

"I've always followed my father's advice: he told me, first to always keep my word and, second, never insult anybody unintentionally... And, third, he told me not to go around looking for trouble."
-Bro. John Wayne

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Welcome to the month of June, brothers, families, and friends! First off, a special thank you to all the brothers of Ashler 121 who are also fathers. There is much more to say on the subject so for now I'll just say check out the June Spotlight!

Next, to the right you'll see the brothers who have calendar or masonic birthdays this month.

Please reach out and give them your love - it's always nice to be reminded you're appreciated.

Finally, thank you to all who contributed in this month's edition of the Trestle Board, we hope to see more submissions in the near future. This month's deadline for articles is June 25th, so get writing, brothers!



Happy Masonic Birthdays to Brian Damerl (#20), Steven Whitaker (#34), Nathan Poppink (#6), Douglas Metzler (#21), Frank Sedem (#2), Drew Coleman (#41), Dan Echo (#2), Steven Metz (#2), Michael McKamey (#8), William Harker (#27)!

Happy Calendar Birthdays to Andrew Connor (4th), Earl Hawkey (8th), Robert Osgood (8th), Barry Brittain (10th), Kevin Haagen (10th), Joshua Connery (15th), Michael McKamey (16th), Charles Negron (16th), Gary McPherson (17th), Ellis Jaco (19th), Marcus Martin (21st), Allyn Llyr (27th), and John Ansell (29th)!

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June Spotlight: Father's Day

Brothers, as you all know, this month is the month in which we celebrate Father's Day.

Also as we all know, Father's Day celebrations take many forms. Some of us buy gifts. Some of us give the gift of time. Still others become silent martyrs, humoring their dad as he gives his favorite speech on how hard raising a kid was... or maybe that's just me. One thing all Father's Day celebrations have in common though, is that appreciation is showed for a father. So to everyone reading this, please take the time this Father's Day, Sunday June 18th, to show your father what they mean to you (only the good stuff, brothers!).

On a more sober note, if you cannot celebrate this Father's Day, I urge you to spend time with your loved ones. Furthermore, if you know someone who recently lost their father, then I urge *you* to spend time with that person. As sad as it is that it happens, no one should have to be alone any day of the year - let alone a day that reminds them of someone they don't have. So give the gift of time, brothers. It is the most valuable thing we have, which is why the more of it we give, the closer bonds we make with those we give it to.

Lastly, to those who are estranged from their fathers or for those fathers who feel estranged from their kids, find common ground. Life is too short for anything else.



The Cardinal Virtue of Prudence

A few words from the Worshipful Master, Mike McKamey.

In Freemasonry, we are entrusted with a set of Cardinal Virtues that serve as guiding principles for our conduct. Among them, Prudence shines as a beacon of wisdom and rational judgment. Rooted in ancient philosophy, Prudence holds immense significance in our modern lives. Today, I call upon my Brothers of Ashler Lodge to embrace the power of Prudence and exercise it in their speech, thoughts, and actions.

Prudence, as the third Cardinal Virtue in the Entered Apprentice Degree, teaches us to regulate our lives and actions in accordance with reason. It is the habit by which we wisely judge and prudentially determine all things relative to our present and future happiness. As Freemasons, Prudence should be our distinctive characteristic, governing not only our conduct within Lodge but also in the outer world.

Drawing from the philosophical foundations, the concept of Cardinal Virtues can be traced back to the writings of Plato, the Republic. Plato identified four Cardinal Virtues: temperance, courage, wisdom, and justice. These virtues align harmoniously with the four Cardinal Virtues taught to us in the Entered Apprentice Lecture: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

Plato classified society into three groups: workers, soldiers, and aristocrats. Workers embodied temperance, soldiers exhibited courage and fortitude, while the aristocrats were educated and exercised

prudence. In Plato's vision, justice was the proper conformity of these groups to their social roles, promoting the happiness of the city and its members.

