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Grand Master's Message: Greetings from the East

Movies have been a big part of Oregon culture, and some of the greatest movies to date have been filmed in Oregon.



**M.W.B. Richard A. Martin,
Grand Master**

My favorite, filmed many years ago in Salem and on the Oregon Coast, is "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's

Nest" starring Jack Nicholson.

Another favorite, also starring Jack, is "The Shining," filmed at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood. The most popular "Made in Oregon" film, according to "Wired Oregon's Poll," is "The Goonies," filmed in Astoria. Although made over 25

years ago, the Goonies' house still stands in Astoria. However, Mikey and Brand don't live there anymore. Other films created in Astoria include "Free Willy," "Kindergarten Cop," "Short Circuit" and "Into the Wild." Additional films you may recognize include "Stand by Me" and "Animal House," both filmed in Eugene, along with "Five Easy Pieces."

Portland, of course, has had its share of movies filmed there, including "Drugstore Cowboy," "Pay it Forward," "Men of Honor," "Jackass: The Movie," "The Road," "Zero Effect" and "The Hunted." Other Oregon cities hosting movies include Newport ("The Ring"), Redmond ("Swordfish"), Gresham ("A.I. Artificial Intelligence"), Pendleton ("8 Seconds"), Florence ("Fahrenheit 9/11") and Hillsboro ("Coraline").

For many years, my wife and I have been fans of the movies, going weekly when possible. You may or may not be a fan of the movies, but either way they have a tremendous influence on society, including our Fraternity. In the past several years, movies that allude, or simply make mention of Freemasonry, have been prevalent. Several of those, specifically those made from the books by Dan Brown ("Angels and Demons," "The Da Vinci Code"), have piqued an interest in Freemasonry. None, however, have had an entire movie based on Freemasonry.

This year that will change when the movie, "The Lost Symbol,"

Freemasonry develops, promotes education

The services of the Masonic Lodges in conducting schools and furnishing buildings must be regarded as one of the most important transitional steps toward free public education. A certain parallelism can be noted between the educational program of the Grand Lodge and the later organization of public education in the State."

— from "The Development of Education in Texas," p. 129, by Frederick Eby, and quoted in "Education and Masonry in Texas to 1846," by James Carter

Throughout our Masonic tradition Freemasonry has always taken a leading role in the development and promotion of education and strived to ensure that a free and public education was available to everyone.

Freemasons were instrumental in the establishment of schools in many of the new states and territories as our great nation grew and expanded. Many schools were established in the towns and cities by the founding fathers and when looking for a location to house these new educational institutions, Masons offered the use of their local Masonic Lodges. Eventually the towns and cities built their school houses and the public education moved into them.

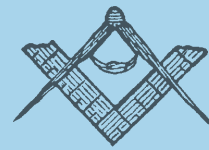
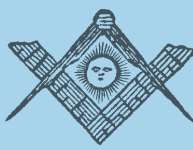
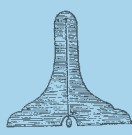
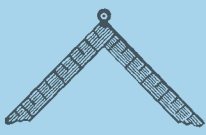
This move out of the Lodges did not end the Freemason's connection with public education; instead it gave Freemasonry the opportunity to continue to offer support.

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Education,

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Today most Lodges across the country support their local public schools through scholarships for graduating seniors, the Model Student Assistance Program (currently used in more than two dozen Grand Jurisdictions), Bikes for Books and many more local and Grand Lodge programs.

How does this support and education translate into our lives as Freemasons? In the Fellowcraft Degree Charge, our Brother is reminded that the impressive ceremony he has just passed through is meant to inculcate in his mind the importance of studying the liberal arts and sciences.

To assist in the development of an individual into a knowledgeable, informed and moral person we should continually advance the concept of educating oneself by reading and studying.

As newly entered Brothers we are provided with a mentor who is our “teacher” and who shares the knowledge and experience that he has learned throughout his time as a Mason. This Brother is with each of us as we learn and move from Apprentice (elementary school), to Fellowcraft (middle/high school), and finally to that highest of all degrees – that of Master Mason (higher education).

As we progress through the degrees, we also progress through the system of education that our forefathers and ancient brethren established and shared with all mankind for the betterment of each by offering us the opportunity to meet together in a spirit of cooperation and understanding.

