# November 2020 **Tripoli Shriners Tattler**

## Wisconsin's Demolay Approaching 100 Years!



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## Potentate's Message

**Rick Kingstad** 

Hello Nobles, Ladies and friends,

Welcome to Fall. We enjoyed a long warm summer and now it's time for the yearly change. Trees have changed color, temps are getting cooler and the jackets are out once again. The shortened parade season is done for another year. We held the rescheduled date for Sportsman's Night and it worked out well. It was great to see the hall in use for an event. The meetings at Tripoli have restarted as well. The summer events from the combined units raised funds for Tripoli. Two Wheel Thursday and The Car Show did well and donated a needed injection of funds. Chef Robert is making his World Famous Pot Pies and for those who ordered, the pickup date is November 7th - Thank you all who ordered. There is also a fruit sale for Indian River fruit. This sale is entirely online. You place your order and also give your shipping information online. No contact is needed.

The Banquet business is moving forward. We have sanitizing stations as well as air cleaning machines that kill germs and viruses. We can have up to 50% capacity in the building which is quite a lot. The Fish Fry has returned. It works the same, call your order in and come on Friday to pick up. We added a new twist last Friday by offering a movie in the Drill Hall and a table to enjoy your meal. Tripoli Shriners are also moving forward with an off-site Sportsman's Night. The first of these is at AJ's in Muskego. The date is November 17th at 5:00PM. Dinner at 6:30 and a cash bar. All proceeds raised will benefit the Tripoli Shriners. Watch your emails and Facebook for more details as the date nears.

We have been saving as much cost as possible. Volunteers have been taking care of as much as possible at the Shrine Center. Anyone who has spare time would be welcomed for tasks such as cleaning, grounds and maintenance. I'm also asking that the units and clubs call with 48 hours notice if they are canceling or requesting a meeting at Tripoli.



If you cancel without timely notice, security will be there for an empty building. We need to carefully watch our expenses. You can help?

I also hope that everyone is well and taking all the precautions needed to stay healthy. You are the biggest asset we have.

Fraternally,

Rick Kingstad Potentate





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11/11 Howard T Rogers Chad E Howard Joshua F Justman

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11/28 Dennis M Walders

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## **Chaplain's Corner**

**Ron Hack** 

#### Happy Fall!

I hope this finds all of you and your families healthy and safe. It's been a trying time as we try to walk the line between staying safe from COVID19 and getting back into a more normal routine. Since our family's Disney trip was now cancelled twice, we decided to drive to Tennessee to see Great Smoky Mountains. We hooked up the trailer, buckled our 14 month old grandson into his seat, everyone else got aboard and off we went with a prayer for safe travels.

Driving through the Smoky Mountain National Forest, it was easy to forget about what was going on in the world. There is so much anger, pain, fear, despair, loneliness, intolerance, thanklessness and violence all around us. Driving through the forest, the leaves were changing into a red, yellow, orange and green canopy under the blue sky. There was more running water than I've ever seen in my life; clear rivers & amp; streams spilling over rocks along the roads wherever we drove. We saw elk herds, a bear with her cubs, turkeys and other forest dwellers. And, we met other folks peacefully enjoying the forest trails with their families. I felt the presence of the Almighty Architect within these beautiful mountains and wondered if this is what the Garden of Eden may have looked like.

All was not perfect here though. There were areas recovering from past forest fires and storms; small trees and bushes growing from the stumps and ashes of the destroyed trees. Out of the ashes, new life is growing and renewing the forest. All was not perfect here though. There were areas recovering from past forest fires and storms; small trees and bushes growing from the stumps and ashes of the destroyed trees. Out of the ashes, new life is growing and renewing the forest. fires and storms; small trees and bushes growing from the stumps and ashes of the destroyed trees. Out of the ashes, new life is growing and renewing the forest. It made me realize that although there are a lot of negative things happening in our world, we still have so



much to be thankful for in our lives. God watches over us and hears our prayers. And although we don't always know why bad things happen to us, we know God is there to walk beside us in our daily lives to help us through the darkness in our world.

