



Acme News

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Tidings from the East

Did you get enough snow this January? Must be nice for those of you that are retired in some nice, sunny and warm climate. Coming up in February, is the one-year anniversary of the "Big Snow" and John Stalbaum's spaghetti dinner. That was a bad night, but the spaghetti was good. We have three Entered Apprentice Degrees in February. The dates for those are Saturday the 6th at 9 A.M., Thursday, the 11th and the 18th, beginning at 7 P.M. I hope that you can all be there and welcome these new initiated brothers.

Gary Lawson and I went to Founder's Day at the Grand Lodge on January 16th. It was very interesting. Our JGD, Dan Barenie, gave his report for the membership drive. He did us proud. As a reminder, dues should be sent in ASAP, if you haven't already.

Hope that you and your families are healthy in this beginning of the New Year.

See you at lodge.

Fraternally,

WM, Dennis R. Davis, PM

Tidings from the West

Brethren,

We are now gearing up for an exciting year. Our worshipful master has many things planned, and there is plenty of work to do for all to get involved in. I hope to see you at lodge, and I look forward to another exciting year of learning, sharing and growing.

Fraternally

John E. Stalbaum, SW

Tidings from the South

Brethren,

As you receive this newsletter I am in southern Florida, and hope you are as warm as I am now. I don't have much Acme news to write about at this time, as I have been out of town attending my brother funeral.

I want to thank all my Acme 83 brethren for the cards and condolences as well as the plant you sent.

I have heard that the January 5th meeting voted several new candidates for their first degree into Masonry, congratulations to all of them.

January 14th was Tim Fogus master mason degree, congratulation Brother Tim.

Thanks to WB Dan Barenie for putting on the dinner for the January stated meeting. February dinner will be provided by Area 2 representative WB Gary Lawson, thank you.

Anyone interested in helping with the dinners before the stated meetings, please let me know, your help would be greatly appreciated. Email address is dlpawson@sbcglobal.net, home ph. 219-874-9814, cell phone is 219 873-4641 as of now a volunteer for the March dinner is needed.

Fraternally, David L. Pawson JW

February Trestleboard

Mon., Jan. 25th – Ultimate Meeting. 6:30PM
Tue., Jan 26th – Red Cross Degree 7:00PM
Tue., Feb 2nd – Stated Meeting, Eat 6:00PM Meeting at 7:00PM
Sat., Feb 6th – EA Degree 8:00AM Breakfast, Degree at 9:00AM
Mon., Feb 8th – By-Laws Committee Meeting 6:30PM
Thur., Feb 11th – EA Degree 7:00PM
Thur., Feb 18th – EA Degree 7:00PM



Famous Masons

Lowell Thomas 1892-1981

Lowell Thomas was a writer, commentator, and world traveler. He graduated from Valparaiso University, and was first known as the man who made Lawrence of Arabia famous. Known as the “world’s foremost globetrotter”, Brother Thomas was a CBS commentator and coined the phrase “travelogue”. He was a made a Mason in St. John’s Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts, on February 7, 1927.

But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

Mark 10:30-31

“A White Ball, and a Black Cube”

One of our most important duties as Masons, and Citizens is to vote. In lodge, the most common instance of balloting is for the acceptance of new Brothers, and this is performed via ball and cube secret ballot. This system is as old as our Order, in fact it is as old as democracy itself. One of our societal forbearers, the Athenian Greeks devised a similar system. As they chose a pure democratic system, everything was decided by referendum. A Citizen would stand at the rostrum, and lay out a proposal for anything from zoning to war materials to public art. The Citizenry would then cast a white stone for “Yea”, and a dark stone for “Nay”. Approval was by simple majority. They also had a petty, if not sinister aspect to their form of Democracy. Ostracism was the democratic act of banishing a fellow Citizen for a period of ten years. The voting populace would scratch a name on a piece of pottery, the ostrakon, and whoever got the most votes was banished. We differ slightly in that we use a black cube to allow a tactile difference from the white ball.



Above We have Brother Yoehlee Calvert being presented his 50 Year Award of Gold. Presented by WB Denny Davis, Ralph Smock, and Ed Davis.

Do you have an idea, comment, or submission to submit in the Acme News? If so, please send it to jim@dunetek.net for his consideration.