Throughout the coming years, let

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based on Brown’s book of the same name, is released. In 2009 Brown was invited to address the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction’s annual gathering in Washington, D.C. He was unable to attend, but sent this response:

“In the past few weeks, as you might imagine, I have been repeatedly asked what attracted me to the Masons so strongly as to make it a central point of my book. My reply is always the same: ‘In a world where men do battle over whose definition of God is most accurate, I cannot adequately express the deep respect and admiration I feel toward an organization in which men of differing faiths are able to “break bread together” in a bond of brotherhood, friendship, and camaraderie.’

“Please accept my humble thanks for the noble example you set for humankind. It is my sincere hope that the Masonic community recognizes ‘The Lost Symbol’ for what it truly is ... an earnest attempt to

reverentially explore the history and beauty of Masonic Philosophy.

“Yours sincerely, Dan Brown.”

The book leads the reader on a chase around Washington, D.C. It starts at The House of the Temple, where an initiate is receiving his 33rd Degree. Filled with symbols and allegories, the narrative takes the reader on a journey that includes many of the famous D.C. buildings, including significant Masonic edifices.

It is truly a page-turner. I received the book from my wife the day it

went on sale and finished it the next day. Many of the descriptions of the ritual (in the book) have some basis in truth; however they are also convoluted to add drama and excitement to the story. It is, of course, a work of fiction.

In order to clarify truth from fiction, a website has been created to provide factual information about Freemasonry and Dan Brown’s novel “The Lost Symbol.”

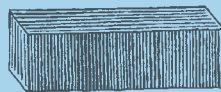
It is a joint project of The Masonic Society, The Masonic Service Association of North America, and the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The website is located at www.freemasonlostsymbol.com. Many questions you might have about the book or the official position we have as Freemasons are answered at this website.

The real question is this: How will you handle the influx of men who are already Masons in their heart?

I believe they will come. Their curiosity will get the best of them. Never before has there been something that

displays our Fraternity, worldwide, as this movie about to be released. If you take advantage of the publicity, you might well see an increase in the membership of your Lodge. You must take advantage, however, and think of ways to use the movie as a springboard to increased membership. Perhaps you could have an open house at your Lodge? A dinner invitation to those interested? There are many possibilities, but now is the time to think of them. We must always be ready to take those

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GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

February 2012

- 1-3 — Grand Lodge of Alaska Annual Session, Anchorage - U, T, S, L
- 2-4 — Grand Lodge of Utah Annual Session, Represented by Senior Grand Warden - U, T, L
- 4 — Reception for Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, Wilsonville Shrine Center; dinner, 6:30 p.m. - U, L
- 8 — Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207, Official Visit; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 11 — MESH, Forest Grove; 7:30 a.m. - S
Youth Reception, 5:30 p.m. - T, L
- 14 — Pacific No. 50, Salem, Official Visit; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 17-21 — Conference of Grand Masters, Atlanta, Georgia - U, T, S, L
- 24 — Little Falls Lodge, Little Falls, Washington; "Wig Night," 5 p.m. - U
- 25 — District 13 Dinner, Eugene No. 11; dinner, 6 p.m. - U, L

March 2012

- 1 — Pendleton No. 52, Official Visit; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 2 — District 21 Dinner, Hermiston; 6 p.m. - U, L
- 3 — DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow; Salem, Youth Groups - U, L
- 4 — DeMolay Table Lodge, Beaverton; dinner, 3 p.m. - U, L
- 6 — Union No. 3, McMinnville, Official Visit; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 7 — Rickreall No. 110, Official Visit; 6:30 p.m. - Bib overalls, L
- 8 — Amaranth Grand Court, Canyonville; Opening, 7 p.m. - T, L
- 10 — MESH, Forest Grove; 7:30 a.m. - S
Amaranth Grand Court, Installation, Canyonville, 7 p.m. - T, L
- 14 — Eugene No. 11, Official Visit; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 15 — Scio No. 39, Official Visit; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 17 — District 5 Dinner, Washington No. 46, Portland; dinner, 6 p.m. - U, L
- 18 — Nile Installation, Wilsonville; dinner, 2 p.m. - U, L
- 23 — District 15 Dinner, Laurel No. 13, Roseburg; dinner, 6 p.m. - U, L
- 24 — District 12 Dinner, St. Johns No. 17, Albany; dinner, 6 p.m. - U, L
- 29 — Masonic Family Night, Salem; dinner, 6 p.m. - U, L
- 30 — District 20 Dinner, Arlington No. 88, Arlington; dinner, 6 p.m. - U, L
- 31 — District 19 Dinner, Redmond No. 154, Redmond; dinner, 6 p.m. - U, L

U = Uniform; L = Ladies; T = Tuxedo; S = Summer Uniform; O.V. = Official Visit

Our Model Student Assistance Program is **this** month, February 15th, 16th and 17th. **Did** your Lodge contact a school? **Did** you clip out the information and send it on to a teacher you know? The program is free and reimburses schools for substitute teachers. It enables teachers to help kids today, without waiting for tomorrow's problems.