We cannot fix all the negativity in our world, but like the forest, we can bring positive changes from negative events. We can lend a helping hand, we can be tolerant of those who are different than us, and not resort to violence or anger with those who disagree with us. We can reach out to others who are lonely, fearful or full of despair. We can ask for help from others if we are in need of a helping and caring friend. Let's look for the beauty of God's creations, especially in the people we meet.

The days are definitely cooler, leaves have fallen and flurries have flown letting us know Thanksgiving and winter are on their way. We take time to count our Blessings and to give thanks for all that we have been given. This is also the time of year we thank our Veterans for their service and sacrifices that kept our country free and allow us the freedom have our opinions heard.

Blessings to each of you and your families. We ask God to on all those who are suffering or grieving.

Happy Veteran's Day!

Happy Thanksgiving!



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#### A WORD FROM OUR IMPERIAL POTENTATE



Dear Fellow Nobles,

There's no getting around it 2020 is a different and difficult year! As we cope with the realities of living through a pandemic, I am very thankful to be part of a Brotherhood that looks after one another. In some ways, I am more proud than ever to

be a Shriner. Over the last several months, there have been countless stories of Shriners helping our health care system, supporting and thanking first responders in their communities, and looking after one another. During this uncertain time, you have selflessly and consistently cared for others, and I commend and thank you for these efforts.

In addition to the pandemic, some areas of our Country are also struggling with natural disasters, including raging wildfires, tropical storms and hurricanes and even windstorms. Some temples and lodges have been damaged, and some of our fellow Shriners and Masonic Brothers have lost their homes and experienced other personal tragedies. And again, our Nobles have reached out, ready to help those in need. You truly do practice and live up to the Masonic values and ideals!

As we deal with all the difficulties wrought by COVID-19, including imposed separation and quarantine, we need to find ways to both stay connected and lighten our spirits. In fact, these are times when Fun and Fellowship can be especially important and beneficial. Using today's technology, temples can be "open," and members can gather virtually using Zoom or Skype or other similar programs. You can actually have game nights or socials or coffee clubs. I urge you to be creative and find ways to connect with your fellow Shriners and have some virtual fun! And remember to share your ideas and successes with one another.

Unfortunately, the pandemic continues to have an impact on our signature events, including the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. While the event will take place (Oct. 5-11), there will not be fans in attendance. The tournament will be televised on the Golf Channel and available on PGA Live. We are grateful the event will take place, and look forward to an exciting competition, and to being able to gather in person next year to cheer on the players and applaud our amazing patient sandardbearers once again.

Shriners are hopeful, confident, compassionate, and resilient people. We will get through this and be stronger for it. And we will have an easier time as we work toward better days, if we seek ways to connect and support one another, and to enjoy some Fun and Fellowship.

I am proud to count you as Brothers. Thank you for all you do for one another, your Fraternity, and your Philanthropy.

Yours in the faith,

~ James R. "Jim" Smith, Imperial Potentate

### Postponed until further notice

Tripoli Shrine Center 2nd Floor Billiard Room





## Craft Club Fun and Fellowship

For Shriners, Masons and Men over 21 Refreshments and Snacks Watch the Game of the Night on the 80" TV, Cards, Pool, Conversation on Freemasonry and the Shrine

Bring a cash donation or a bottle of your favorite spirits

## Stated Meeting Minutes Wed, Sept 12th

The stated meeting was opened in due form at 7:05PM by III. Potentate Richard Kingstad. All officers were present except Matt Wright and Neil Laack.

Chaplain Ron Hack offered an opening prayer.

The flag of the United States of America was presented by the Legion of Honor and the Potentate led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The III. Potentate introduced Visitors from other Temples, Past Potentates, Unit Heads, Shrine Club Presidents, and Emeritus members.

A motion was made for the adoption of the September minutes as published in the Tattler. The motion was seconded and passed by a significant majority.

