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Will this ever end?

Well the simple answer is yes – sort of. I think a lot of us came into this pandemic with a thought (hope) that there was an end. As time has gone on it seems like the end is just not getting any closer. When we think we are making progress along comes a set back and we are back in the grips of the isolation and despair. So, what do we do now? (A question made famous by one of the Ruffians.) Let us evaluate the situation with a view to a longer road to return to normal. I used to say I do not like the phrase “a new normal”. Still do not like it but it is clear that something’s will never be the same. We have missed the brotherly love of attending meetings in person and exchanging ideas and views of the different parts of our Fraternity.

All of life is a learning experience. We get challenged and find ways to persevere. Adjust our methods, improvise to deal with the obstacles, move ahead. Keep our eyes on the target. So, what have we learned in this pandemic? First, it is certainly hanging around longer than expected. It has given rise to frustration. But we are resilient; we can adjust to the conditions and move ahead knowing that this is a learning experience that will test our coping skills at every turn. Who thought that we would be holding meetings (conversations/presentations) over our computers and phones? Examples of Zoom meetings that give us a chance to hear differing viewpoints and exchange ideas have set a new method of communicating. Our methods have changed but the principles and messages have not. The technology has given us a new avenue to include Brothers in our meetings that due to distances and/or health circumstances were just not possible a year ago.

We are going to move ahead with planning regular monthly meetings. Our Brothers will help us find ways to accomplish our education goals in new and different ways. Can the September meeting still be a Hawaiian shirt night? Why not? How about a virtual representation of the Feast of Tishri? I know that some members have suggested ways to accomplish this with the current constraints. I am convinced we can renew our efforts to improve the communications with members in spite of the obstacles imposed by the pandemic.



**Brother Michael 'Bo' Cruz. 32°**  
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

Albert Pike: Man of Fire

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"I'd like you to meet a friend. His name is Albert Pike, and he knew how to live. Generally, people seem to react to Albert Pike in one of three ways. One group (which usually has not read Pike) says "Ah, Pike!" and then assumes a pose of silent rapture, supposedly at Pike's overwhelming greatness but actually so no one can ask them anything about him. The second larger group, says, "Uck, Pike!" and then stomps off. They haven't read Pike either, but everyone's told them he's too hard to understand, so why try? The third group has read Pike, and they say, "Wow! What a man!"

The Pike we need to know better is not the patriarch but the pioneer, the friend, the crusader for justice of Native Americans (well liked enough that one tribe paid him the almost unheard-of honor of making him an honorary Chief), the practical joker, the poet, the teacher, the cook, the social lion, the reformer, the explorer referred to by the historian Grant Foreman as "one of the most remarkable and interesting characters in the annals of the Southwest"—we need to know the man.

He was known as the best shot in town. His laugh was so famous, it was written about in the social columns of Washington, D.C. newspapers. He wore his hair long when it was not the fashion.

He organized hunting and camping parties lasting many days and served as the cook for the expeditions. He loved good food, good company, travel, justice, the feel of quill in his hands and perhaps above all, his pipe. He made and lost fortunes. The story is told that he literally partied away a large sum of money on a steamer trip up the river from New Orleans to Little Rock.

He had hundreds of devoted friends...but, with all that, he was a student. He lived to learn and loved to share what he had learned. Education was for him a life long process. He taught himself languages, history, philosophy, theology and law. As a teacher, he commanded an immense knowledge of both classical literature and history. As a lawyer, he offered such legal expertise and personal honesty that he became one of the most respected counsels of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century America. As a pioneer, he traveled extensively and recorded impressions vividly. He was a great lover of peace and supporter of the Constitution—who was a General in the Civil War and fought in the last duel ever held in Arkansas. As a writer and poet, he transformed the literature of our Scottish Rite. He was a lover of nature, beauty and wilderness—who was one of the first, if not the first to suggest a railroad linking the East and West Coast and who tried to convince the South to industrialize.

He was, in short, a man of great imagination, daring, creativity, and determination who never lost his love of a practical joke."

