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The Fourth of July

As Freemasons, it is no perfunctory spirit that we remember the 148th (238th in 2014) anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of American Independence, July 4th, 1776. It is a part of the history of our country and the history of our Craft, in this country; and it is our belief that a people who forget, or treat lightly, a great past, cannot have a great future. If they are indifferent to, or take as a matter of course, what cost so much in suffering and sacrifice, they are not worthy of the treasure they possess.

Happily, the old disputes which led up to the American Revolution, and the legacy of enmity which it left, are now faded and forgotten, and we think with kindness and respect of the land against which our forefathers fought. Since that far-off time America and Britain have joined hands in a vast enterprise, and their sons have fought side by side in a World War for the liberation of mankind and the redemption of civilization. But the American Revolution itself still stands, not only as the birth-hour of our Republic, but as the beginning of a new and great era in the history of humanity, the meaning and measure of which we do not yet see or understand.

No story outside of fairyland is more romantic than the history of the growth and development of our Republic. He is a strange man, and no Patriot at all, who can read the record and not feel his heart beat faster, stirred by a holy memory and an honorable pride. From thirteen thinly settled states, united in the struggle for freedom and in loyalty to a newly written Constitution, our Nation has grown to be one of the

greatest, strongest, more far-reaching nations on earth; a human marvel and a social wonder. Never has there been such a flowing together of peoples, such a blending of bloods, as in America; it is a fraternal achievement in which many races and many faces mingled to build a freer and gentler Fatherland of Mankind.

Among the creative forces by which America has been made so great, none has been more benign than the influences of Freemasonry. The real history of Masonry in America belongs of right to the genius of poetry, and its story is an epic. Silent, ever-present, always active, by its constructive genius our Fraternity built itself into the very foundations of the Republic. When our fathers affirmed that "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," Masonry was present assenting to one of its own principles. What patriotic memories cluster about old Green Dragon Tavern in Boston! Webster called it "the headquarters of the Revolution," and there was also the headquarters of Freemasonry, where the Boston Tea Party was planned.

As in Massachusetts, as throughout the Colonies, Masonry was everywhere active, indirectly as an Order, but directly through its members, in behalf of a nation "Conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal;" which is one of its basic truths. It was not an accident that so many Masons signed the Declaration of Independence, or that Washington and most of his Generals were members of the Craft. Nor was it by mere chance that our first President was a Mason, sworn into office on a Bible taken from a Masonic Altar, by the Grand Master of New York. Such facts are symbols of deeper facts, showing the place and power of Masonry in the making of a nation.

Along the Atlantic Coast, among the Great Lakes, in the Wilderness of the Middle West, in the far South and the far West, everywhere, in centers of populations and in little Upper Rooms on the Frontier; the Lodge stood alongside the Home, the School and the Church. Who can measure the influence, much less estimate the worth, of thousands of Masonic Altars in this land where, all down our history, men have met in the name of God and the moral law, seeking to create that influence and sentiment which gives law its authority and touches with intellectual and spiritual refinement the life of society! Only a pen endowed with more than earthly skill could trace such an influence and tell such a story.

As Freemasons we believe that the things that made our Republic great in the past - made it not only possible, but powerful - are the things that will make it still greater in the future. A great English editor recently wrote an article asking the question, what has made America great? Not its rich resources, he said, because other lands - Russia, for example - are equally rich. Nor is it intelligence and enterprise of our people, because others are also intelligent. No, what has made America great, he said, is its form of government. If ever, of any men, it can be said that our fathers were divinely taught and divinely led when they instituted our form of government, in which individual initiative is united with social responsibility - liberty under law, liberty founded in right and reason, modified by private duty, public obligation, and a sense of the common good.