There were no petitions or affiliations.

There were requests for demits from Steve Zwicke, James Capen, and Robert Grohall. All being clear on the books, the demits were granted.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer John Bugajski. He reminded the Units and Shrine Clubs that the 2020 annual reports are due in early January. Please start getting your information together to complete as soon as possible. Due to the major loss of income from COVID-19, he recommends that any donations being made be made to Tripoli. Currently the hospitals and transportation funds are doing fine. A discussion followed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

PP Doug Winter reported on Catering and Banquet. Due to the COVID-19 shutdowns we have almost all our outside events. The majority have rescheduled, and we are beginning to host a limited number of events. Our Director of Sales and Events, Amy, has been working hard on scheduling events moving forward. Pending the virus situation, things are looking good for next year. We also have revenue from 4 lodges, the DeMolay office, the Learning Center, and Verizon. He also reported on the efforts that Tripoli has done and continues to do to keep expenses to a minimum.

Black Camel: HP&P Dale Graeven read the roll of the workmen summoned by the Black Camel since our last meeting. The following Noble answered not: Lincoln D Smith

The Chaplain offered a prayer for our departed Brother.

Chaplain Ron Hack reported on sickness and distress. Past Chaplain John Bennethum helps with the sickness and distress list. Any additions or updates please contact John or Ron.

Scimitar Report: – OG Gerry Arnold reported on Sportsman's Night on September 25. The attendance was down but the income almost matched other years. Estimated income will be about \$50,000. He thanked everyone for their help in making this event a success. He also pointed out that Tripoli will continue to need volunteers for future events to make them successful. This will allow us to keep expenses down without hiring any employees during these times.

Noble Gerry reported that the next Tripoli Sportsmen Night is scheduled for March 29, 2021. More information to follow. He also announced that there will be a Tripoli Fund Raiser at AJs Bar & Grill. Plans call for a limit of 100 people and will include guns, guns board, etc. They estimate a profit of \$5,000-\$7,000. It will be like a small Sportsmen's Night. If this is successful, there are plans to hold several of these events in various areas in SE Wisconsin. These profits will go to Tripoli.

PM Tom Schlicht presented information on a Florida Fruit Sale. All orders are made online, product is delivered direct to the customer's home, Tripoli makes a profit on each sale. Delivery is scheduled for the week before Thanksgiving. See information in October Tattler.

Hospital Report: - Our Hospital Rep Bob Manders reported that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business: - None

## Stated Meeting Minutes continued

Potentate Kingstad called the meeting informal and asked for our Director of Sales and Events Amy Harycki to be escorted into the room. She gave a report on the status of events at Tripoli. She included leads, bookings, Masonic events, past successful events, advertising, and the COVID-19 situation.

Concerning this, Tripoli has filed and been approved a COVID-19 Procedure Action Plan with the Milwaukee Health Department. We are following the 54 points of the Restaurant and Bar COVID-19 Safety Plan which has allowed us to increase the capacity limits at this time. This entire area is constantly changing and monitored. This area is beginning to look up for 2021 but ongoing events continue to affect all plans.

The Potentate thanked her for her efforts and request she be escorted from the room. He then called the meeting back to order.

Circus Chairman Dale Graeven reported that the current situation with telemarketing, George Carden, and the Arena was reviewed with the Board of Directors. After discussions and much thought, the BOD voted to cancel the 2021 Circus. They are investigating the possibilities and status of scheduling a 2022 Circus.

The Potentate talked about 3 Tripoli fundraisers:

1) Florida Indian River Groves Fruit Sales. See flyer and order form online and in the Tattler. Delivery scheduled for the week before Thanksgiving.

2) Fish Fry are stating once again.

See Tattler and emails for information each week. These are helping with the costs of our Chef and Catering.

Chef Robert's Famous Chicken Pot Pies.
Orders due by October 15 with delivery November 7.

