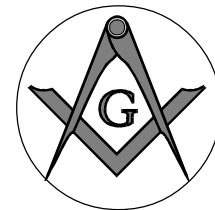


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Happy Spring Brothers!,

Mother Nature has been toying with us, but I believe that we are getting close to warmer weather. As many of you know we finally have cable in the Lodge! Once we found the right company to deal with the installation went very well. I hope that each of you take advantage of this service to the fullest. Please feel free to bring laptops, iPads, iWhatever, etc., to lodge. The computer in the lower level will also be available for use/research.

Grand Lodge 2012 is just around the corner! The Delegates meeting will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, June 1, 2012. There will also be a Junior Warden's and Senior Warden's meeting, and Secretaries and Treasurer's meeting. All discussions, concerns, issues, etc., concerning pending legislative amendments will occur on Friday ONLY.

Grand Lodge Annual Communication will begin on Saturday June 2, 2012 at 8am. This is open to any Master Mason in good standing. You may have to produce your 2012 dues card for admittance. Dress code is formal – tuxedo or dark suit, white shirt and dark tie. I will be sending out some additional information soon.

Ever wondered about the "Cable-Tow" and what its significance or meaning is? Many of the other symbols in ancient Masonry (e.g. 24 inch gauge, square, compass, trowel, mallet/gavel, apron, etc.) are all actual tools made use of by Operative Masons; and in today's Speculative Masonry, have a corresponding allegorical meaning. The cable-tow however, is a different symbol all together. Its actual use may vary depending on the origin of the Lodge. In English Lodges for example, the cable-tow, like the hoodwink, is only used in the first degree. In American Lodges it is used in all three degrees. As far back as research can go in history there has always been one type or form of a cable-

tow involved in an initiation or obligation. It seems that is related to a pledge or oath whereby an individual pledges his life to a cause or a purpose. It would seem therefore, that the cable-tow is an outward symbol of that pledge or oath.

The length and strength of a cable-tow are a measurement of a man's ability to fulfill his obligation (...if within the length of my cable-tow – or ...if within my power to do). "Within my power" is a very strong statement! That means not just an attempt or small effort, but that a Mason will use all of his power and means to accomplish or fulfill his pledge or promise.

Remember however, a cable-tow has two ends. One end binds the Mason to the Fraternity and the other the Fraternity to him. It is the responsibility of those more learned Masons within the Craft to guide, instruct, and train others within the Craft for the betterment of the Fraternity as a whole. When someone has been bound with a cable-tow they are subject Control, Obedience, and Direction which are the three meanings of the cable-tow. Bound by a cable-tow we are taken (Control) to the altar of Masonry where we make take a vow to follow (Direction) and obey (Obedience) the principals, tenants, and ideals of Masonry. These are not empty vows; they are a pledge behind which stand a man's life and honor.

So what is the length of a cable-tow? The answer to that question is dependent on the moral principles and material conditions of each of us as individuals. What is stronger and capable of supporting more weight and pressure; a single stand of wire, or a bundle of wires twisted together (e.g. a cable)?

When your individual cable-tow is intertwined with other Brother Masons it

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becomes something that is significantly stronger and capable of supporting you, the Fraternity, Brother Masons, their widows, and orphans. When one strand breaks, the others pick up the weight and it holds; and all this time you thought it was a simple piece of rope....wrapped just around you.

From the East,

Jeff Rolph, Worshipful Master

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Calendar of Events - May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
		Regular Meeting Stony Creek Lodge #5, 7:30 P.M. Orion #46 Regular 7:00 P.M.		Roosevelt #510 Regular 7:00 P.M. Cedar #60 Regular 8:00 P.M.	Pontiac #21 Regular 7:30 P.M.	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M.		Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.		SEMMA 7:30 P.M. @ Romeo Lodge.	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		MM Degree Stony Creek #5 7:00 P.M.				
27	28	29	30	31	June 1	2