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Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

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In Christian lands the holy book of the prevailing faith is the Great Light. In American and English lodges that book is the Holy Bible. A Masonic lodge cannot exist without the V.S.L., the Book of the Law. But in lands where there are other religions, the sacred book of those religions becomes their Great Light. What is important is that some volumes containing divine revelation be a part of the furniture of the lodge. Inasmuch as Freemasonry is not concerned with doctrine or dogma or sect or denomination, but only with "that some volume containing divine revelation be a part of the furniture of the lodge. Inasmuch as freemasonry is not concerned with doctrine or dogma or sect or denomination, but only with "that natural religion in which all men agree (Old Charges), it is only necessary that the V.S.L. be sacred to the members of the lodge. The Bible on American Altars is not to be considered only as a Christian or a Jewish sacred book; it is a *symbol* of the revealed will and teachings of the Great Architect of the Universe-a name under which any Freemason can worship that Deity in Whom he puts his faith and trust.

From the Master

Brothers, we are expecting another busy month in Gideon Lodge. We hope to see you there.

May 2, Monday; Stated. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge open at 7:15 p.m. Program for the evening will be a talk by DDGM Mike Pettengill. He is always an exciting story teller. This will be your last chance to see him in his role as DDGM. Mike is appreciated for always emphasizing, "If you're not having fun, we are doing something wrong!"

May 5, Thursday; Table Lodge. 6:30 p.m. A great event. If you have never been, you need to try this. Gideon has not had one since 1996. It will be quite a departure from our usual dinners: seven courses and seven toasts, plus protocol. Always a fun time. A few tickets are left, they are \$25. Call Dave Henderson at 303-3758.

May 6, Friday; Social Lunch, Noon. Always a good time to socialize in a casual setting. Menu has been varied, but has always been a treat.

May 21, Saturday; Grand Lodge. Begins at 9:00 a.m., will last most of the day. Very important annual meeting. There will be constitutional amendments proposed, and a new slate of officers. Any Mason may attend but only four of us can vote. If you would like to go, please call the Master.

Ken Weyler
Worshipful Master

Question: Where did the ruling come from that says that we can't have the ritual open during open lodge?

- Answer:** a) Grand Master _____
b) DDGM _____
c) DDGL _____
d) Wor. Master _____
e) other _____

The answer will be given in next month's **Trestleboard!!**

I just received good news from my real estate dealer in Florida. They found land on my property!!!

The past can't see you but the future is listening.