Noble Bob Lijewski announced that Ladies Auxiliary will be selling stollens again this year. Watch for information in the Tattler. Noble Bob Lijewski announced that Ladies Auxiliary will be selling stollens again this year. Watch for information in the Tattler.

For the Good of the Order:

The Directors Staff presented \$6,000 to Tripoli from their fund-raising events during the year.

The Hillbillies presented checks in the amount of:

- 1) \$500 to Tripoli
- 2) \$1,000 to the Chicago Hospital

3) \$1,000 to the Tripoli Hospital Transportation Fund

They also presented a check for \$200 to Tripoli from South Shore Lodge.

There being no further business, the Temple was closed in due form at 8:48PM

Respectfully submitted, Peter Hennig, PP Recorder



"My God . . . those meetings really could all have been e-mails."





# Tripoli Women's Auxiliary Holiday Stollen Sale \$12.50

(by National Bakery)

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## UNITS

#### Hillbillies

We'all has ta apologize fer havin ta cancel da Hillbilly Clan 50 Spookgetti Git-together. Dat virus thing sure is knockin' the be-gee-bees out of stuff we'uns like to do like raisin' bucks fer the kids and transportation fund n' stuff. As Raban Joe says; "Nuttin's too good fur da kids". Times a-comin' when we'uns can git inta dat neat stuff again.

One thing fur sure, our next meatin' is a-gonna be Wednesday, November 18th. We's a gonna have the Walk In Initiation, no matter what. It'll be at our room at Tripoli with a 6:00 pm social time n' be follered by the initiation. We'uns already got a couple of flat-landers whose gonna be initiated n' end up as official Hillbilly Clan 50 Cuzzins. Yew-all show up with the \$40.00 (dats all its ever gonna cost you) an we'll have da applications and udder necessary stuff waitin' fur you. Come on down, sign up n' git initiated into the Clan 50 Hillbillies. It's a grate time.

Member dis: We old geezers can be like old tiresbald in sum spots wid a bulge here n' there; but if'n yew-all patch da tire n' pump them both full of air one of um' makes a pretty good flotation device.

Dats all.

HONOR THE COB - Cuz Gary



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## **Directors Staff**

Greetings Nobles,

Director's Staff meeting for Oct. 9th , 2020

The meeting was called to order by past president J. Brunk at 7:34. The Treasures report was read and approved and a short review of the secretary's report was given, but not acceptable. We will try harder! We donated \$6,000 to Tripoli at the stated meeting. This was the proceeds from all of our fund raisers during the summer. Good Job everyone! The SDA is scheduled for April 14th - 17th, 2021 in Virginia. Let's keep our figures crossed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36. Don't forget to say a little prayer for Andy, Jack, & Harry. Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,

Tom Schlicht PP

### Highlanders

The Highlanders welcome all Masons in our secret Headquarters deep under the frozen tundra of Tripoli Shrine. Normally we meet each Wednesday, but lately we've been meeting when the building is available. Our next outing, hopefully, will be St. Patrick's Day in both Milwaukee and New London (home of the state's largest St. Patrick's Day parade). Any and all Masons with music ability, or not, the desire to dress traditional Scottish attire, and the ability to know the difference between Guinness and green colored Lite beer is welcome. In case you heard correctly, yes! We are the greatest Unit of Tripoli Shrine and the envy of all. Contact me for an invite to our private club, Gary O'Barg's, and see for yourself! "We Play So Children Can"

Clay Simchick Pipe Major - Tripoli Scottish Highlanders

Put these Shriners who Entertained you in order of their Birth Years - Answers on Page 24















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## Shriners Children's Twin Cities Joins with Blank Children's Hospital to Provide Specialty Orthopedic Care to Children in Central Iowa



The new Blank Children's Orthopaedic Clinic will be a full-time clinic located on the Blank Children's Hospital campus. Physicians for this clinic will be provided by Shriners Children's and will provide a wide range of pediatric orthopaedic services, including care for fractures, hip dysplasia, spine conditions, cerebral palsy and issues that arise due to gait abnormality. Blank Children's Orthopaedic Clinic is scheduled to open late October 2020 and will begin accepting patient appointments immediately.

