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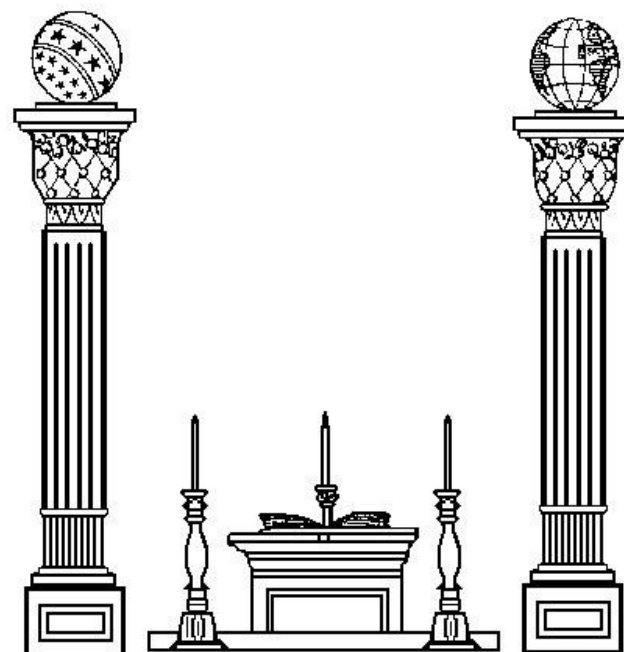
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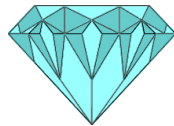
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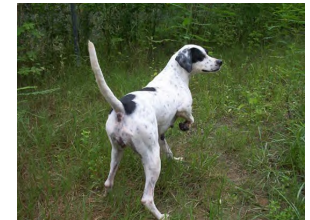
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MASONIC ETIQUETTE

Dr. Jay B. Kosner

Masonic Etiquette, for the most part, is merely good manners and respect for your lodge, its members, its Worshipful Master and the convention of Freemasonry, in general.

Unfortunately, Blue Lodge Etiquette is largely unpublished and unspoken, therefore, up until now it has been more difficult to learn its rules and nuances.

You may study ritual work, degree work, floor work and know all Masonry's glorious history, Masonic symbols, jewels, etc. but there is very little written about how to comport yourself so you do not look foolish or be regarded as disrespectful.

Few Masonic mentors include a list of proper Lodge behavior, as they have learned it, themselves, incident-by-incident, and usually learned by them after their having made an error and being kindly informed by another member as to the correct Masonic etiquette of the situation.

CONFORMING TO MASONIC ETIQUETTE

Over time, and by watching others, members conform themselves to exhibit proper Masonic etiquette behavior to learn lodge customs.

MASTER'S AUTHORITY:

During his term in office, the brother who has been elected as Master is the most powerful member of the Lodge. He also shoulders all of its many responsibilities.

The Worshipful Master has the authority to:

1. Rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time.
2. Decide what can and cannot be discussed.
3. Courteous brethren accept the requests made by the Master to serve on various committees such as the examination committee, the investigation committee and other duties, as determined by the Lodge's needs.

The following items are not Masonic offenses. They are simply a lack of Masonic Etiquette...or in other words, considered to be "bad form" or bad manners.



FROM THE EAST

W. F. E. "Bill" Price, Worshipful Master (Sue)

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Brothers all,

Well, April is here and Summer is right around the corner. The weather is getting warmer and things are starting to move about. We have a family of mice that has moved into our Lodge. Since this family is unwelcome they must go. Does any Brother know how to get rid of them? If you can help please call me.

We lost two Brothers in March and have been reviewing our parts in Masonic funeral services on Tuesday nights. If you can help with Degree work or Masonic funerals please show up on Tuesday nights for practice at 7:00pm.

Saturday April 18th Zone 5 is holding a joint Masonic Education and Leadership Training Workshop at Leesburg Lodge No. 58 starting at 8:00am. until 2:30pm. All Brothers who can attend, please do so. We would like to have a good turn out from our Lodge.

Please remember the Widows Night on Saturday May 2nd, 5-7pm. Lets all come and show these Ladies we still care.

