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Freemasonry and Politics

Why is it that Freemason's are prohibited from discussing politics in lodge? A brief excerpt from the Masonic Service Association's booklet "One Hundred Questions About Freemasonry" offers an explanation:

"The prohibition [of political discussions] goes back to the early history of the Fraternity. It is written in the second paragraph of the sixth "Old Charge" (Behavior after the Lodge is over and the brethren not gone) ; 'No Piques or Quarrels must be brought within the Door of the Lodge, far less any Quarrels about Religion, Nations, or State policy, we being only, as Masons, of the Catholick Religion above-mentioned; we are also of all Nations, Tongues, Kindreds, and Languages, and are resolved against all Politicks as what never yet conduc'd to the Welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will.

This Charge has been always strictly enjoin'd and observ'd, but especially since the Reformation in Britain, or the Dissent and Secession of these Nations from the Communion of Rome.'

Freemasons today hold that the Old Charge prohibits lodge discussions of politics in the sense of partisan politics and religion in the sense of sectarian religion."

As we approach the upcoming election cycle, it is especially important that we avoid partisan political discussions in lodge. And given the current political climate, it is perhaps best to avoid these type of discussions with brethren outside of lodge as well. Nations and friendships have been destroyed by the poison of politics.

The 43rd annual Union Lodge Cave Degree weekend will be held August 15 and 16th, 2014. A history of this event is described below

In 1972 Union Lodge wanted to institute an activity that would promote more interest in Masonry. Several Brethren, came up with the idea of conferring Degrees in Eblen's Cave. The cave is a natural cave which can hold over 300 people and is located 8 miles east of Kingston on the Clayton Brashears farm. Union Lodge is grateful to the Brashears family for their generosity in permitting Union Lodge to use the cave for this annual event. The Cave Degree is currently under the direction of M.W. Brother Tom Boduch, (2010 GRAND MASTER). Updated information can also be found on Union Lodge's home page <http://www.union38.org>.

1. SEPTEMBER 30, 1972.

Three TENNESSEE MM degrees were conferred on Union Lodge Candidates, Donald Faril Colyer, Charles Alex Colyer, and Timothy Guy Farr. 120 Masons, representing 20 Tennessee lodges attended.

2. AUGUST 25, 1973.

A TENNESSEE MM degree was conferred by Union Lodge officers on their candidate Robert Doyle Bullock. 200 Masons, representing 5 states and most of the Tennessee Grand Officers attended.

3. AUGUST 17, 1974.

An ALABAMA MM degree was conferred on Charles Donald Kewgrell by York Lodge #211, of Jasper, Alabama 311 Masons, representing 77 lodges and 15 states attended

4 AUGUST 16, 1975.

A DELAWARE MM degree was conferred on John R. Duncan by Ionic Lodge #31 Newport, Delaware. 250 Masons, representing 93 lodges and 9 states attended.

5. AUGUST 21, 1976.

Two KENTUCKY MM degrees were conferred on their candidates by Washington Meredith Lodge #355 of Brownsville, Kentucky. 350 Masons representing 87 lodges and 10 states attended.

6. AUGUST 20, 1977.

A TENNESSEE MM degree was conferred on Union Lodge candidate, Paul E. Mayfield Jr. by a team composed of Tennessee 33rd degree Scottish Rite Masons. 450 Masons, representing 200 lodges and 29 states attended.

7. AUGUST 19, 1978.

2 SOUTH CAROLINA MM degrees were conferred by the Spartanburg County (SC) third degree team on Don Mobley and Harley Earl P. Kiepper. The team was directed by Bro. Joel Wilson. 250 Masons, representing 110 lodges and 17 states and England attended.

8. AUGUST 18, 1979.

2 GEORGIA EA degrees were conferred by Rossville Lodge #397, on Wayne H. Bean (Rossville Lodge Candidate) and Stanley R. Rooker (Thompkin Lodge #466 Candidate). The degree team was led by MW Kirk Nicholson Jr., (Georgia Grand Master) using the old English Ritual used in Solomon Lodge of Savannah, Georgia. 350 Masons representing 14 states and Canada attended.