"We are very pleased to join with Shriners Children's to bring nationally-recognized pediatric orthopaedic specialty care right here to Central Iowa," said Steve Stephenson, M.D., president and chief operating officer for Blank Children's Hospital. "Ensuring high-quality specialty care to children is our mission, and establishing this new clinic enables us to meet a

critical need for children here in Central Iowa and across our state."

The senior pediatric orthopaedic physician for this clinic is Lael M. Luedtke, M.D. Dr. Luedtke graduated from Williams College and completed medical school at the University of Minnesota. She continued her medical training as a resident in orthopaedic surgery and fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Luedtke's special interests include cerebral palsy, limb deficiency, patellofemoral pain and childhood obesity. She brings 26 years pediatric orthopaedic of experience with her to this clinic.

Shannon B. O'Brien, M.D., will join Dr. Luedtke as the second physician in the practice. Dr. O'Brien has been practicing in orthopaedics for 18 years and her special interests include fractures, skeletal dysplasia, correction of angular abnormalities and scoliosis. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University and completed medical school at University of Louisville School of Medicine. Dr. O'Brien continued her medical training as a resident in orthopaedic surgery at University of Louisville and fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Should children come to the clinic with conditions beyond the scope of the clinic physician, such as a complex spine issue or even something non-orthopaedic, but within the scope of care at Shriners Children's, they may be referred to an appropriate Shriners Hospitals facility, such as the Twin Cities, Chicago or St. Louis locations.

"We at Shriners Children's are excited and energized by this opportunity to work closely together with Blank Children's Hospital. Each of our health care organizations have unique capabilities that, when joined in collaboration, allow us to reach and serve more children. When children have access to outstanding orthopaedic care and treatment, our communities are better for it," said Drew Graul, corporate admt Shriners Children's.

#### Continued

#### About Blank Children's Hospital:

Blank Children's Hospital is committed to familycentered healing, caring and teaching. With hundreds of doctors, nurses and staff who care for patients from before birth through adolescence, Blank Children's hospital unlike any other. The

number of medical specialists, programs and services is constantly growing to improve care and meet the changing health needs of children and families. Blank Children's Hospital is a providerbased facility of Iowa Methodist Medical Center.





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We had hoped to show all of you our new space in Woodbury in person, but to be safe, we thought virtual was a better option right now.

Take a virtual tour of our beautiful, colorful new orthopaedic clinic today!



Shriners Children's Twin Cities 215 Radio Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125 shrinerstwincities.org - 612-596-6100



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To reach the one-hundred-year mark for any organization is a large feat, one that should be commended and, more importantly, celebrated! The members of Wisconsin DeMolay are approaching that one-hundred-year mark and we couldn't be more excited to share it with our Masonic Family. In 2022, Wisconsin DeMolay will be celebrating our legacy as we hold our Centennial Celebration. Expect multiple events marked throughout the latter half of 2021 and 2022, especially our Sweetheart Weekend set for early February 2022. More information on how the celebration events will occur will be coming out in the future so make sure your calendars are marked!

One of our biggest goals for our centennial will be to reconnect with all of our past membership. Wisconsin DeMolay will be reaching out to all Senior DeMolay members to make sure that you are invited to participate in this grand celebration. Without our Senior DeMolays who worked tirelessly to grow this organization in Wisconsin, we wouldn't be here celebrating our one-hundred-years. Come together and enjoy old memories with friends at our reunions and help teach the young men of today what it truly means to be a DeMolay. We are asking all Senior DeMolays to please fill out and update all of their contact information so we can make sure that you receive your proper invites!

> Please email Dad Dakota Wells, Operations Coordinator, to get your contact information updated!

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## **6 Virtual Masonic Exhibits Every Mason Should Explore**

Any traveling man knows there's endless light to be found in the craft. By journeying across the jurisdiction to witness new degrees and connect with brethren from all over, Brothers continually find new meaning and significance in the teachings of Freemasonry. However, there is also much to be gained by exploring the past and current history of our fraternity at several Masonic institutions found across the globe.