For those who initially considered themselves a member of the first two groups mentioned at the beginning of this article, I trust this expose encourages you to learn more about this famed gentleman!



**Brother Michael Mabbit, 32°**  
Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection

As we go through our daily lives we see all facets of humanity. Some going through life on the coat-tails of others, some content with doing nothing and relying on others for sustenance and shelter, some diligently doing their best to become productive members of society, and some who won't do anything without some kind of physical or monetary reward. In the 8<sup>th</sup> Degree we learn the performance of the work, whatever it is, is what is important and that the reward of diligent work is advancement.

We also learn that every laboring man is our Brother and when dealing with those you work with you should always practice the rules of Benevolence, Charity and they are entitled to your regard and assistance.

Recently, in a meeting at work, I heard a co-worker make a comment about an individual's duties inferring how insignificant they were to the overall success of our organization. While most folks in the room shook their heads in apparent agreement, some made no gestures at all and very few looked confused at the comment. Surprising enough, I decided to interject.

Recalling the teachings of the 8<sup>th</sup> degree (...never deal harshly with those in your employ, or those with whom you labor...) I began to talk about how everyone has a part to play in society and the simple fact that the person performing this, which in his opinion was a seemingly insignificant job, does it with dignity, a sense of pride and urgency. Traits not routinely found in today's society or workplace and he should congratulate him on his successes and assist him when he experiences challenges.

So the question this raises and something you have to ask yourself is, are some people better than others? Some would argue there is no real discussion as some people are smarter than others, some are more creative, some are stronger or faster, and some are kinder or more virtuous. So, if that's all we're asking, the answer is obvious. In certain respects and in particular domains, some people are clearly better than others.

However, as Masons the answer to the question of whether one individual is better than the other is directly related to what is on the inside, not the outside of a man and not related to where he works, how much he makes, etc. Or at least it is supposed to be. When Thomas Jefferson said, "All men are created equal," he didn't mean that we're all born with the same virtues or talents in life. He was not denying that obvious truth. Despite our natural differences, he believed our lives were of equal value and as Masons so should we.

So when you are at work and see a co-worker struggling do you provide guidance even though it may give him more praise than you or let him be? As an Attendant of the Building, every laboring man is your Brother and is entitled to your regard and assistance.

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**From: God's Little Instruction Book & Shared By Brothers at Denver Consistory**

- ❑ The only fool bigger than the person who knows it all is the person who argues with him.
- ❑ Although the tongue weighs very little, few people are able to hold it.
- ❑ The measure of a man's character is NOT what he gets from his ancestors, but what he leaves his descendants.
- ❑ The secret of contentment is the realization that life is a GIFT, not a right.
- ❑ No man ever really finds out what he believes in until he begins to instruct his children.
- ❑ Ignorance is ALWAYS swift to speak.
- ❑ The first step to wisdom is silence; the second is listening.
- ❑ The fellow who does things that count doesn't usually stop to count them.
- ❑ Humor is to life what shock absorbers are to automobiles.
- ❑ Some people succeed because they are destined to, but most people succeed because they are determined to.
- ❑ The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little "extra."

REMEMBER:

“MEMBERSHIP IS A CONTACT SPORT”





**Brother Bob Harper, 32° KCCH**  
Commander Council of Kadosh

The month of September marks the end of summer and vacation time is over for the year. The last three day weekend and travel time for families, before or at the beginning of the school year, is Labor Day weekend.

Labor Day is an American federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September. It celebrates the economic and social contributions of workers. In 1882 Matthew Maguire, a machinist first proposed the holiday while serving as secretary of the CLU (Central Labor Union) of New York. Others argue that it was proposed by Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor in May 1882, after witnessing the annual labor festival held in Toronto, Canada.

