

# Ashlar Lodge No. 98 Free and Accepted Masons

St. Augustine, FL

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904-826-4086



August 2018



## STATED COMMUNICATIONS

Masonic Temple

105 King Street

St. Augustine, FL

1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Thursdays

Meal – 6:30 p.m.

Stated Communication — 7:30 p.m.

## DEGREE WORK AND PRACTICE

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

## CHARITY OF THE QUARTER

Ketto Primary School

## FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

July was a summer month at Ashlar Lodge.

We conducted our annual pilgrimage to Pineland Lodge No. 86 on July 19th. The Ashlar contingent was large. Our thanks to Pineland for their fellowship.

The next major event for our District and Lodge is the **Grand Master's Official Visit on Friday, August 24, 2018.**

The event will be held at **The St. Johns County Agriculture Center on Agriculture Center Drive off SR 16 in St. Augustine.**

Registration begins at 5:30 pm and the meal at 7:30 pm.

Ashlar Lodge is the host Lodge for this visit. It has been eight years since Ashlar was the host. I hope to see many of you at the banquet that night.

The event is open to Masons, their wives, and others who wish to attend. Be sure to let me know if you will be there so that I may provide a head-count.

There is no tyled Lodge after the banquet. All activities will be at the Agriculture Center. Previous Official Visits in 2018 have been concluded by 8:45 pm.

S. & F.  
Bo Bozard, Worshipful Master

# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 Rainbow District Instruction Bunnell 6:30</b>	<b>2 STATED COMMUNICATION 6:30 PM</b>	3	4
5	<b>6 OES</b>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	<b>14 Shrine Club 7:00 pm</b>	<b>15 Rainbow</b>	<b>16 STATED COMMUNICATION 6:30 PM</b>	17	<b>18 MLT and OPEN BOOK PINELAND 8:30 AM</b>
19	<b>20 OES</b>	<b>21 York Rite Chapter/ Council 6:30 pm</b>	<b>22 District Association Melrose 6:30 pm</b>	<b>23 LODGE INSTRUCTION 6:00 PM</b>	<b>24 Grand Master's Visit District 11 5:30 pm</b>	25
26	27	<b>28 York Rite Commandery 6:30 pm</b>	29	30	31	

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### LANDMARKS (CONTINUED)

The following Landmarks are given in Albert Mackey's *A Textbook of Masonic Jurisprudence*

Sixteenth: No lodge can interfere in the business of another lodge, nor give degrees to brethren who are members of other lodges.

Seventeenth: Every Freemason is amendable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic jurisdiction in which he resides, and this although he may not be a member of any lodge.

Eighteenth: Certain qualifications for candidates are derived from a Landmark of the order.

Nineteenth: A belief in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Twentieth: A belief in the resurrection to a future life.

Twenty-first: The book of the law shall constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every lodge.

Twenty-second: The equality of all Masons.

Twenty-third: The secrecy of the institution.

Twenty-fourth: The foundation of a speculative science upon an operative art, and the symbolic use and explanation of the terms of that art, for the purposes of religious or moral teaching.

Twenty-fifth: That these Landmarks can never be changed.

Roscoe Pound in his "Lectures on Masonic Jurisprudence" set forth seven landmarks: Belief in God; belief in the persistence of personality; a "book of law" is an indispensable part of the furniture of every lodge; the legend of the third degree; the symbolism of an operative art; and that a Mason must be a man, free born, and of age.

## September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 OES	4	5 RAIN-BOW District In-struction Bunnell 6:30	6 STATED COMMUNICATION 6:30 PM	7	8
9	10	11 Shrine Club 7 pm	12 Member-ship Devel-opment Ashlar 6 pm	13	14	15
16	17 OES	18 York Rite Chap-ter/Council 6:30 pm	19 Rain-bow Open Book Pineland 6:00 pm	20 STATED COMMUNI-CATION 6:30 PM	21	22
23/30	24	25 York Rite Com-mandery 6:30 pm	26 District Association Ashlar 6:30 pm	27 Lodge Instruction 6:00 pm	28 Fried Chicken Shrine Club 5-7 pm	29

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Critics of Freemasonry often ask, "Do Masons worship Yahweh, the God of the Bible, when they join in Masonic worship with Hindus, Moslems, and members of other faiths?" Let me begin by pointing out that this question suggests "worship" occurs in Lodge meetings. This question is intended to set a certain bias against Masonry before the question is seriously considered. Worship does not take place in Masonic Lodge meetings. Worship is the function of a religion. Thomas E. Hager, Past Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee, said in an April 22, 1994, letter to Baptist Press, the official press service for the Southern Baptist Convention, "Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for a religion." Earl D. Harris, Past Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, has clearly said, "We do not go to Lodge buildings to worship" (*Masonic Messenger*, July 1995, p. 34). Lodge meetings might be compared to business meetings held in some churches where minutes of the last meeting are read, bills are paid, and old and new business are addressed.

The question is a great example of a "circular argument." This logical fallacy begins with the conclusion: that Masonic meetings are worship services where men professing various faiths join together to worship a God other than "Yahweh, the God of the Bible." The argument simply travels around in circles until it comes back to its original statement, concluding that Masons worship a God other than Yahweh (or Jehovah). From "Praying in Lodge by Bro. Rev. Gary Leazer.

## A good story

A young man passed a pawnbrokers' shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note.

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat, and well-dressed. After a moment of thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded, Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.

From the January 1977 New Mexico Freemason



Ashlar Lodge No. 98 F. & A.M. presented a local Boy Scout with a Grand Lodge of Florida certificate and letter of recognition honoring his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. The presentation was made at the Lodge in St. Augustine on Thursday, June 21, 2018.

Caleb Arsenault became a Boy Scout when he was thirteen years old. He completed all requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in March 2018 at age seventeen. Only 4% of all Boy Scouts attain the coveted rank.

Caleb became interested in Scouting while involved in 4-H Forestry. He currently volunteers for a local animal shelter and his Eagle Scout project was to build an enclosure for an abandoned Vietnamese potbelly pig at St. Johns County Pet Center.

He is a leader in his troop and is currently Senior Patrol Leader. He tied for second place as a sharp shooter in national competition and has learned self-sufficiency through his experience camping, earning merit badges, and overseeing his troop.

Caleb next goal is to obtain a degree in American history with a minor in law. He has an abiding interest in the subject and by the end of summer 2018 he will have visited all 50 states and eight foreign countries.

Caleb is a member of Troop 857, North Florida Council, Osceola District.





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