Fortunately, today's technology has made many of our fraternity's finest monuments, exhibits, and artifacts accessible to all through virtual tours and programming. As you await your next chance to gather with brethren to witness a degree or travel to lands far from home to excite your Masonic pride, consider expanding your Masonic knowledge by "visiting" any one of these six virtual Masonic exhibits:

1. Take a Tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial



One of the most sought after destinations for American Freemasons is the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Designed and built by Freemasons, the Memorial is home to a Masonic museum, research library, active Masonic temple, a performing arts center, and much more. While you'll have to wait to visit in-person to view everything the memorial has to offer, you can take a virtual tour of the building, including its lodges and museum online. As a bonus, you can get a true taste of what it's like to stand in the halls of the historic building by taking advantage of their immersive virtual reality offerings.

2. Explore Freemasonry's Ties to American History at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library

Since 1975, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library (SRMML), one of our fourcharities, has been dedicated to telling the story of Freemasonry and fraternalism in the context of American history. Through its collection and preservation of fraternal artifacts and regalia, and its staff's deep study of American and Masonic history, the SRMML is home to hundreds of vintage items and educational exhibits for Masons to peruse at their leisure. Explore the history of Scottish Rite costumes, elections, portraits, and more by studying their online exhibitions and collections today.



#### 3. Get Familiar with Masonic Artifacts at the Livingston Masonic Library



Lodges and Grand Lodges from all over the world hold Masonic antiques to be admired; the Livingston Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of New York just happens to share its prized relics online for Freemasons everywhere to examine. If you're interested in digging deeper into a specific area of Freemasonry, use their search function to find related items from their collection. If you're not sure where to start, use their "random images" feature to view an assortment of items from their collection and see what piques your interest.

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4. Stop by the Home of Our Southern Jurisdiction Brothers



Just as the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction hosts its own Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library, so do our Scottish Rite neighbors and Brothers down south. Take a tour of their historic headquarters and view their European and Egyptian-inspired architecture or view their online collections to find documents and items belonging to Brothers of our fraternity's past. The stained glass in the lobby tells a visual story that melded the value and symbols of freemasonry with the ideal of love and country.

5. Say "Bonjour" to French Freemasonry by Viewing the Online Collections of Musée de la Franc-maçonnerie

Established in 1889, the musée de la franc-maçonnerie is a public exhibition of the history of Freemasonry in France. Now, you need not travel to Paris to view the iconic works of French Brothers, such as the sword of venerable Brother Lafayette. Click here to view their online collection of portraits, objects, statues, and more.



6. Get to Know Your Prague Brethren and City from Home



Praga Masonica is the website our central European Brothers look to for Masonic inspiration, history, and connection. With no physical building to wander about, the site boasts a robust digital collection of literature and photos documenting Freemasonry's ties to Prague. Get to know how Brothers from across the pond (including infamous Brother Wolfgang Mozart) live our core values of relief, truth, and brotherly love by visiting the site. They even offer a virtual "walking tour" of the city, detailing where you can find Masonic institutions and history throughout Prague for those experiencing wanderlust.

Freemasonry is one of the oldest fraternities in the world and the plethora of Masonic establishments worldwide is a testament to this fact. Now the only question is, which exhibit will you "visit" first?



## DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



#### Shelomoth Temple No. 106 Working together to befit Shriners Hospitals for Children

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Letters From Santa" Campaign

### Sponsored by Shelomoth Temple No. 106, Daughters of the Nile

Seven year old Tommy has written a letter to Santa every year - and every year Santa has, for the most part, fulfilled the requests in Tommy's letters.

But this year is different. This year, NOTHING is the same:

No school since early March No church or Sunday School

- Can't play with friends and neighbors, only my "stupid sisters"
- He hasn't seen his grandparents for months, except through windows (Are they really OK?)
- No friend's birthday parties to go to
- No family nights at "Dave & Busters"
- Everyone is wearing masks kind of like Halloween, only different (Oh, no! Not the "Nightmare Before Christmas"!!)

