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**June 2011 Trestleboard**



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142 Years of Masonry in Kingston

*Stated Communications: 7:30 pm*  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month  
October – June  
September – Tuesday after Labor Day  
Dinner Reservations Required  
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### Amazing Facts About Television

The world's largest television set was unveiled in the Japanese city of Tsukuba and measured 150 feet by 80 feet. It was utilized in the 1985 Japanese International Exposition and displayed a series of specially created videos containing various artistic and cultural productions. In 2003, the Hong Kong Jockey Club was granted a slot in the Guinness World Records for the world's longest television display at Sha Tin Racecourse. Measuring 230 feet by 26 feet, the screen is longer than a Boeing 747 jet.

In 1950, only 10 percent of U.S. households had a television in their possession. By 1960, this had changed to a staggering 90 percent, while today it is 99 percent, with 54 percent of American children having one in their bedroom.

By the time the average American teen turns 18, it is estimated that most have spent about 25,000 hours watching television. This means they have actually spent more time watching television than learning in school.

Some early experimental television transmissions started back in 1928 by station W2XBS, and featured a test model of Felix the Cat. Although these transmissions only showed a model of Felix, he will always be able to maintain his place in the Television Hall of fame as the first ever genuine TV superstar.

The longest running television show in U.S. broadcasting history is "Meet the Press." It debuted on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1947 and has been running in the U.S. for 60 years, non-stop.

Taken from an article written by Irene Revallio.

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## **From the Master**

**June 6, Monday** Dinner 6:30 p.m., Lodge Opens at 7:15. Work of the evening will be the EA degree on multiple candidates. Please come out to welcome our newest members.

**June 10, Friday NOON:** Our social lunch. Come and bring a friend, enjoy the chance to see some of your brothers. No ritual.

We are getting ready to perform the MM degree for two brothers who have impressed us with their proficiency on the earlier degrees. It is taking some time to get all the preparations complete. We will likely get some help for the second section. I am hopeful of getting many of us involved in some smaller parts which I will discuss later. Please be willing to help. We may be ready to do this in June. We are allowed to go into July, if necessary, even if we are officially dark. We will contact you with details.

**Our Table Lodge.** If you did not make our Gideon Table Lodge on May 5, you missed a great time. We had our last visit from Right Worshipful Mike Pettengill as our DDGM. He is always entertaining. The meal was perfectly timed and executed by our two Deacons, Dave Henderson and John Paiva. They did a fine job of getting it all together with a little help from John's father-in-law and Mitch Veroneau. We are hopeful that we can do this again. Great thanks to Dave and John.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why do brethren entering and leaving a lodge salute the Master?**

Masons entering or leaving a lodge salute the Master at the Altar if the lodge is at labor. They salute the Junior Warden if the lodge is at refreshment. This practice assures the Master that the brother knows on what degree the lodge is open. A brother making a wrong sign can be instructed immediately. It informs the Master that the brother is a Mason of the degree on which the lodge is open. If he makes an inferior sign, and cannot on request, give the right one, the Master can then use other means to ascertain that no Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft is present in a Master Mason lodge. The salute is a silent assurance to the Master and through him to the brethren: "I remember my obligations."

Brethren salute on retiring to get permission to leave. No one can enter or leave a lodge room while a lodge is at labor without permission. If the Master does not wish the brother who salutes to retire he tells him so, instead of responding to the salute. At refreshment the lodge is in charge of the Junior Warden and the same salutes are given him as are usually given the Master, and for the same reasons. In some Grand Jurisdictions, on busy evenings, as during a visitation or other Masonic function, the Master will instruct the West, instead of the East, in order to not have his own labors in the East interrupted.

### **What discussion of Masonry is proper in the presence of those who are not Masons?**

As little as possible, unless in answer to a direct and respectful question the answer to which is not secret. Such questions as “How may I become a Mason?” or “When does the Masonic lodge in this town meet?” or “What is the expense of becoming a Mason?” of course are answerable questions. No argument should ever be held with any one regarding Masonry. In the charge of the Entered Apprentice Degree it is stated: “Neither are you to suffer your zeal for the institution to lead you into argument with those who, through ignorance, may ridicule it.” Freemasonry needs no defense from any one. The less Masonic matters are discussed in public, the better for Masonry. The attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue” (Charge, Fellowcraft Degree) refers to a Masonic ear. “The mysteries of Freemasonry are safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts”.(Charge, Fellowcraft Degree) means what it says.

**Important Meeting The Masters and Wardens meeting will be held at Major General John Sullivan Lodge #2 on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> . The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. with meeting at 7:15 p.m. Dress is casual. This is an important meeting because the dates for the DDGM visitations will be decided at this time. Masters, Wardens and prospect wardens are encouraged to attend.**

What is the purpose of Freemasonry? Why has the Fraternity continued to exist for so many centuries? Why do we and countless others throughout the centuries love Freemasonry so much? These questions are often asked.

Some well-intended brothers believe the purpose is to increase the membership. They believe there are benefits in numbers. Some people even believe that screening is not necessary. The purpose of speculative Masonry is to get more men in Masonry or is it better to get more Masonry into members. In addition it is more important to give the new men what they are searching for?

It is important to share what Masonry has to offer. From the very first words new members hear, Masonry comprises a course of moral teaching that is taught by precept and example.

Some branches of the order believe a Mason is properly clothed when he wears his white gloves and white apron. White gloves symbolizes clean hands and the white apron symbolizes a clean heart.

Joseph Fort Newton had this to say. “There are those who think the power of Masonry lives in its secrecy. Some still think that way. I think, (he goes on) the power is in the sanctity or is its truth. Simplicity of its faith, the sweetness of its spirit, its service to mankind and even if all its rites were made public, it would still hold the hearts of men.”

Clovis Leach, PM