

# The Sentinel

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## The Master's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year Holiday. The New Year brings some new and exciting things happening at Unity Lodge. One project that has been in the planning stage for some time now is the repair of the water leak issue in the foyer area. I'm confident this problem will finally be resolved in a satisfactory manner. This year will also be the first year our Lodge will award scholarships to some deserving, local high school students. Your scholarship committee will be fine-tuning and perfecting the procedures needed for this program to be successfully implemented.

I would like to continue supporting the FedEx Family House and the Ronald McDonald House, a worthy program started by PM David Hasting. I'm also hopeful that we can again honor our First Responders by bringing back our First Responders Pit Stop event. A way to honor and thank them for what they do by providing them a meal and friendship. We will also be discussing ways we can support local veterans' organizations in an effort to lend support where needed.

I encourage any brother that would like to help plan or participate in a program or event we undertake to please let me know. We can certainly use new and fresh ideas and help is always needed and appreciated.

It is my hope that we can continue to meet and do what we love to do together. To that end I feel it is important that we take care of our health and be aware of what it takes to keep ourselves safe.

I close by thanking you, the members of Unity Lodge, for your trust and confidence in electing me your Worshipful Master. Be assured I will do everything I can to be worthy of that trust and confidence. Please know that I am available at any time to discuss any of your concerns or Lodge business you may have.

Fraternally,  
Craig Forshee  
Worshipful Master

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"Work and live to serve others, to leave the world a little better than you found it and garner for yourself as much peace of mind as you can. This is happiness. ----

Brother David Sarnoff

## From The Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I wish for you a prosperous and healthy New Year. We have installed a new corps of officers and I'm sure they will plan a lot of events and activities that we can all get behind and support.

As you know, 2022 dues were due and payable by January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not paid your dues as of yet (and quite a few haven't) let me encourage you to do so as soon as possible. The Lodge needs these funds to operate. If not paid by March 31, 2022 a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed per the Lodge by-laws.

Regular Member dues for 2022 are \$136.00 and Past Master's dues are \$36.00. You can make a check payable to Unity Lodge #95 and mail to 642 Colonial Rd., Memphis, TN 38117 or you may pay using PayPal on our web page at [www.unity95.org](http://www.unity95.org). A surcharge applies to the PayPal method. As usual, 50-year and Life Members do not pay dues.

If you haven't been to your Lodge recently, we hope you will join us some Monday night for stated meeting, a degree or school. Dinner is always at 6:00 p.m.

Fraternally,

Ralph Scott, Secretary



Craig Forshee, Worshipful Master  
 Broque Lingerfelt, Senior Warden  
 Benji Kaw, Junior Warden  
 Ed Doremus, Treasurer  
 Ralph Scott, Secretary  
 Bill McDaniel, Chaplain  
 Joey Sabio, Senior Deacon  
 Mike Riggs, Junior Deacon  
 Leo Manguiob, Senior Steward  
 Harold Sayco, Junior Steward  
 Mike Beck, Tiler



Strengthened in his labors here by faith in God and encouraged by the hope of immortality, he has sought admittance into the celestial Lodge above.

## Deaths

Michael Eugene Townsend  
 10/06/1937 - 10/17/2021

Jimmy Lee Dodson  
 07/20/1946 - 10/07/2021

George Rhodes Green  
 12/10/1932 - 12/20/2021

Robert Lee Price  
 01/03/1944 - 12/11/2021

Jimmie Ray Nichols  
 02/04/1937 - 12/14/2021

## Calendar

### January

- 3 – Lodge Stated Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 7 – Normal Whitehaven OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 10 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.
- 11 – Mizpah OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 13 – SCV Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 15 – Daughter's of the Nile Stated Session @ 11:00 a.m.
- 16 – Memphis Area OES Secretary's Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 17 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.
- 18 - Normal Whitehaven OES Honoring Renee Fowler,  
Grand Marshal @ 6:30 p.m.
- 19 – Mizpah OES Special Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 24 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.
- 31 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.