Be well and live your obligation.

Fraternally,
F.E. Price W.M.



FROM THE WEST

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Brethren and All,

I hope the world sees you well. I enjoyed filling in for our vacationing Master at our first stated last month. The fellowship and banter was incredible, and it was quite a learning experience for me. Charity being one of my responsibilities, I have the pleasure of thanking our Senior Deacon Jeff Snyder and Brother Jim Johnson. They will be heading up the South Lake High School scholarship committee. Being a SLHS graduate this committee really hits home for me, and highlights a renewed spotlight on Groveland 190 within the community. Brothers Snyder and Johnson will be bringing information to our stated communications, please attend to be a part of this fantastic charity.

Brother Hewey Davis and I are looking for volunteers to help us with the Adopt-a-Road clean-up. The fact is we were responsible for Jim Payne Rd and Bible Camp Rd from Highway 19 to Highway 33. However... the City of Groveland annexed Bible Camp so "technically" we aren't responsible for it, that being said, our sign is still up on Bible Camp and if the road looks bad, it would reflect great discredit on us. Brother Davis and I will set a date and email the Lodge. It only takes about an hour of your time and is a simple way to beautify our neighborhood and get ourselves seen in the community.

Lastly I just want to remind all brothers, especially our line, how important coming to practice is. We all get complacent in our duties and its easy to put proper ritual on the back burner. Please come to Tuesday night schooling, it's what helps set our ritual apart from the rest of the crowd.

Respectfully submitted,

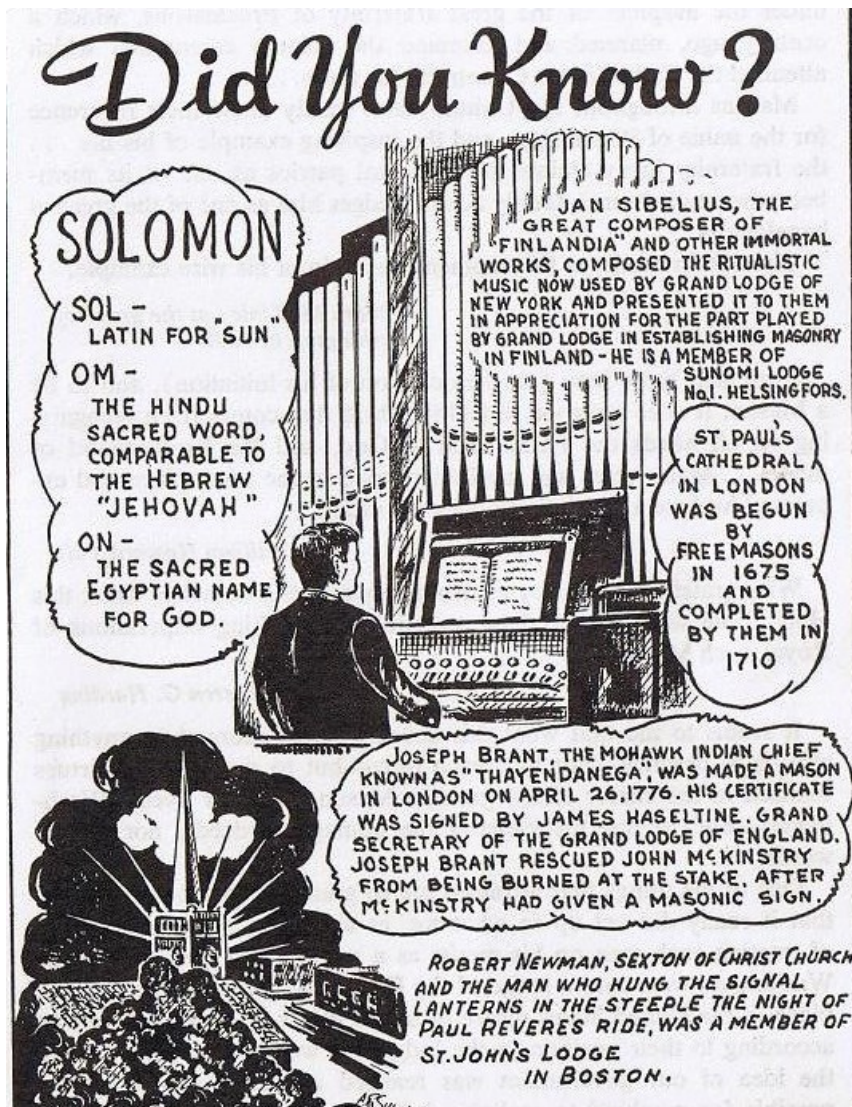
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Now, let me close with the Man's Prayer, recited at the opening of each lodge meeting:
"I am man but I can change if I have to. I guess."

