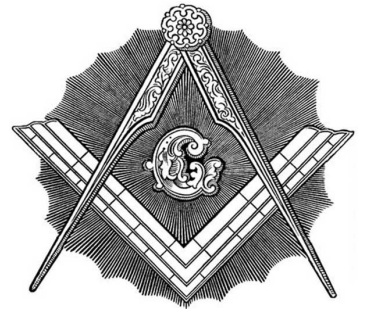


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Degree Work for the Quarter

Hunter Webb received his Entered Apprentice Degree on January 16th, and his Fellow Craft Degree on March 22nd. Charles Keller and Harry "Butch" Johnson received their Fellow Craft Degree on January 23rd, and their Master Mason Degree on March 10th. Bryan Murphy and Brian Barajas received their Entered Apprentice Degree on March 8th.

Inman Lodge would like to congratulate the following Brethren for taking their respective steps in Masonry!

The Four Cardinal Virtues by Curt Lynn Lowe, PM

As a newly initiated Entered Apprentice, we are presented with the four cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. These virtues are not unique to Freemasonry, and have existed since antiquity. In his *Republic*, Plato described these as the virtues assigned to the different classes in society, and when a city is of good character "it will be wise, brave, temperate, and just." Cicero explains that virtue "may be defined as a habit of mind in harmony with reason and the order of nature. It has four parts: wisdom, justice, courage, temperance." Christianity has also referenced these virtues, most notably by St. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, and the depictions of these virtues have adorned artwork throughout the ages.

Temperance is "that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice." Simply put, we are exhorted to live in moderation. In doing so, we are able to avoid precarious situations which may damage our integrity. Fortitude is "that noble and steady purpose of the mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril, or danger, when prudentially deemed expedient." Temperance and Fortitude seem to go hand in hand, as strength of character allows us to withstand the temptations which may lead us to compromising situations.

Prudence "teaches us to regulate our lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason." By acting in a prudent manner, we are able to uphold the ideal that we as Masons strive to be. Justice "is that standard, or boundary of right, which enables us to render to every man his just due, without distinction." Justice extends beyond the execution of law. When acting with Justice, we are able to be civil toward our fellow man in all things.

As Freemasons, we are held to a higher standard. We are expected behave in a manner which befits the mantle that has been foisted upon us. It is difficult to maintain our balance on the pedestal we are perched upon. I once put little thought into the way I acted. I am finding that the implications wrought by my behavior can reach far and wide, affecting others as well as myself. This realization has caused me think more about my actions *and* reactions.

Sometimes, I would love to blare my horn at the guy who just cut me off, and give him a piece of my mind. I may feel good for a moment after, but what purpose did my actions really serve? That negative image that was just exposed left a far more lasting impression than any momentary relief I may have felt. That is why these virtues resonate with me now more than ever, and have become an important landmark by which to navigate. By doing so, it is now my intention to pause and reflect, and try to do unto others as I would have them do unto me.

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Welcome, Brother Fred Monroig!

Brother Fred Monroig is the newest member of Inman Masonic Lodge. He is affiliating from Liberty Lodge #31 in Liberty, MO. Brother Fred was raised in 1994 at Harmony Lodge #42 in Waterbury, CT. Brother Fred, we are excited to welcome you home!

A Letter From The Worshipful Master

On behalf of all the officers and myself, it is an honor and privilege to serve Inman Masonic Lodge #201. Since our charter date of December of 1878, we have experienced 140 years of persistence and motivation. Let us honor, preserve, and cherish those legacies.

In the first three months of the New Year, Our Lodge has received affiliation memberships from Italy, New York, Missouri, and Ohio, as well as several new candidates. The next five years will define where our Lodge will be as we continue the tradition our Brethren have set forth for all of us to share in the goals for a charitable community, student scholarships, and sustaining our membership. I assure you and all future Brothers that this year the officers are committed to growing proficiently in the tradition of Inman Masonic Lodge.

Now more than ever we need your input, skills and pleasures. Please come and support the new candidates and get involved. Having your presence is a blessing to the Lodge. Should you need assistance, please call and arrangements will be made.

One of my goals is to talk with every Brother this year by phone, personal visit, or in the Lodge. Please allow me the opportunity to get to know my Brethren. I'm extending my hand as a Brother, so please do not hesitate to call me, even on the Square.

May God be with you all.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

Ken Kuszmaul
Worshipful Master 2018
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In Memoriam

On February 16th, Brother Charles Dewell Gwinn laid down his working tools. He was a sixty-year member of Inman Lodge, receiving his Entered Apprentice Degree on October 7, 1957, his Fellow Craft Degree on November 15, 1957, and his Master Mason Degree on December 20, 1957.

Worshipful Brother Cecil Edwin Ballew laid down his working tools on March 14th. WB Cecil was a member of Inman Masonic Lodge for 46 years, receiving his Entered Apprentice Degree on April 6th, his Fellow Craft Degree on May 17th, and his Master Mason Degree on June 15th, 1971. He served Inman Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1975. WB Cecil was a stalwart of Inman Lodge, receiving countless Entered Apprentice Masons during their First Degree and teaching them their first important lesson in Masonry.

On March 18, 2018, Brother Cletus Champion laid down his working tools. He was a forty year member of Inman Masonic Lodge, receiving his Entered Apprentice Degree on June 7th, 1977, his Fellow Craft Degree on August 9th, 1977, and his Master Mason Degree on September 10th, 1977.

On March 26th, 2018, Brother Marvin White laid down his working tools. He was a member of Inman Masonic Lodge for forty-seven years. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on October 16, 1970, his Fellow Craft Degree on November 24th, 1970, and his Master Mason Degree on December 22, 1970.

Let us continue to remember the families of these Brethren in our daily devotions.