For that reason we need today, all of us, a new baptism of the spirit of citizenship, of public-mindedness, of devotion to the state for what we can put into it and not for what we can get out of it. So, and only so, can we make our form of government effective for its high ends, and vindicate the wisdom of our fathers. Today hardly half of our people who are entitled to vote ever do so on any issue. Even the excitement of a Presidential campaign, such as that in which we are now engaged (July 1924), does not bestir them from their lethargy. With such negligence and indifference how can the words of Lincoln be fulfilled when he declared this to be a "Government of the people, by the people, for the people?" The facts show that it is not the foreign element who fail to vote, but those who are of American ancestry and training.

Here is where Masonry can render a real service, as well as in helping to create a more vivid sense of the sanctity of law. The increase of lawlessness in America in the last twenty-five years has been appalling. Even before the Great War some kinds of crime had increased fifteen hundred percent. For anyone to think lightly of our constitution, or any part of it, is to strike a blow at the basis of ordered civic life. To obey only such laws as suit our fancy or interest our appetite, is to lead the way to anarchy. Others, by the same principle, may disregard other laws - even those protecting life and

ownership of property - and the result will be chaos. Lincoln was right when he said that obedience to law must be the political religion of our Republic.

There is room for everything in America except hatred. If we have been careless and sentimental in the past about allowing so many people of different races to enter our country, we must correct the error. But those who are already here are entitled to our regard, and only love, good will and the spirit of fraternity can Americanize men and women, much less little children. Americanization is not a formula - it is a friendship. If we allow people of many races to knock at our doors, we do not want them to "knock" our institutions after we open the doors and admit them. Nor must we "knock" them. People whom we admit through the gates of America must not be foreigners, but friends. If they are often clannish, it is because we are indifferent. What we want for all is not simply freedom and opportunity, but fraternity - mutual respect and good will.

Here Masonry, by its very genius and purpose, can render a real service to the Republic, and at the same time strengthen its foundations.

Since the Great War there has been an unhappy revival of religious intolerance in America. In nothing was the founding of our Republic more significant than in the new relation which it established between Church and State. Our fathers separated the two forever, but they gave equal liberty and honor to all elevating and benign religions. Such is also the spirit and teaching of Freemasonry, a great and simple principle which our Craft had learned and practiced before the name "United States" had ever been spoken. Toleration is not enough; we need insight, appreciation and understanding if we are to have many races without rancor, and many faiths without fanaticism. Our religion must be a part of our patriotism, and our patriotism must be religious in its depth, warmth and power. America is our Holy Land - sacred to our thoughts and dear to our hearts - and we dare not let it be darkened by lawlessness, defiled by racial rancor or disfigured by religious intolerance. Narrowness of thought and littleness of spirit are out of place in the land of the large and liberal air where the future of humanity lies.

So, once more, in memory of our national birthday, all Freemasons ask all Americans of every race, creed

and condition to renew their vows of love, honor and loyalty to our Constitution, our President and our flag, which is the immortal symbol of all that is sacred in our life, law and history. Nay more, we ask all to join hands and hearts in behalf of a greater America tomorrow, worthy of the mighty America of the past to which, like the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, "We Mutually Pledge to Each Other our Lives, Fortunes and Sacred Honor.

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EVENTS AT UNION LODGE

Tuesday, July 22 - Entered Apprentice Degree at Union Lodge. Eat at 6 p.m. Degree to follow.

Tuesday, July 29 - Fellowcraft Degree. Eat at 6 p.m. Degree to follow.

Saturday, August 16, 2014 - 43rd Annual Cave Degree at Union Lodge. For more information visit our web site at: www.union38.org.

Tuesday, September 16th - Grand Lecture's visit.

The 2014 Grand Master's knife is still available. It is a two-bladed orange and white knife. It's available in a Frost (\$40) and CASE (\$75). Please contact PGM Tom Boduch if you'd like to purchase one. Knives are also available at Union Lodge.

