

THE SENTINEL

Unity Lodge #95
Winter - 2018



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THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

As your newly installed Worshipful Master for the upcoming year of 2018 I would like to say thank you for electing me to serve Unity Lodge #95. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Master and I hope that I do half as good a job as so many others have done who have also served in this position.

I would also like to congratulate all of the other newly installed officers for this year and welcome each and every one of you to your new position, that is for those that have actually changed positions. I look forward to working with each of you and hope to have a fun and productive year. I very much appreciate everyone accepting their new roles and hope that you enjoy this upcoming year.

It looks like we are finally wrapping up the completion of the renovations that have been dragging along the last several months. I want to thank all of you who were instrumental in getting this project completed. I know there were several delays and setbacks but with the perseverance of some of the brothers they were able to get the job done.

Now that the outside of the building is complete I would like to focus on sprucing up the inside as well and I welcome any and all recommendations you may have. Some of the changes that have been mentioned are replacing the tables and chairs in the dining room and either stripping and re-polishing the floor or putting in a whole new one. We want to make the lodge more welcoming and inviting so maybe we can

get more members to show up on a weekly basis, so again any and all ideas are welcome. I would also like to thank Brother Ralph and Brother Craig for all of the painting and cleaning they did throughout the year, and anyone else who put in an effort to get the inside cleaned up and most all of the walls painted, pictures moved around, and lights hung, etc.

Based on some new petitions that have been recently submitted it looks like we are going to have a busy start to the year. With that in mind, I know things come up throughout the year, some unexpected and even others planned, and of course family and work always come first, but I would like to ask all of the officers to try your best and attend all of the degrees if possible. I also want to ask that we continue the momentum and try and get even more candidates to join the lodge. I know we can't ask people to join but that doesn't mean we can't talk about Masonry to our friends and coworkers to try and get more people interested and wanting to know more about Masonry. I would like to see if we couldn't have a record year in new membership.

As always we have our Potluck Stated Meeting the first Monday of every month, potluck meaning that our wives and girlfriends are welcome and if they bring a dish, yours' and hers meal is free, so I encourage each and every one of us to try and get our wives and girlfriends to attend and have fellowship and get to know each other. The rest of the month, when we are not having degrees, are set for school on Mondays and fellowship on Thursdays.

Finally, I will close in saying thank you all again for

allowing me to serve as your Worshipful Master and I want to thank everyone that comes on a weekly basis and for all that each of you do to help us have one of the best lodges in the state of Tennessee. I encourage more of you to come out and enjoy the lodge and have good fellowship. Meanwhile if there is anything that anyone needs or something that needs to be done this upcoming year please do not hesitate to ask. And if there's anything that I can do serving as your Worshipful Master this upcoming year of 2018, please don't hesitate to ask as well. Again, I thank everyone for electing me and everyone else's hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Fraternally,
Joe Thomas Flagg
Worshipful Master

P.S. Our Installation was a success and we had an impressive turnout. I want to thank everyone that showed up and especially say thanks to Brother Ralph and the Eastern Star ladies for doing such an awesome job on the decorations and refreshments. I want to personally congratulate Brother Ed Doremus for receiving the Ken Doyle Award and thank him for all of his hard work, commitment and dedication as he serves one more year as Treasurer of Unity Lodge #95. I would also like to congratulate Brother Glen Pitts for being the second member of our lodge to receive the Scottish Rite's highest honor, the Grand Cross. Also congratulations to all of the Brothers that received their fifty-year and twenty-five year pins.

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB:

Web Page: www.unity95.org

Facebook: Unity Lodge #95 F & A M

Twitter: @UnityLodge2

Instagram: [unitymasoniclodge95](https://www.instagram.com/unitymasoniclodge95)

DUES NOTICE!!!!

Dues: \$100.00 Past Masters: \$30.00

2018 dues are due January 1, 2018. Make check payable to Unity Lodge #95 and remit to 642 Colonial Rd., Memphis, TN 38117 or pay by PayPal at www.unity95.org. Convenience fee applies.



CALENDAR

January

- 1 – Stated Meeting, dinner @ 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 2 – Memphis Rainbow #1
- 5 – Normal Whitehaven OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 9 – Mizpah OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 15 – First Responder's Pit Stop 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 16 – Memphis Rainbow #1
- 19 – Daughter's of the Nile Practice & Finance Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
- 20 – Daughter's of the Nile Stated Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.
- 27 – OES Honor Night for the Grand Treasurer

February

- 2 – Normal Whitehaven OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 3 – Daughter's of the Nile White Rose Luncheon @ 11:00 a.m.
- 5 – Stated Meeting, dinner @ 6:00 p.m., meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 6 – Memphis Rainbow #1
- 13 – Mizpah OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 23 – Daughter's of the Nile Practice & Finance Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
- 24 – Daughter's of the Nile Stated Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.
- 20 – Memphis Rainbow #1

March

- 2 – Normal Whitehaven OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 3 – TN Lodge of Research @ Noon
- 5 – Stated Meeting, dinner @ 6:00 p.m., meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 6 – Memphis Rainbow #1
- 10 – Lodge Rededication & TN Lodge of Research @ 11:00 a.m.
- 13 – Mizpah OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 16 – Daughter's of the Nile Practice & Finance Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
- 17 – Daughter's of the Nile Stated Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.
- 20 – Memphis Rainbow #1

The following by-laws change was passed at the December-2017 stated meeting and takes effect with the 2019 dues collection.