Prudence is not an antiquated ideal; it is a timeless virtue that continues to guide us in the complexities of our modern world. In a society defined by constant change, numerous choices, and countless distractions, exercising Prudence becomes all the more crucial. Here's why:

Wise Decision-Making: Prudence empowers us to make sound choices based on careful deliberation and foresight. It prompts us to consider the long-term consequences of our actions, allowing us to navigate life's challenges with a measured approach.

Personal Growth: By cultivating Prudence, we become more self-aware and attuned to our strengths and limitations. It encourages us to make prudent judgments about our personal growth and development, leading to a more fulfilling and purpose-driven life.

Relationships and Communication: Prudent behavior in our interactions fosters harmony and understanding. It prompts us to choose our words wisely, avoiding unnecessary conflict and misunderstandings. Prudence allows us to build strong and lasting relationships, both within the Fraternity and beyond.

Ethical Conduct: Prudence serves as a compass for ethical behavior. By embracing Prudence, we uphold justice, fairness, and integrity in our dealings with others. It guides us to act in a manner that aligns with our Masonic principles and the highest moral standards.

Some may argue that exercising Prudence can lead to indecisiveness or inaction. However, true Prudence is not synonymous with hesitation. It is a virtue that empowers us to act thoughtfully and deliberately. Prudence prompts us to consider all relevant factors, weigh the risks and benefits, and make well-informed choices.

It is essential to emphasize that Prudence does not advocate isolation or detachment. It encourages us to actively engage with the world while remaining vigilant about protecting our Masonic secrets. By exercising Prudence, we strike a balance between participation and preserving the sanctity of our Craft.

Our Standard Work recognizes Prudence as one of the core virtues essential to a Mason's character. It emphasizes that Prudence should govern not only our conduct within the Lodge but also extend to our actions in the world. This recognition underscores the timeless importance of Prudence in Freemasonry.

Prudence is the habit that keeps us on the right path, enabling us to navigate life's twists and turns with wisdom and discernment. Today, I urge you, especially my Brothers of Ashler Lodge, to embrace Prudence as an essential part of your Masonic journey. Let us exercise Prudence in our daily lives, reflecting on the consequences of our choices and actions. May Prudence guide us to make decisions that align with our Masonic values and promote the well-being of ourselves, our Brothers, and our community.

In the words of the Entered Apprentice Degree lecture, let us be cautious, guarding our words and actions, especially in strange and mixed company, to prevent the unlawful divulgence of our secrets. Together, let us uphold the legacy of Prudence, ensuring that it remains the distinctive characteristic of Freemasonry. As we cultivate Prudence within ourselves, we contribute to a world guided by wisdom, reason, and enlightened action.

Peace & Happiness to you and your families!

*Brother Mike McKamey
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Editor's Note on Juneteenth

Happy Juneteenth, Brothers! from Bro. Liam Negron

Brothers, this year is the third year that the holiday Juneteenth is being celebrated as a federal holiday in America. So because the holiday is new federally, and because I have received several questions about it recently, I would like to impart to you an abridged summary of its history.

Juneteenth - also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day - is a holiday celebrating the day in 1865 when Order No. 3 issued by Major General Gordon Granger was declared in the state of Texas, meaning that the state officially announced that all slaves were now free.

This announcement had an enormous effect as it heralded change in the country. The civil war was recently over, and now, millions of people could begin to determine how they would live. However, this was in no means a day and night change. The Confederate States of America was no more but the sentiments behind it remained, and life was harsher than many of us can imagine now. But it marked the end of slavery as a legally protected and socially acceptable institution, and it was the beginning of the progress that would lead to what we have today.

Returning back to the history of Juneteenth, the announcement of Order No. 3 spread to other southern states in the months and years to come, but that first announcement was held as a day of celebration of emancipation in the U.S. ever since. Then on Friday June 18th 2021, president Joe Biden recognized Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

My brothers, we exist in a fraternity that values the betterment of all humanity, but while we consider ourselves to be good men, and becoming better, we must also accept the fact that we do not talk enough about bettering each other.