Nothing's the same anymore! What's going to happen to Christmas? Will Santa still come on Christmas Eve? What about the reindeer? And the elves?

And it's not just 7 year old Tommy who needs to find reassurance from the familiar. This year, more than ever, we all need the comfort of the familiar and reassurance that <u>something</u> will be the same. So, it's time to make your list of children – young and old – who would enjoy a letter from Santa to spark their Christmas Spirit.

Each letter will be personalized for the child/adult it is sent to. Santa will send out the letters beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, but orders must be received by November 30th. Letters will be age-appropriate for pre-school children, younger children, pre-teens, and teen-agers/adults. Please send one form for each letter desired to: **Maria Boyer-Jensen** with check for \$5.00 per letter, made out to **Shelomoth Temple No. 106**.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!

#### ORDER FORM FOR "LETTERS FROM SANTA"

Name of Recipient (please PRINT) Address of Recipient			
Age category for letter:			
pre-school child younger child			
pre-teen teenager/adult			
Has the child sent his/her letter to Santa yet?			
Any special information for the letter:			
This letter is being purchased by			

Send form and \$5.00 fee for each letter to:

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## **3 Common Sayings Born From Freemasonry**

With origins dating back to the stonemasons and cathedral builders of Medieval times, the history of Freemasonry is a long and storied one. In the United States, the values of the fraternity have resonated with men throughout the country since its founding. Today, Masons gather in virtually every town and city across the country to welcome new men into the brotherhood and help each other live by the values of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Considering the generations of men that have attended lodges in the U.S., the influence that Freemasonry has had on our culture is immeasurable. Monuments to the fraternity surround us – and not just ones made of stone either. In fact, many Americans use words all the time that have their roots in Freemasonry. These terms did not become commonplace overnight, and the stories of their integration into the everyday American's vocabulary further illustrate the influence Masonry has had on our culture.

### "On the Level"

Today, when someone refers to someone as "on the level" they probably mean they are trustworthy, sincere and balanced. In other words, to be "on the level" means having integrity. This notion of being "on the level" is also among the most basic ideas put forth in Freemasonry. It is a reference to the level, a tool used by the operative stonemasons (and still used by carpenters today) to ensure a house or structure will stand and that its floors are even and not sloped.



In Masonic ritual, the level is symbolic of equality, a concept that resides at the core of the fraternity. Residing "on the level" is a core teaching to Freemasons; regardless of position or title in life or within the fraternity, brethren must treat each other and those in their community as equals. It is for all these reasons that most lodges will end their meeting with everyone standing on the same surface. It symbolizes that we are all standing together equally and no one, no matter their position is exempted from standing shoulder to shoulder with their Brothers. An example of this can be found in the installation ceremony, in which it is stated, "From the ranks you have risen and to the ranks you shall return."

### "Third Degree"

Today, when someone is "getting the third degree" it means they are being thoroughly questioned about something. While this American idiom rose to prominence in the 20th century primarily through crime novels, its meaning can be directly tied back to Freemasonry.

When Freemasonry first formed during the 1700s, it was quickly met with some resistance from the ruling class. A place for the free exchange of ideas and information, it was often outlawed or considered heresy. At Masonic meetings, it was practice to ask questions on a wide range of topics as a way to ensure that those in attendance could be trusted to hear the discussions. Furthermore, the questions were a method of testing new initiates to ensure they had attained a satisfactory understanding of Freemasonry before welcoming them as a full member.

Traces of this probing practice can be seen today in the ceremony of the Master Mason – or the third degree – which involves some question and answer by the candidate. By the 1900s, the concept was adopted by the authors of crime fiction and ultimately made its way into popular slang.



