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Inman Masonic Lodge George Washington Portrait Presentation



At the August Regular Communication of Inman Masonic Lodge, Brothers Ken and Gene Kuszmaul presented WB Stephen Pinker and the Brethren with a George Washington portrait. The inscription on the plaque at the bottom of the portrait reads, "The blessings of each day are cemented in the Brotherly Love of Inman Masonic Lodge #201 AFM. We will forever be grateful, Ken and Gene Kuszmaul, 2017." During a trip with RWB Sam Turner III and WB Bryan Megonigal to Charleston, SC, he discovered that many of the Lodges in the low country were buying portraits, one per Lodge, for the schools in the area. Brother Gene had the idea of buying one for Inman Lodge. Ironically, Brother Ken had came up with the same idea, without any prior discussion between them. He and his Uncle Ken decided to purchase a portrait for Inman in the hopes that it, with the inspirational message inscribed on it, would serve as a beacon to the Brotherhood of Inman. But, the portrait serves a two-fold purpose.

The George Washington Portrait Project is helmed by RWB Sam Turner III of Roebuck Lodge #357 AFM, and RWB John King of Cross Hill Lodge #159 AFM. The proceeds of the portrait project go toward Juvenile Diabetes Research, which Brother Ken Kuszmaul is all too familiar with. When she was three, Ken's daughter Bridget was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. He had to witness his daughter who, at the time, had to be stuck with needles five times a day to get her glucose readings as her own body had no way of producing it on her own. Now at the age of 43, she has suffered many hardships battling her disease. In 2014, Bridget had a brain bleed as a complication of diabetes, and during her rehabilitation contracted cerebral meningitis as well as a staph infection. Although she recovered, she now has diminished eyesight as a result of diabetes. His granddaughter, Katlyn was also diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at the age of one. Now eighteen, she has enjoyed a normal life due to the advances in treatment that research into this disease has brought. With Ken's brother's and Gene's Uncle's death as a result of this dreaded disease in 2016, as well as with his daughter's and granddaughter's battles, it was only natural to contribute to such a noble purpose while presenting a small token to the Brotherhood.

Worshipful Brother Dean Chapman

On July 7, 2017, Worshipful Brother Dean Chapman laid down his working tools. WB Dean was a Mason for thirty-nine years. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on October 21, 1978, and served as the Worshipful Master of Inman Masonic Lodge in 2001. For the past thirty years, WB Dean has been a major force behind Inman Masonic Lodge's annual golf tournament. He served his God, his family and his Lodge with dignity and with zeal. WB Dean's obituary can be found here.

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Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief

The storm known as Harvey has carved a path of destruction through Southeast Texas and is creeping into Southwest Louisiana, dumping record levels of rain on the Houston area. The storm has left at least 50 dead and thousands homeless as they escape from the flood waters. One of the most vital supplies the area needs right now is drinking water, and Spartanburg School District 1 began a drive to collect donations of relief items to be shipped to Texas. To assist with the relief efforts, Inman Masonic Lodge collected donations of bottled water. WB Jeff Honeycutt spearheaded the collection, and on Friday, September 1st, delivered 272 cases of water to Chapman High School. Thanks to all the Brethren for their charity in this time of need for the people of Texas.

Harvest Day 2017

The Harvest Day Barbeque Sale is Inman Masonic Lodge's second largest fundraiser, and this year it took on the unofficial slogan, "Keeping it in the Community". Keeping the money from its fundraisers in Inman and its surrounding communities has been the goal of Inman Masonic Lodge, and volunteers reminded its patrons as they came in for the Famous Pinker Barbeque served each year. Inman Lodge gave free water to Harvest Day attendees, and customers enjoyed the air conditioned dining hall and the tents outside. One patron said, "I come by each year because it's for the Lodge, it's local, and it's just plain good."

About ten or more servicemen came in for a complimentary meal. At the end of the day, two young men, members of Chapman's football team, came in and were treated to a meal. As they ate, they began to ask about Masonry, and the Brothers of Inman were more than happy to answer all of their questions. A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers for their assistance, especially the Pinker family for preparing the food, and also to Bi -Lo of Inman.

"Character is how to treat those who can do nothing for you."

- Anonymous



Golf Tournament 2017

Another successful golf tournament was had by Inman Masonic Lodge as the 31st Annual Charles Heatherly Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Village Greens Golf Course on August 26th. Over thirty teams competing to become the top golfers of the day. As each team closed out their round of golf, they were treated to a barbeque dinner prepared by Gary & Rick Plumley, Mike Caton and Chad Morris, and served by the members and family of Inman Lodge. The tournament took a somber tone as Worshipful Brothers Dean Chapman and Reggie Cox were reof the golf tournament raising money from sponsors, and WB Reggie, along with WB Jackie Gregory organized the event since its inception. WB Stephen Pinker, Master of the Lodge this year, had this to say about the day, "The success of this golf tournament lies with the volunteers and the sponsors. We couldn't do this event without them. There are so many, but they are not forgotten, and I would like to thank each and every one of them for their contribution