The Chaplain's Corner

- by R.W.B. William C. Phillips Jr.

I was thinking the other day about the reason I became a Mason: I was looking for a spiritual connection with my grandfather who died before I was born.

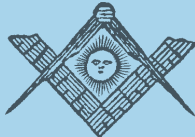
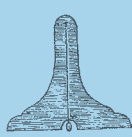
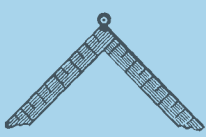
He was a 33 degree Shrine Mason. My father, a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason, with whom I had a very strained relationship, had also passed away. I was told the degree work was the exact ritual work they had both done 50 years ago. Therefore I felt as if — in spirit — my father and grandfather would be with me.

Another key factor for my pursuing Masonry was the fact I was asked if I believed in God. That question told me that there really will be a spiritual connection between myself, my father and grandfather.

The final reason I joined Masonry (and this one was really the clincher) is that my wife asked my sponsor for membership into Masonry, our current Grand Master of Oregon Rich Martin, what Masonry was all about. His reply was it would provide her husband with a spiritual tool kit to help him become a better man and husband. After she heard that she was a great supporter!

At the new year, I always reflect on the three A's I need to work on to be a better man, Mason, husband and father: Acceptance, Awareness and Action. Acceptance of others; Awareness of my own defects as a man and Mason; and, of course, Action - such as opening the spiritual tool kit given to us as men and Masons. This time of year can be a starting point for change. I pray you are willing to forgive others and don't forget yourself.

Regards, your Grand Chaplain,
R.W.B. Bill Phillips



Spring Blue Lodge Trainings set in 6 locations

Blue Lodge Training for 2012 will be offered at six locations throughout the state.

Those locations are: Tigard, at Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207; Salem, at the Scottish Rite; Cove, at Cove Lodge No. 91; Bend, at Bend Lodge No. 139; Medford, at Medford Lodge No. 103; and Coos Bay, at Blanco Lodge No. 48.

All activities will take place on Saturday, April 21, and start at 9 a.m. The schedule will include a brief Lodge in Disarray and a Condensed School of Instruction.

Lunch will be served at noon, and will include a brief talk concerning the Lodge Proficiency Awards. The remainder of the day will be devoted to topics on etiquette, Lodge management, publications available

to members from Grand Lodge and the Masonic Service Association, and a final True and False question session based on topics that were discussed throughout the day. Reading for a Basic or Intermediate Card will also be available at 3 p.m.

It is suggested that reservations be done by your individual Lodges and that they be sent to Grand Lodge before April 1.

The cost is \$12.50 per member; late registrations will be \$20.

Please use the registration form on this page. It will also be available online at www.oregon-masonic.com.

*Fraternally, W.B. Don Stapleton,
Senior Grand Deacon
and Masonic Education &
Information Committee Chairman*

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good men who knock on our doors and give them reasons to come in.

Remember, my Brothers, that we are all men of faith. I have faith that our Fraternity will grow, and I am willing to do all in my power to make that happen. Perhaps not this year, but in a few short years we will see an increase in our membership. However, we must work for it.

Our Lodges should be clean and inviting. Our Ritual should be precise and a pleasure to behold. We should have activities that are attractive to families and the young men who will be joining us.

Most of all, we should take that new man by the hand, and guide him on his journey. He should always feel like he is an important part of the Lodge; once he is initiated, he is our Brother.

His experience, from the time he files his petition to his Master Mason Degree, should be pleasant and informative. Yes, I have faith, but I always remember that "Faith Without Works is Dead."

— Richard A. Martin,
M.W. Grand Master

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BLUE LODGE TRAINING REGISTRATION For April 21

(Deadline April 1, 2012)

We are from Lodge Name & No. _____

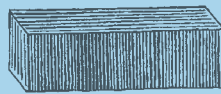
We wish to attend: Tigard-Orenomah Lodge ___ Salem Scottish Rite ___
Bend ___ Medford ___ Blanco ___ Cove ___

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Cost is \$12.50 per person (\$20 per person for late registration). Please enclose a check payable to: The Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Oregon. Mail to Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon, 2150 Masonic Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116. To pay by credit card, call the Grand Lodge at 503/357-3158 or 1-800-970-9920. Questions? Contact Don Stapleton, 503/669-0866 or cameraguy3410@msn.com.