9. AUGUST 16, 1980.

An OHIO MM degree was conferred by Lima Lodge #205, Lima, Ohio on Mercer Lodge #121 candidate, Sam Wellbacker. 300 Masons, representing 86 lodges and 15 states, South Africa and Canada attended.

10. AUGUST 15, 1981.

A FLORIDA MM degree was conferred on William B. Barnette Lodge #187 candidate, Donald E. Bores. The degree team was under the jurisdiction of Temple Lodge #23, Jacksonville, Florida, and comprised of Brethren from all over the state. 200 Masons, representing 90 Lodges, 12 States and Japan attended.

11. AUGUST 21, 1982

A KANSAS EA degree was conferred by Solomon City Lodge #105, Solomon City, Kansas on F. Warren Starnes. 215 Masons, representing 109 Lodges and 12 States attended.

12. AUGUST 20, 1983.

A TENNESSEE MM degree was conferred on Union Lodge Candidate Ledford Ray Johnson. The degree team was comprised of Tennessee Past Grand Masters directed by MW John A. Arp, Jr. (Tennessee Grand Master). 302 Masons, representing 118 Lodges, 14 States and Canada attended.

13. AUGUST 18, 1984.

An ARKANSAS MM degree was conferred by Desha Lodge #643 of McGhee, Arkansas on Bill Bunker. 260 Masons, representing 109 Lodges and 9 States attended.

14. AUGUST 17, 1985.

An ILLINOIS MM degree was conferred by Triple Lodge #835, Granite City, Illinois on Leon Streif. 214 Masons, representing 104 Lodges and 18 States attended.

15. AUGUST 16, 1986.

A TENNESSEE MM degree was conferred on Union Lodge Candidate Jack Arp, (son of MW John B. Arp Jr. PGM). 372 Masons, representing 121 Lodges, 17 States, Germany and Mexico attended.

16. AUGUST 15, 1987.

An OKLAHOMA MM degree was conferred by Rock Lodge #513 of Tulsa, on Charles Scott Lammers. 231 Masons, representing 93 Lodges, 19 States, and Canada attended.

17. AUGUST 20, 1988.

A MISSISSIPPI MM degree was conferred by Pontonoc Lodge #81, Pontonoc, Mississippi on Alan Criss Armstrong. 175 Masons, representing 12 States attended.

18. AUGUST 19, 1989.

A NORTH CAROLINA MM degree was conferred by Keystone Lodge #726, Charlotte, NC, on David Joseph McGaffigan. 275 Masons, representing 112 Lodges and 20 States attended.

19. AUGUST 18, 1990.

A MARYLAND MM degree was conferred by Pythagoras Lodge #123 and Charity Lodge #134, Baltimore, Maryland on Peter Carroll Tinley. 268 Masons, representing 164 Lodges, 21 States, Mexico and Germany attended. On Friday August 17, Union Lodge conferred an EA degree while Tennessee Grand Master MW "Tex" Tisdale conferred a MM degree at Southgate Lodge #569 in Harriman.

20 AUGUST 17, 1991.

A VIRGINIA MM degree was conferred by Clover Hill Lodge #253, Moseley, Virginia on Paul Gregory Tysor. Clover Hill Lodge's WM was Bro. Jeff Kyte—a former and now dual member of Union Lodge. 289 Masons, representing 118 Lodges, 16 States and Germany attended. An ALABAMA MM degree was also conferred on Friday Night August 16 at South Gate Lodge #569 in Harriman.

21. AUGUST 15, 1992.

A LOUISIANA MM degree was conferred by the Louisiana Red River Road Runner Degree Team, under the auspices of Fair Park Lodge #436, Shreveport, Louisiana on Richard David Gates. 301 Masons, representing 148 Lodges, 21 States and Germany attended. A DELAWARE MM degree was also conferred on Friday Night August 14 at South Gate Lodge #569 in Harriman by the DELAWARE COLONIALS.

