportunity to those brothers who missed the seminar to see their work in our Lodge. I would like to thank them for reading and delivering the guid-

ance provided in the CMC to the brothers in the Lodge on Admin Tuesday.

May 21st was such a great day for Glendale Lodge where one of our most dedicated past masters Wor. Lawrence Mountjoy, who served Masonry for more than 50 years and especially Glendale Lodge as a Lodge Officer, Master, and Secretary for 17 years received his Golden Veterans Award. He is also a Hiram award recipient for his dedication to Masonry and served as Inspector for the 529th Masonic District. It was an honor for Glendale Lodge to present him with his Golden Veteran Award “50 year pin and the certificate. I would like to congratulate him and thank him for everything that he has done for Glendale Lodge and Masonry. Furthermore, I would like to thank Wor. Vernon Dandridge and our Assistant Grand Electoral, Wor. Lynn Wallingford for being there and passing the award to our lovely brother Wor. Lawrence Mountjoy. Thank you to all for supporting and attending that night. I would like to thank our inspector Wor. Jeff Yates for his hard work to deliver the awards to all of our 50 year pin recipients. I would like to remind all the brothers who are 50 year members to contact Glendale Lodge to receive their pins and certificates.

I would like to congratulate Bro. Edvin Vartanian, Bro. John Carlton, and Bro. Armen Keshmeshian for becoming a Master of the Royal Secret 32 Degree Masons from Pasadena Valley Scottish Rite.

To Pledge Allegiance

By Bro. Armen Keshmeshian

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

As Freemasons we say this pledge every time we are in lodge, and as Freemasons our duty to God, our country and our family come before Freemasonry. Freemasonry demands from its members a respect for the law of the country in which a man works and lives. Its principles do not in any way conflict with its members' duties as citizens, but should **strengthen** them in fulfilling their public and private responsibilities. The United States of America was founded on Masonic principals, this can easily be defined by the Declaration of Independence, which asserts the rights of man in one immortal sentence. "We hold self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principals and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness." Our country has a genius that is truly unique. We stand for the proposition that the highest ideals in government are wrapped into the phrase, "the government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the face of the earth." For we believe this type of

government makes for the greatest happiness of man, both from the standpoint of an individual and private nobility, and by providing the greatest benefit to the larger public welfare.

For loyalty to one's country is a basic Masonic principle and carries with it the highest obligation of citizenship - obedience to law, respect for constitutional authority, a recognition of the right of every human being to the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



So what do we [Freemasons] do when we witness injustice, or the liberties of man being taken away? Are we merely charged with the obligation of not committing such crimes or are we held to a higher degree to stand up against such crimes.

My brothers it does not matter which political party sect or religion you personally belong to, it is hard to ignore that our liberties are being slowly taken away. So what are you going to do about it?

A portion of this article is from "Freemasonry and Patriotism" from the Grand Lodge of Virginia

June Birthdays

Artavazd Babayan, Artur Galstyan, Samvel Avagyan, Chadwick Richey, Abel Valle-Medina, Armond Zaimtsyan, Hovik Hartounian, Boris Koneff, William Steele, Tigran Tahmizyan, Gary Leister, Roberto Martinez, Walter Purves, Alfred Isagulyan, Hrachya Khachatryan, Kenneth Barrett, David Moss, Russell Garceau, Alan Sagherian, Hovhannes Baghdasaryan, Aaron Keshishian, George Mc Donald, James Watson, Jhairo Echevarria, Robert Woods, David Bishop, Dale Gabelman, Harry Queen, Gevorg Vardanyan, Matthew Hickman, Vram Martirosyan, John Pickett, Varoujan Deirmenjian, Hovannes Gedjeyan, Dean Johnson, Henry Oglesby, Vahe Ter-zakarian, John Farrior, George Courlas, John Wheeler, Rouben Gourchounian, Paul Ohanian, Dalma Evans, James Kielley, Gevork Yaralyan, Lon Eldridge, Shant Sarkisian, Bradley Carr, John Cruz, Alfredo Valdivieso, Rostom Arakelian, Henrik Sarkisian, Preston Erlick, Sahag Krpeian,



From the Secretary—Bro. Martirosyan

As a reminder to the Brethren, Glendale Lodge must pay the "Per-Capita" portion of your annual dues in June to California Grand Lodge. As you can imagine this is a huge burden for the lodge to cover this expense when we have so many outstanding dues

due. For those whom have not paid yet, please do so by June, and for those who cannot please reach out to me as soon as possible to secretary@glendalemasons.com or (818) 241-9516.