### February

- 4 – Normal Whitehaven OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 7 – Lodge Stated Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 8 – Mizpah OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 10 – SCV Meeting
- 12 – Daughter's of the Nile Luncheon @ 11:00 a.m.
- 14 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.
- 16 – OES District-wide Potluck @ 6:30 p.m.
- 19 – Daughter's of the Nile Stated Session @ 11:00 a.m.
- 21 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.
- 22 – Normal Whitehaven OES Special Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 28 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.



### The Road Carl H. Claudy

So many men before thy Altars kneel  
 Unthinkingly, to promise brotherhood:  
 So few remain, humbly to kiss thy rood  
 With ears undeaftened to thy mute appeal  
 So many find thy symbols less than real  
 Their teachings mystic, hard to understand  
 So few there are, in all thy far flung band  
 To hold thy banner high and draw thy steel,  
 And yet immortal and most mighty, **thou!**  
 What hath thy lore of life, to let it live?  
 What is the vital spark, hid in thy vow?  
 Thy millions learned, as thy dear paths they trod,  
 The secret of the strength thou hast to give  
 I am a way of common men to God.

### March

- 4 – Normal Whitehaven OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 7 – Lodge Stated Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 8 – Mizpah OES Stated Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 10 – SCV Meeting
- 14 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.
- 19 – Daughter's of the Nile Stated Session @ 11:00 a.m.
- 21 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.
- 23– Grand Lodge – Nashville
- 24 – Grand Lodge – Nashville
- 26 – Normal Whitehaven OES Installation of Officers
- 27 – Reception for OES General Grand Chapter  
Appointments
- 28 – Lodge School @ 6:00 p.m.

## **STS. JOHN DAYS: June 24 & December 27**

By history, custom, tradition and ritualistic requirements, the Craft holds dear the days of St. John the Baptist on June 24, and St. John the Evangelist on December 27. A lodge, which forgets either, forfeits a precious link with the past and loses an opportunity for the renewal of allegiance to everything in Freemasonry symbolized by these Patron Saints. No satisfactory explanation has as yet been advanced to explain why operative Masons adopted two Christian saints, when St. Thomas, the patron of architecture and building, was available.

Most Freemasons are agreed that the choice of our ancient brethren was wise. No two great teachers, preachers, wise men, saints, could have been found who better showed in their lives and works the doctrine and teachings of Freemasonry.

St. John the Evangelist apparently came into our fraternal system somewhere towards the close of the sixteenth century; at least, we find the earliest authentic lodge minute reference to St. John the evangelist in Edinburgh in 1599, although earlier mentions are made in connection with that may be called relatives, if not ancestors, of our Craft. For instance "The Fraternity of St. John" existed in Cologne in 1430. "St. John's Masonry" is a distinctive term for Scotch Lodges, many of the older of which took the name of the saint. Thus, in its early records, the Lodge of Scoon and Perth is often called the Lodge of St. John, and the Lodge possesses a beautiful mural painting of the-saint, on the east wall of the lodge room.

Other Lodges denominated "St. John's Lodges" were some of those unaffiliated with either the "Moderns" or the "Ancients" in the period between establishment of the Ancients (1751) and the Reconciliation (1813).

In many old histories of the Craft is a quaint legend that St. John the Evangelist became a "Grand Master" at the age of ninety. It seems to have its origin in a book printed in 1789, in which one Richard Linnecar of Wakefield wrote certain "Strictures on Freemasonry," although his paper is really a eulogy. Whether this writer really continued a tradition, or invented the tale, which was seized upon by Oliver and kept alive as a legend, impossible though it is, no man may say.

One Grand Lodge has ruled that Sts. John' Days are Landmarks! Of course any Grand Lodge may make it's own laws, but it is beyond the power of any Grand Lodge either to make a Landmark by pronouncement, or to unmake a Landmark by denying it. Inasmuch as Landmarks are universally admitted to be handed down to us from "time immemorial", and Sts. Johns' Days as Masonic festivals, are neither extremely old nor universal among the Craft (England using Wednesday after St. George's day; Scotland St. Andrew's Day; and Ireland St. Patrick's), we must consider only that Grand Lodge's intent to honor our patron saints, and not the validity of her results.

Historians believe that only after 1717, when the Mother Grand Lodge was formed, did Freemasons generally hold festival meetings on either or both June 24 and December 27.