Article 5 Fees and Dues

Sec. 3. Each member in good standing, not raised, admitted or restored since the close of the Lodge's preceding fiscal year, shall annually pay the sum of eighty dollars, plus Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax as dues. Each member shall pay \$5.00 additional starting in 2019 and \$5.00 each consecutive year until 2024. In addition each member who has not paid their dues before the last day of March in each year shall be charged an additional \$25.00.

THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren,

I first want to say thank you for re-electing me as your Secretary. I will do my best to serve you well.

The time of the year has come to collect 2018 dues. Dues are due and payable by January 1, 2018.

In order to save on postage cost, which can be considerable with the size of our membership, dues notices are emailed to those whom we have an address on file. For all others the notice is incorporated in the fall and winter newsletters sent in the mail.

To those who have responded to the notice in the fall newsletter, we appreciate your prompt payment. For those who didn't, please look for the notice in this newsletter and respond accordingly.

It is important to get your payment in as early as possible in order for the lodge to meet its annual expenses.

Please also take note of the by-law change above that was passed at the December stated meeting. Much discussion occurred and it was the consensus of the majority of the membership present that this change was necessary for the continued successful operation of the lodge. This change will take effect with the 2019 dues collection.

I wish for each of you a successful and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

Roy Beard
Secretary

School every Monday. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., school to follow.

School/Fellowship every Thursday. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

A more complete and up-to-date calendar is available at <http://www.unity95.org>.

Please let your lodge know if are sick, disabled or shut-in. We would like to know.

Also, even though its unpleasant to think about, make sure your family knows to notify the lodge in the event of your death. Particularly make your wishes known if you desire a Masonic funeral service.

Petitions for the 3 Degrees:

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Petitions for Affiliation:

Petitions for Restoration:

Degrees Conferred:

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Scottish Rite: Stated meeting 1st Tuesday of each month except June, July & August. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Call (901) 526-7679 for reservations.

Shrine: Stated meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except June, July & August. Booster lunch each Monday at 11:30 a.m. Hamburger night each Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for \$5.00. Circus: February 15 – 18, 2018 at Agricenter International.



With The Master

David Lindsay Murelle, Jr.
 Fred Magee Farrell
 Charles Frank Holland
 Willie Dee McClain

Sick & Shut-Ins

James Newberry
 K. C. May



**Grand Lodge of Tennessee
 Organ Donor Awareness Program**

One organ donor can save the lives of 8 people. One tissue donor can restore up to 50 lives. Every day, 22 people die waiting for an organ transplant. More than 120,000 people are waiting for a life-saving transplant. In 2015, organ transplants saved the lives of more than 30,000 people on the waiting list.

You can choose to donate all of your organs and tissues or specify from among the following:

Organs: Heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine.

Tissues: Skin, bones, ligaments, vertebral bodies, heart valves, pericardium, veins, blood vessels, nerves and eyes/corneas.

Learn more about saving lives in your community:

Donate Life Tennessee at 877-552-5050 or DLTNinfo@dcids.org

Tennessee Donor Services – tds@dcids.org

Mid-South Transplant Foundation – www.midsouthtransplant.org

GL Organ Donor Coordinator – Brother Keith Taylor (266) P.O. Box 2038, Cookeville, TN 38502-2038 (931) 537-6673

First Responder's Pit Stop

We will once again feed our first responders on January 15, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This includes the police precinct in which the lodge is located and the one adjacent, the Sheriff's Department and the two nearby firehouses. Come out and show your support for our first responders.

Lodge Rededication Ceremony

After an extensive renovation to the building and to celebrate 10 years as Unity Lodge, the Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Casey Hood, will join us on March 10, 2018 to rededicate our lodge. The festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Then the Tennessee Lodge of Research will have a presentation at Noon followed by the rededication ceremony at 1:00 p.m. The Lodge of Research business meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. The Lodge of Research presentation and the rededication are open to everyone. The Lodge of Research business meeting is open to Master Masons only.

2018 OFFICERS

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| Worshipful Master – Joe Flagg | Senior Warden – Dandy Barawid |
| Junior Warden – Craig Forshee | Treasurer- Ed Doremus |
| Secretary – Roy Beard | Chaplain – Bill McDaniel |
| Marshal – Mickey Hapner | Senior Deacon – David Hasting |
| Junior Deacon – Britt Spears | Senior Steward – Spencer Martin |
| Junior Steward – Broque Lingerfelt | Tiler – Mike Harris |

FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP

by William R. Fischer

There are duties owing by every Mason to his brethren. By allusion to certain points of the body, we are taught the "The Five Points of Fellowship."

1. To serve 2. Pray for 3. Keep the secrets of 4. Support 5. Counsel

We must be constantly reminded of these points so we will not lose sight of them, once we leave the Lodge. More the brother who does not attend than he who attends regularly.

As always, we forgive the brother who does not frequent the Lodge. We should, because we know not the reason for his absence.

The five points of fellowship are a daily responsibility, and should become a habit. They should be so familiar to us, that we would act upon them with no more thought, than would be give to washing your hands or opening a door.

We constantly help, or serve our family, our brothers, our friends, and even strangers when we see the need.

We pray for others and ourselves, for strength and for peace.

We diligently keep the secrets from our detractors, from the ignorant, from the obsessed.

We support those who try to make life better, and we support those who fail. Then we counsel them, so they may have more knowledge, more understanding.....more light.

Making Good Men Better Since Time Immemorial

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