Oregon was the first state to make it a holiday in 1887. By the time it became a federal holiday in 1894, thirty states officially celebrated Labor Day. Following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of U.S. military and U.S. marshals during the Pullman Strike, a widespread railroad strike and boycott that severely disrupted rail traffic in the Midwest of the United States in June - July 1884, the United States Congress unanimously voted to approve the rushed legislation that made Labor Day a national holiday. President Grover Cleveland signed it into law a mere six days after the end of the strike. The September date originally chosen by the CLU of New York and observed by many of the nation's trade unions for the past several years was selected rather than the more widespread International Workers' Day because President Cleveland was concerned that the observance of the holiday would be associated with the nascent Communist, Syndicalist and Anarchist movements that, though distinct from one another, had rallied to commemorate the Haymarket Affair in International Workers' Day. All U.S. States, the District of Columbia, and the territories have made it a statutory holiday.

The form for the celebration of Labor Day was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday. A parade to exhibit the "strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations". followed by a festival for the workers and their families. This became the pattern for Labor Day celebrations. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the civil significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The holiday is often regarded as a day of rest and parties. Speeches or political demonstrations are more low-key than May 1 Labor Day celebrations in most countries, although events held by labor organizations often feature political themes and appearances by candidates for office, especially in election years.

Forms of celebration include picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports camping trips, hot air balloon events and the like. Families with school-age children take it as the last chance to travel before the end of summer recess. Similarly, some teenagers and young adults view it as the last weekend before returning to college or university, although presently school start times vary.

Note if interest: President Stephen Grover Cleveland was 22nd and 24th president of the United States, the only president in American history to serve two non-consecutive terms in office(1885-89 and1893-97).

Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!!!



## Bro. George Cann

Looking for Some Masonic Fellowship?

High Twelve International is a Masonic Family organization comprised of Master Masons who meet for social & philanthropic purposes. Guests - usually wives - are welcome to attend meetings as well. The group was named for the time of day the first clubs met - Noon, otherwise known as "high twelve." It was founded by 9 Master Masons who were business associates and often met for fellowship & camaraderie over lunch.

There are 3 clubs in Colorado - Parker, Colorado Springs & Pueblo. Because of the pandemic, as of August, Club #513 in Colorado Springs is the only one holding meetings and invites any interested Master Masons to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Noon. You may attend as a guest before deciding to join us a member. We meet at the Valley Hi Grill & Pub (610 S. Chelton) and everyone orders their own lunch from the menu. While the international philanthropy is the Wolcott Foundation (provides scholarships for public service degrees), our Club also supports Colorado Springs DeMolay. We honor local police officers, sheriff's deputies & fire fighters. Special guest speakers have included the Queen of the West (El Paso County Fair) and experts in cyber security & financial planning. Local Masonic Family happenings are also discussed. Due to the COVID-19 situation, we are following all government mandates and any current Edicts of the Grand Master. At the moment, that means that masks are required upon entering or exiting the venue and seating is limited to 3 at a table. If you would like to join us for our next meeting, please contact our Secretary, George Cann, at 719-391-9650 so that we can have enough places set up.

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...and with our Grand Master's edict a number of online "Fraternal Gatherings" now meet regularly. The response has been very positive with the ability for Brothers to make the stay-at-home order a bit less lonely and keep in touch with one another and share Masonic education. All is public information, nothing tiled.

The following is a schedule of those gatherings as of this letter. If you're aware of others please let us know.

All meeting are weekly gatherings:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Lumen Artis #190, 7pm. Contact Russ Mason, [secretary@lumenartislodge.com](mailto:secretary@lumenartislodge.com)

Colorado Springs York Rite, David Reynolds, [davidd1@comcast.com](mailto:davidd1@comcast.com)

Thursday

G L Education Committee, 7pm, Dave Williams, David Reynolds, [davidd1@comcast.com](mailto:davidd1@comcast.com)

Friday

Virtual Happy Hour, 6pm, Michael-Ryan Fletchall, [manitoulodge68@gmail.com](mailto:manitoulodge68@gmail.com)



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

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We *believe* in Fellowship  
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We strongly *support our charity* RiteCare  
(Speech and language therapy for children in need)

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