In the past, black men were not allowed in masonic lodges until long after their need and desire to join arrived. Masons preach that to join masonry, a person must meet certain requirements - among them being a man who believes in a higher being and is of upstanding character. So the fact that these qualities were not immediately recognized in black men, or were valued less than the color of their skin, should remind us that we are a fraternity made up of people.

People are not perfect, my brothers, and we should know that no two rough-hewn stones are the same. But that is why we need to look carefully at today's problems within and without so that we move toward a brighter future together. We need to address one another as brothers, willing to lend a hand without looking down at one another, and help each other to rise above our faults - together

And now, I will leave you with this quote:

"I believe that the ability to think is a blessing. If you can think about a situation, you can deal with it. The big struggle is to keep your head clear enough to think."

-Bro. Richard Pryor



What then is freedom? The
power to live as one wishes.

Marcus Tullius Cicero

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Ashler's Calendar for 2023

Mark the Dates!

June

- 1st Officer's 6 p.m. and Temple Board 7 p.m.
- 8th – 10th Grand Lodge Annual Communication Wenatchee, WA
- 13th Royal Arch Fellowship Chapter no. 61 7:30 pm
- 15th Stated (Business Casual) Dinner 6:30 p.m. Communication 7:30 p.m.
- 17th Pancake Breakfast at Lodge 8 a.m.
- 22nd Masonic Education 7 p.m.
- 24th EA Degree at 9 a.m. for Mr. Jason Lozo.
- 29th FC Degree at 6 p.m. for Bros. Patrick Cote and Matt Wittenmyer (Mill Creek) Light Dinner at 5 p.m.

July

- 4th of July Parade – Downtown Bothell
- 6th Officer's Meeting 6 p.m.
- 13th Masonic Education 7 p.m.
- 20th Stated (Hawaiian Shirt Night) Dinner 6:30 p.m. Communication 7:30 p.m.
- 22nd Pancake Breakfast at Lodge 8 a.m.
- 29th Barbeque at Blythe Park Noon

August

- 3rd Officers Meeting 6 p.m.
- 10th Masonic Education 7 p.m.
- 12th Family Barbecue Noon Blythe Park
- 17th Stated (Jersey Night) Dinner 6:30 p.m. Communication 7:30 p.m.
- 19th Pancake Breakfast at Lodge 8 a.m. Street Cleanup 9 a.m.

September

- 7th Officer's 6 p.m. and Temple Board 7 p.m.
- 8th Walter F Meier Council 7:30 pm
- 12th Royal Arch Fellowship Chapter no. 61 7:30 pm
- 14th Masonic Education 7 p.m.
- 19th Millcreek Visit 7:30 Stated, 6:30 Dinner
- 21st Stated (Jobies) Dinner 6:30 p.m. Communication 7:30 p.m.
- 23rd Pancake Breakfast at Lodge 8 a.m.

October

- 5th Officer's 6 p.m. and Temple Board 7 p.m.
- 7th Family Bowling Kenmore Lanes
- 10th Royal Arch Fellowship Chapter no. 61 7:30 pm
- 12th Masonic Education 7 p.m.
- 19th Stated (Step-up Night) Rainbow Dinner 6:30 p.m. Communication 7:30 p.m.
- 21st Pancake Breakfast at Lodge 8 a.m. Street Cleanup 9 a.m.
- 21st Game Night 7 p.m.
- 31st Safe Halloween 5 p.m.

November

- 2nd Officer's 6 p.m. and Temple Board 7 p.m.
- 9th Edmonds Visit 7:30 Stated, 6:30 Dinner
- 10th Walter F Meier Council 7:30 pm
- 14th Royal Arch Fellowship Chapter no. 61 7:30 pm
- 16th Stated (Jobies) Dinner 6:30 p.m. Communication 7:30 p.m.
- 18th Pancake Breakfast at Lodge 8 a.m.

December

- 2nd Ashler Installation (open to public) 2:00 pm
- 7th Officer's 6 p.m. and Temple Board 7 p.m.
- 12th Royal Arch Fellowship Chapter no. 61 7:30 pm
- 21st Stated (Rainbow Girls) Dinner 6:30 p.m. Communication 7:30 p.m.