22. AUGUST 21, 1993.

A CALIFORNIA MM degree was conferred by Mission Bay Lodge #771, San Diego, California on Richard W. Knight. The degree was conferred by his father, Charles Knight, secretary of Mission Bay Lodge. 327 Masons representing 112 Lodges, 20 States and Germany attended. A KANSAS MM degree was also conferred on Bro. "Jack Daniels" on Friday Night August 20 at Union Lodge.

23. AUGUST 20, 1994.

A DELAWARE MM degree was conferred by THE SHIELD & SQUARE CLUB OF DELAWARE on Eric Scott Wagner. 247 Masons representing 116 Lodges and 19 States attended. Union Lodge also conferred a Fellow Craft Degree on Friday Night August 19.

24. AUGUST 19, 1995.

An OHIO MM degree was conferred by Hamer Lodge #228, Owensville, Ohio on Todd Cousineu. 227 Masons representing 105 Lodges and 14 States attended. Union Lodge also conferred an Entered Apprentice Degree on Jason Taylor on Friday Night August 18.

25. AUGUST 17, 1996.

A TENNESSEE MM degree was conferred by the Past Masters of Union Lodge and the Knoxville Scottish Rite Third Degree Team on Union Lodge Candidate Paul Edward Taylor. 288 Masons representing 104 Lodges and 19 States attended. Union Lodge also conferred an Entered Apprentice Degree on Timothy Dean Kile on Friday night August 16.

26. AUGUST 16, 1997.

A MISSISSIPPI MM degree was conferred by Byhalia Lodge #115, Byhalia, MS. on Stephen Jeffery Thomas. 378 Masons representing 144 Lodges and 17 States attended. On Friday night August 15, 2 NORTH CAROLINA EA degrees were conferred at Union Lodge by [Creasy Proctor Lodge #679](#), Fayetteville, NC on John Mark Tripp and Joseph Simmons Jr.

27. AUGUST 15, 1998.

A SOUTH CAROLINA MM Degree was conferred by the Hejaz Shrine Temple Past Masters Degree Team on James E. Terry, member of Taylors Lodge #345, Taylors, S.C. 281 brethren, representing 118 Lodges, 19 States, Canada and the Panama Canal Zone attended. On Friday night August 14, a NORTH CAROLINA FC degree was conferred at Union Lodge by [Creasy Proctor Lodge #679](#), Fayetteville, NC on Rickie Marl Foor.182 brethren, representing 84 Lodges and 14 States, Canada and the Panama Canal Zone attended.

28. AUGUST 21, 1999.

A NORTH CAROLINA MM degree was conferred by Keystone Lodge #726, Charlotte NC on Mark Jennings. 198 brethren, representing 86 Lodges and 16 States attended. on Friday night August 20, 2 FLORIDA EA Degrees were conferred by a team comprised of brethren from the 17th and 18th Florida Masonic Districts on Gregory Gardiner Kinsey and George Richardson Van Pelt Jr. 173 brethren, representing 66 Lodges and 11 States attended.

29. AUGUST 19, 2000.

A MARYLAND MM degree was conferred by Charity Lodge #134 of Freeland on Bobby Phillips. 175 brethren, representing 10 States and 94 Lodges attended. On Friday night August 18, a SOUTH CAROLINA EA Degree was conferred at Union Lodge by Cavins Lodge #226, AFM, Wodruff South Carolina on David Scott Roberson. 192 Brethren, representing 86 Lodges and 12 States attended.

30. AUGUST 18, 2001.

A NORTH CAROLINA MM degree was conferred by Charles M. Setzer Lodge #693, Charlotte, NC on Tony Allen Nesgoda. 192 brethren, representing 13 States and 87 Lodges attended. On Friday night August 17, a MISSISSIPPI Fellow Craft Degree was exemplified by Southern Star Lodge #500, Long Beach MS. 164 brethren, representing 10 States and 66 Lodges attended.