Amen Brothers.

TB Editor's Note: This program still airs on PBS channel 15.1 Daytona State College on Sunday night at 11:30 pm. (2012)



By Skip Boyer, MPS, *Reflections From Here*, "The Philalethes" Apr.2006

My Brothers, as part of this search, I commend to you the International Possum Brotherhood. I, myself, am a proud member of Chapter 11 of the Possum Lodge. I only regret I have not shared this with you before that you might benefit from it.

The amiable host, Red Green, constantly reminds us that we are all in this together. And he offers this sound advice: Always keep your stick on the ice. How basic and profound is that thought?

You know that you only need two things in your tool box: duct tape & WD40. If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use WD40. Again, solid philosophy at any level.

I am a long-standing member of Possum Lodge, I even have an autographed picture of Red Green, himself! It hangs over my workbench, right next to the duct tape.

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Bro. Dr. Jay B. Kosner, Junior Warden (Sandee)

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The second funeral was for Br. Mitchell Brown and occurred at Bay Lake Baptist Church. Because both the WM and the Sr. Warden were unavailable, the South suddenly found himself in the East. My personal thanks are extended to RW Tom Brown and RW Warren Shippee who guided me through this event and kept me on the straight and narrow. My thanks are also extended to the many Brothers who attended the funeral. In addition to paying respects to a fallen Brother and the Brother's family, Groveland Lodge was well represented.

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Why? As a courtesy to the Master, it is necessary that the three Great Lights which shine their eternal light and wisdom upon the Master to help him govern the lodge should never be in shadow, not even for a millisecond. The only exception to this is during degree work.

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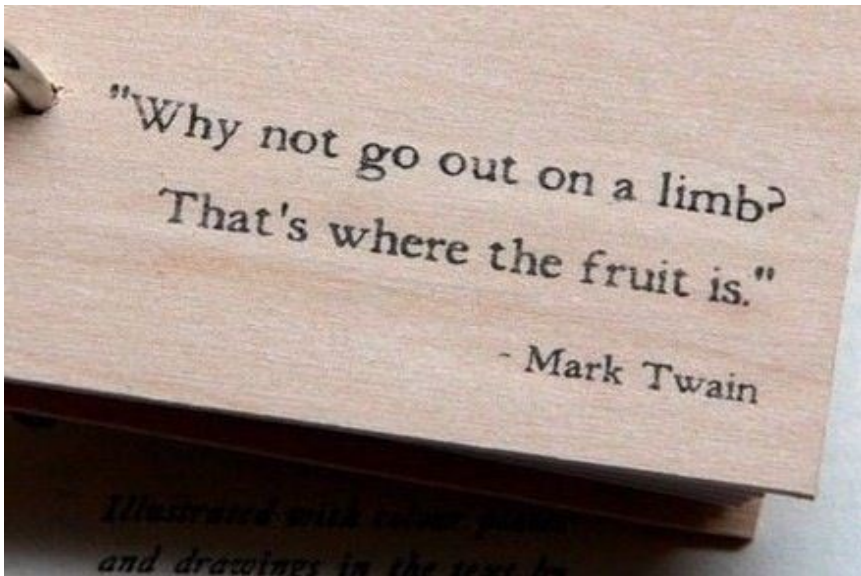
"SO MOTE IT BE"
(Probably Masonry's Oldest Expression)

The oldest known of Masonic expressions is "SO MOTE IT BE" and is used in and outside of Lodge as a general response to Masonic prayer. It derives from the famous Regius poem, sometimes called Halliwell Manuscript, said by experts to be written in about 1390 by a monk who had access to Operative Masonic documents. The document was discovered by a citizen of London, a non-mason, Mr. J. O. Halliwell, in about 1839 in the British Museum where it was cataloged under the title "A Poem of Moral Duties".