PAST MASTERS OF UNION LODGE NO. 38 F&AM

1821-22 John Brown *	1917 John W. Bowman *	1957 H. K. Deatherage *	1991 David M. Bunch
1823-24 R. Richardson *	1918 John G. Harding *	1958 E. E. Smith *	1992 Hoke S. Culbertson
1825 William G. Dunlap *	1919 A. H. Stegall *	1959 William G. Harvey *	1993 W. Dale Brown
1826-28 R.S. Gilliam *	1921 W. T. Ferguson *	1960 W.E. Pierce *	1994 J. Donald Bowers
1829-37,50-52 Lewis W. Jordon *	1923 O. N. McCallum *	1961 Kenneth E. Deal *	1995-96 Thomas Boduch, PGM
1838-49 Henry L. Welcker *	1924 William R. Ladd *	1962 William Seaver *	1997 Michael R. Mann
1853,55-56,59 Henry Liggett *	1925 William A. Smith *	1963 John A. Davis *	1998 Jerry L. Brackett
1854 Thomas A. Brown *	1926 John L. Fritts *	1965,71 Victor M. Hovis *	1999 John R. Carter
1857-58 Edward A. Yost *	1927,44 Janes C. Fly *	1965 A.T. Wallace *	2000 Eugene J. LaBounty *
1860-65 N. A. Patterson *	1928 Hugh E. Wyatt *	1966 John B. Arp, Jr. PGM *	2001 Ross L. Hickey*
1866-67 James W. McNutt *	1929-30,41,43 Robert S. Ladd *	1967 M.E. Wimberly *	2002 Johnnie C. Trivett
1868-69, 72-73 Evan E. Young *	1931 Martin L. Howard *	1968 Fred H. Rasco, Jr. *	2003,05 Terry W. Jones
1870, 78-79 H. Crumbliss, Jr. *	1932 A. Sl White *	1969 L.C. Hubbard *	2004 Daniel H. Morgan
1871 James Sevier *	1933, 45 Henry Parker *	1970 Ocee C. Cole	2006 Ronald B. Sales
1874-75,77,86 James M. Melton *	1934 Lewis E. Johnson *	1972 Leon A. Mead *	2007 Louis J. Scherf, Sr.
1876 J. M. Denning *	1935 James R. Heifner *	1973 K. C. Patterson *	2008 Eugene W. Livesay
1880-82,83 Evan E. Young *	1936 Thomas W. Pickel *	1974 Alvin Arthur *	2009 Joel M. Crowe
1881,85,87,91-92 H.Crumbliss Jr *	1937 Jessie R. Johnson *	1975 Fred J. Barger *	2010 Fritz Stevens
1884 W. L. Welcker *	1938 John R. Evans *	1976 C.G. Ruffner *	2011 John M. Parkinson
1888 W. C. Shelly *	1939 Clair W. Liggett *	1977 G.R. Jackson *	2012 Christopher Harris
1889 G. W. Henderson *	1940 Paul C. Henry *	1978 Roger L. Guinn *	2013 James Tucker
1890 R. W. Gambill *	1942 John G. Roberts *	1979 Robert L. Sneed *	
1893-95 J. C. DeArmond *	1946 S. L. Bowman *	1980 Charles L. Smiddy *	
1896-97 J. Frank Corman *	1947 Thedor E. Howard *	1981 E.I. "Bill" Leach *	
1898-99 J. B. Goodwin *	1948 H. D. Wattenbarger *	1982 Eddie Parish	
1900-1,3,7 J. G. Crumbliss *	1949 Samuel S. Henley *	1983 E.T. Strunk *	
1902 Geroge L. Burk *	1950 Robt. H. Crowder *	1984 Alvin Pierce	*At Rest
1906 James C. Pope *	1951 Earl L. Loop *	1985 Howard M. Trapp *	
1908-9 W. M. Gambil *	1952 A. G. Spurgeon *	1986 C. C. McPheeters *	
1912 Edward A. Wyatt *	1953 Mack H. Smith *	1987 Russell O. Thornton *	
1913 Jehu C. Pope *	1954 Walton T. Hall *	1988 L. Dow Odum *	
1914 Dr. John Roberts *	1955 William B. Logan *	1989 Marion E. Zeigler	
1915-16,20,22 John S. Parker *	1956 Avery L. Bright *	1990 Evertt Massengill	