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Golden Veterans Award—Wor. Larry Mountjoy



Upcoming Events

June 4th

6:30pm Stated meeting Dinner (RSVP Required)
7:30pm Stated Meeting

June 11th

7:30pm Degree Practice

June 17th

7:00pm OSI Magnolia Lodge #618 in Burbank

June 18th

Dark

June 25th

7:30pm Admin Tuesday / Social Night

July 2nd

6:30pm Stated meeting Dinner (RSVP Required)
7:30pm Stated Meeting

July 9th

7:30pm Degree or Practice

July 16th

7:30pm Golden Veterans Award

July 23rd

7:30pm TBD

July 30th

7:30pm Admin Tuesday / Social Night

August 6th

6:30pm Stated meeting Dinner (RSVP Required)
7:30pm Stated Meeting

August 13th

Dark

August 20th

Dark

August 27th

7:30pm Admin Tuesday / Social Night

September 3rd

6:30pm Stated meeting Dinner (RSVP Required)
7:30pm Stated Meeting

Committee Meetings

Board of Trustees: July 2nd

Hall Association: TBD

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A Very Human Thing To Do *Sub. By Bro. Arman Petrosian*

Someone made the statement: “To err is dysfunctional, to forgive co-dependent.” Sometimes I think I operate that way – afraid to err and slow to forgive.

Of course, we’ve all heard Alexander Pope’s famous assertion that to err is human, to forgive, divine. But I don’t agree. I think that to forgive is one of the most human things we can do.

A number of years ago, Hildegard Goss-Mayr of the “International Fellowship of Reconciliation” told this true story. In the midst of tragic fighting in Lebanon in the 1970s, a Christian seminary student was walking from one village to the next when he was ambushed by an armed Druze guerrilla fighter. The Druze ordered his captive down a mountain trail where he was to be shot.

But an amazing thing happened. The seminarian, who had received military training, was able to surprise his captor and disarm him. Now, the table was turned, and it was the Druze who was ordered down the trail.

As they walked, however, the student of theology began to reflect on what was happening. Recalling the words of his Scripture, “Love your enemies,” “do good to those who hate you,” “turn the other cheek,” he found he could go no farther. He threw the gun into the bushes, told the Druze he was free to go and turned back up the hill.

Minutes later, he heard footsteps running behind him as he walked. “Is this the end after all?” he wondered. Perhaps the young man had retrieved his weapon and meant to finish him off. But he contin-

ued on, never glancing back, until his enemy reached him, only to grab him in an embrace and pour out thanks for sparing his life.

That was a very human thing he did – foregoing the impulse to strike back. It took a strong spirit. Yet every time we decide not to get back at somebody who hurts us, we exercise one of our greatest powers – the power to choose a better way.

Somebody else put it better than I can: “Life is too short for drama and petty things, so kiss slowly, laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly.” It’s one of the most powerful and human things we can do.



“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” (Colossians 3:13)

Mystery of the Lost Word

Benjamin Franklin once said that the only secret Freemasonry had was that it had no secrets. Mackey, however, with greater insight pointed out that there was indeed a secret, but that the secret was only symbolically represented by the lost word. Actually, it lies in another dimension entirely, for the secret itself is divine truth with it and all its implications, in the search for the lost word in the last analysis is: the search after absolute truth, that is the view of our best thinkers in freemasonry, and in the words of one of the most profound thinkers, Arthur E Waite: “the secret word is secret only by reason of its having a secret meaning is veiled allegory and illustrated by symbols and it is the allegory and the symbol that we have to unravel in the future ages that are before us. Only then will we have recovered the lost word.” Thus, it is profoundly true that the real secret of Freemasonry is not where we commonly hope to find it, and for many of us what we do find in our hands for a long time is



but the substitute, for it is not a word we are after, or even its meaning, but an idea the true word of the master mason would be a paltry thing, if it could be wrapped up like a dose of headache medicine in a neat little package for everyone to poses, instead we find like the ever receding horizon the mystery lost word is something we forever attempt to approach if we search for it it all, but never appear to reach or perhaps it is more like the parabolic curve of the mathematicians forever approaching its centroid and forever decreasing the gap between the but finally, closing it forever, theoretically at least, only in the infinite units. The idea behind the symbol of the lost word is thus an idea that encompasses all of the inscrutable mysteries of existence. Life in God and the profundities of nature and the depths of the human soul and the utmost recesses of the human heart and mind and the divine truth for which we see as all the impalpable implications of the mystery rainbow at the end of which, but only at the end is the pot of gold.

Source: Whence Came you podcast