31. AUGUST 17, 2002.

A GEORGIA MM Degree was conferred by Riverdale Lodge #709, Riverdale GA on James Robert Walker. 264 brethren, representing 19 states, the District of Columbia and 128 Lodges attended. This title degree was named in memory of Brother Leon Meade, who passed away in January 2002. Brother Meade served Union Lodge #38 as Worshipful Master in 1972—the year the first Cave Degree was held. On Friday Night, August 16, a FLORIDA FC degree was conferred on Raymond A. Overbee at Union Lodge by a degree team comprised of brethren from the 17th and 18th Florida Masonic Districts. 188 brethren, representing 15 States and 83 Lodges attended.

32. AUGUST 16, 2003.

A FLORIDA MM degree was conferred on Tony Herrington by a team comprised of brethren from the 17th and 18th Florida Masonic Districts. 291 brethren, representing 134 Lodges and 19 States attended. On Friday night August 15, South Carolina EA Degrees were be conferred on Travis Grove and Roger Styles at Union Lodge #38 by the HEJAZ SHRINE TEMPLE Past Masters Degree Team. 246 brethren, representing 19 States and 112 Lodges attended.

33. AUGUST 21, 2004.

A NORTH CAROLINA MM was conferred on Keith Edward Wilson by [Creasy Proctor Lodge #679](#), Fayetteville, NC. 205 brethren, representing 60 Lodges and 11 States attended. On Friday night August 20, a California EA Degree was conferred at Union Lodge on David Dewan Dent by Pleasanton Lodge #321, Pleasanton, CA. 274 brethren, representing 72 Lodges and 13 States attended.

34. AUGUST 20, 2005.

A MISSISSIPPI MM Degree was exemplified on Peter Smits by Southern Star Lodge #500, Meridian, Mississippi. 168 brethren, representing 10 States and 65 Lodges attended. On Friday Night, August 19, the Tennessee DeMolay Degree was conferred by young men representing several local DeMolay Chapters. State Master Councilor, Brother Nick Workman directed the work. In March 2005, Tennessee lowered the age for Masonic membership to 18; Brother Workman (age 19—he was raised in July 2005) was the first Master councilor who was also a Master Mason. Tennessee Grand Master M. W. Rev. Brother Paul Phillips also conducted a memorial service for cave owner Martha Brashears who died January 24, 2005.

35. AUGUST 19, 2006.

A CALIFORNIA MM Degree was conferred by Pleasanton Lodge #321, Pleasanton, CA on Preston Keith Fox. 201 brethren, representing 90 Lodges, 17 States and Canada attended. On Friday night August 18, Pleasanton Lodge #321 conferred a CALIFORNIA FC Degree at Union Lodge #38 on Bradford Clayton Cofield. 164 brethren representing 68 Lodges, 15 states and Canada, attended.

36. AUGUST 18, 2007.

A VIRGINIA MM Degree was conferred by Lee Lodge #209, Waynesboro, VA on Daniel Crowe. 229 brethren, representing 104 Lodges and 15 States attended. On Friday night August 17, Florida E. A. Degrees were conferred on Gregory Howard Householder and Andrew Jonathan Clark at Union Lodge by a team comprised of brethren from the 17th and 18th Florida Masonic Districts. 185 brethren, representing 17 States and 84 Lodges attended.

37. AUGUST 16, 2008.

A GEORGIA MM Degree was conferred by Pickens Star Lodge #220, Jasper GA on William Gary Boyes. 250 Masons, representing 96 Lodges, 14 States, Ontario Canada and England attended. On Friday night August 15, a North Carolina EA Degree was exemplified by [Creasy Proctor Lodge #679](#) on Steven Matthews. 166 Masons, representing 77 Lodges, 15 States, Ontario Canada and England attended.