The poem, written in Chaucerian English, is the oldest known Masonic document in existence. The unknown monk who composed it showed a remarkable clarity of understanding about the fraternity of Freemasons of the time, who were, of course, of Operative workmen. He lists the rules that governs the craft, and the religious duties of the Craftsmen. Nearly all of the articles set forth in this ancient document, nearly six hundred years old, are as applicable today (in substance) as they were when written.

The final words in the poem are: "Amen! and Amen! So mote it be!:"
 "Mote" is the Anglo-Saxon word originally derived from the Saxon word
 "Motan" meaning "may". It is the ancient "Amen" of the Freemason. Such as:
 "So May it Be".

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Fraternally,
Tom Brown, PDDGM, Secretary

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APRIL 2015

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Apr 01 Wed – Groveland Garden Club –using the building
Apr 03 Fri – *Good Friday*
Apr 04 Sat –
Apr 05 Sun – *Easter*
Apr 07 Tue – 190 School
Apr 08 Wed – Open Books 234 Tavares 6pm-9pm & 18th Dist School
Apr 09 Thu – 190 Stated 7:30pm —Refreshments served at 6:30pm
Apr 11 Sat –
Apr 14 Tue – 190 School
Apr 15 Wed – 18th Dist Assn & Memorial Lodge 18 – Wildwood 92
Apr 18 Sat –
Apr 21 Tue – 190 School
Apr 22 Wed –
Apr 23 Thu – 190 Stated 7:30pm —Refreshments served at 6:30pm
Apr 25 Sat –
Apr 28 Tue – 190 School

Reminder—May 25 Mon – 186th Annual Grand Communication 2015

Note: For all events scheduled in this TB, check with the Master for possible changes in date and / or time before the event.

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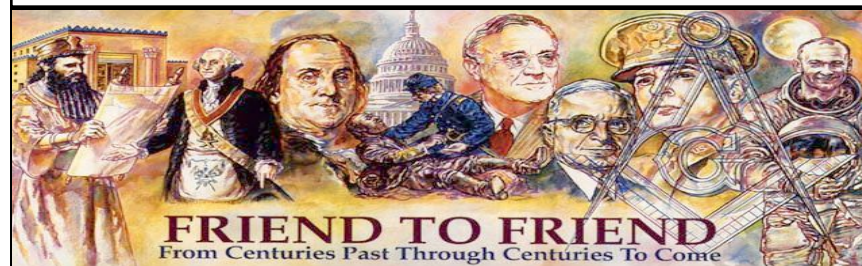
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2/27/15 Called = 17 Funeral
3/12/15 Stated = 22

3/12/15 — W.: John J. O'Brien, PM

— Brother Bill Vandenbenden

3/4/15 —Groveland Garden Club
3/6/15 —GHS Class '61

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“An important part of our Florida Masonic Home Endowment Fund”

Groveland Lodge 190 had scheduled a Saint Patrick's Day celebration to be held on March 21st. Unfortunately ticket sales were slow—perhaps because our Brethren found themselves involved with other, more pressing needs. St. Pat's Day, at least in Florida is warm: Flowers are blooming, landscaping needs doing, maybe the house needs painting. Whatever the reason, our Brethren could not find the time to spend a couple of hours of camaraderie with each other. The dinner was canceled! Maybe we'll try again next year.

May 2nd is our Widows' Night observance. This occasion is going to be a barbecue. Our own Jr. Steward, Billie Evans has volunteered to be the Chief Burger Flipper. Hopefully, some of our other Brothers will grab a spatula and help out too! Invitations will shortly be sent to those women on our Widows' List. Gentlemen, please come—and bring your ladies. Help us to show our widows that we remember, and we care!

Fraternally,
Jay Kosner

BY-LAWS GROVELAND LODGE NO. 190 F. & A. M

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