### "Cornerstone"

A cornerstone – also known as the foundation stone or setting stone – is the stone that forms the base of a corner of a building, joining two walls together. It is the crucial, foundational stone of a building, integral to maintaining its structural integrity. As the figurative descendants of the operative stonemasons of medieval times, Freemasons have traditionally held special ceremonies to honor the laying of the cornerstone for noteworthy buildings. In these ceremonies, the stone is checked, using ancient tools, to be certain it is square, its edges straight and level to ensure the building has a strong foundation.

From this original definition, Americans have adopted a somewhat expanded definition of "cornerstone" beyond the literal stone itself to mean the "essential element" of something. Some common examples you may have heard include: "Trust is the cornerstone of a strong rend "Vegetables are the cornerstone of a healthy diet." It has become a versatile, regularly used word to describe something that is structurally essential.

Is Freemasonry the cornerstone of your social life?

## DONATION Shriners Hospital for Children

From: David A. Gutknecht, Past Potentate, '02

The Chippewa County Dental Foundation Inc of Chippewa Falls, WI that annually distributes monies to Health Programs in the Chippewa Valley will be now known as the Chippewa County Denta Endowment.

As a past member, having served on this board, I know the impact that gifts can make a difference in lives. One of those recipients receiving the annual perpetual gift is Shriners Hospital for Children-Twin Cities.

A \$3,000 annual gift that is generously given and gratefully received.

### **Business Networking Lunch** 1st Wednesday of every Month

Tripoli Shrine will be hosting a monthly business networking lunch.

> Nov 4th, 2020 Doors open at 11:45 Lunch served at noon Wrap up by 1:00

Cost is only \$15 pp

Be a monthly sponsor and talk to the group for 15 minutes, only \$100

For safety we ask that you arrive with a mask, tables will be set for 6 to accommodate social distancing standards. Bring a friend or co-worker and meet more people.



## November 20th

All submissions for the Tripoli Tattler are to be sent to tattler@tripolishrinecenter.com on or before the 20th of the month.

#### WITH NO EXCEPTIONS!

The publication of the Tattler will no longer be delayed waiting for articles, flyers or pictures by order of the Potentate.

Please be considerate of dated material that needs to be published on time.

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## **THANK YOU** For Continuing Your Membership



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November - 2020

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#### Official Call of the Potentate: Nobility of Tripoli



November 11th - Cancelled December 9th

For the Purpose of Old and New Business Your Attendance is Urgently Requested Dinner: 5:30PM - Meeting: 7:00PM

#### WEAR YOUR FEZ!

Attest: Pete Hennig, Recorder Yours in the Faith, Rick Kingstad, Potentate

## Work Night at Tripoli

Even though the November Stated Meeting has been cancelled, there has been a request for a work night at Tripoli. If you are interested in helping out, please arrive at 5 PM on Wednesday, Nov 11th. There will be refreshments and food available. Any questions, call Damon Albers at 414-208-7901.

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## TRIPOLI HAPPENINGS

Highlanders, Photo Corps
Freemasons 363 Lodge
Nathan Hale Lodge
Lafayette Lodge
Stated Meeting (except July and Aug.)
5:30 Dinner, 7 PM Meeting
Shriner's Hospital Committee
(between dinner and Stated Meeting
in Melham Parlor)
Directors Staff
Motor Corps Exec 6:00 PM
Motor Corps - 7:00 PM
Legion of Honor, Antique Auto
Highlanders, Hillbillies, Clowns
Nathan Hale Lodge
Provost, Freemasons 363 Lodge
Craft Club, 7 PM
DeMolay Unit Meeting
Ring 41 Magicians

**Red Fez Schedule** 

Executive Meetings - 1st Monday - 6:00 PM (ex. July & August)

#### Women's Auxiliary

Third Wednesday of each month at Tripoli For Luncheon and Business Meeting (ex. July & August)

#### **Daughters of the Nile**

Second Saturday of each month at Tripoli for Meeting and Luncheon—10:00 a.m. (ex. June & December)

#### Whitnall Park Shrine Club

4th Tuesday at noon each month at Alioto's