38. AUGUST 15, 2009

A FLORIDA MM Degree was conferred by a team comprised of brethren from the 17th and 18th Florida Masonic Districts on Sahad Nabivi. 336 brethren, representing 170 Lodges, 21 States, Canada, Germany and The Philippines attended. On Friday night August 14, a South Carolina EA Degree was conferred at Union Lodge on Michael Lee Clardy by Bailey Lodge #146, Greenville, NC. 256 brethren, representing 127 Lodges, 18 States, Canada, Germany and the Philippines attended.

39. AUGUST 21, 2010.

To honor the fact that Cave Degree Director (and Union Lodge's Secretary) M. W. Brother Tom Boduch was serving as Tennessee's Grand Master, a TENNESSEE MM degree was conferred by the HIRAM LODGE #7's CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTOR's Degree Team

on Bro. Heath Robert Potter. 451 brethren, representing 23 States, Canada, the United Kingdom and 200 Lodges attended. On Friday night August 20, a Province of Ontario E.A. degree was exemplified on John Melvin Rodriguez by Palmer Lodge #372, Fort Erie Ontario. 371 brethren, representing 20 States, Canada, the United Kingdom and 166 Lodges attended.

40. AUGUST 20, 2011

A CALIFORNIA MM Degree was conferred on Michael Papatsoy by Pleasanton Lodge #321. 253 brethren, representing 115 Lodges, and 14 States attended. On Friday night August 19, a Georgia EA Degree was conferred on Joseph Wayne Childers by Pickens Star Lodge #220, Jasper, Georgia. 215 brethren, representing 83 Lodges, 13 States and Canada attended.

41. **AUGUST 18, 2012** A MISSISSIPPI MM Degree was conferred by the Mississippi Mountain Man Degree Team representing Lumberton Lodge #417 on Cameron Walter Nuzzo. 292 Masons, representing 130 Lodges and 16 States attended. On Friday night August 17, a FLORIDA FC degree was exemplified by a degree team from the Florida 17th and 18th Districts on William Erd. 246 brethren, representing 72 Lodges and 17 States attended. The Mississippi Mountain Man Degree Team will return in 2018 to confer a MM Degree.

42. **AUGUST 17, 2013** On December 27, 1813, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina chartered the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. To celebrate this bicentennial, a NORTH CAROLINA MM Degree was conferred by Fairview Lodge #339, Kings Mountain on Marcus Owens. 275 brethren, representing 142 Lodges 18 States and Ontario attended. On Friday night August 16, a Tennessee EA degree was conferred at Union Lodge #38, on Joseph Henry Watson III (son-in-law of Union Lodge 1987 Past Master Brother Russell Thornton) by a team comprised of brethren from the original Lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of Tennessee (these Lodges were chartered by North Carolina and had North Carolina Numbers—they were reassigned Tennessee numbers from 1 to 9). 200 brethren, representing 99 Lodges 14 States and Ontario attended.

43. **AUGUST 16, 2014** A SOUTH CAROLINA MM Degree will be conferred by Whitney Lodge #264. On Friday night August 15, a GEORGIA FC Degree will be conferred by Pickens Star Lodge #220, Jasper, GA.

44. **AUGUST 15, 2015** A VIRGINIA MM Degree will be conferred by Richmond Randolph Lodge #19, Richmond Virginia. On Friday night August 14, an OHIO EA Degree will be conferred by High Point Lodge #773.

45. **AUGUST 20, 2016** The 17th and 18th Florida Districts will confer a MM Degree.

46. **AUGUST 19, 2017** A Georgia MM degree will be conferred by Pickens Star Lodge #220.

47. **AUGUST 18, 2018** The Mississippi Mountain Man Degree Team will confer a MM Degree

EVENTS AT UNION LODGE

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 - Master Mason Degree at Union Lodge. Eat at 6 p.m. Degree to follow.

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

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 *	2014 Louis J. Devillon
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	