*The holy passion of
friendship is so sweet
and steady and loyal and
enduring in nature that it
will last through a whole
lifetime, if not asked to
lend money.*

— MARK TWAIN,
Pudd'nhead Wilson



THE MASONIC CONNECTION

— by W.B. Ken Hall, Grand Sword Bearer

To me, the reason our Brothers love Freemasonry so much is that it takes over where religion leaves off in our understanding of the Great Architect of the Universe and His creations. In a Masonic Lodge everything is more personal and intimate.

As Masons, we think, act and talk alike. We feel comfortable with our Brothers. Each degree gives us more light, and the more times we see a degree, the more light and understanding we get. In some respects, it feels like Freemasonry offers a cable-tow our Creator, and as we get further light from each degree, that cable-tow gets stronger.

When I'm in a Lodge room, I pay attention to what is going on, but I also think of the departed Brothers who were once members and how they felt and thought. Deep within our souls is a searching for an-

swers we cannot find the words to express. With our symbols, we try to express what we feel. We want to know more of all that is beautiful in life – charity, friendship and brotherhood.

Brethren, when I received the Master Mason degree, I started ascending, and a Mason continues to ascend. A good Mason never descends.

I believe that to love is to listen. Every Mason can improve: Our longtime Masons should listen to the newer Masons and think over what they say. As the world changes, so does the perception of what younger people see and feel about how to make this world a better place. Let's support and encourage these fresh ideas.

Our newer Masons should listen to the longtime Masons, as their desire is for you to know them and what they have accomplished,

and to let you in on information that will improve your life.

In this new year, let's make friendship our theme! In Lodge you need no formal introduction. Speak to your Brothers as you would have them speak to you, and do it first! Give Freemasonry a friendlier environment.

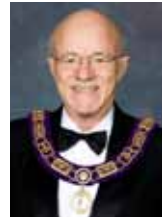
Many a new Brother wants to extend his hand and offer a cheery greeting – he desires with all his heart to be “one of the Brothers” – but is too shy to do it. Friendliness begets friendliness and the Brother who is cordial will find hands springing out to meet his. He'll learn a genuine interest in a Brother produces real interest in him.

I have the formula for spreading the cement of friendship and brotherly love which, out of love for our Craft, I will share. It has 10 ingredients in equal parts. Arranged in order, the first letters of the formula supply a word which is the key to the whole mystery. You'll discover the word for yourself.

The formula is frankness, responsiveness, idealism, enthusiasm, nobility of purpose, dependability, selflessness, harmony, industry and patience.

Recognize the word? It is friendship, and that, my Brothers, is the Masonic Connection.

It is an honor to be asked to write this article, as it gives me an opportunity to connect with all my Masonic brethren. I hope you find it interesting and inspiring. There is no greater group of people in my estimation than the Masonic



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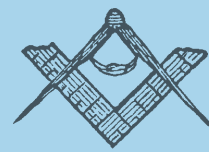
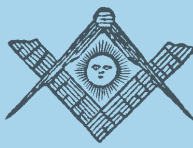
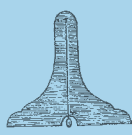
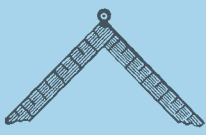
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THE LEWIS JEWEL APPLICATION FORM

The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason, if, at the time of his Raising his father was a Mason in good standing. The Master Mason of a deceased father – in good standing at the time of his death – would also qualify. The father, grandfather or great-grandfather of a “Lewis” may also wear the jewel.

Please complete the following information and print clearly:

Quantity: _____

Basic Jewel (two bars) \$44.50 + \$5 shipping. (Does not include engraving.) A Jewel with additional bars (3 or 4) should be ordered directly from: www.masonicsupplyshop.com. * Information about the grandfather and/or great-grandfather is to be reported to Grand Lodge.

Father’s Name: First, M.I., Last:

Date of Father’s Master Mason Degree: _____

Name of Father’s Lodge: _____

Son’s Name: First, M.I., Last:

Date of Son’s Master Mason Degree: _____

Name of Son’s Lodge: _____

Please mail the Jewel to:

Print the Name of the Brother to receive the Lewis Jewel:

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Return this application and your check (made payable to Grand Lodge of Oregon) to: 2150 Masonic Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116-2020. You may also use your credit card by calling the Grand Lodge at 503-357-3158.

*Masonic Supply Shop is an online Masonic regalia, jewelry and gift store. Three- and four-bar Lewis jewels may be ordered from them, along with the engraving, which is actually “laser labeling.” Better than other etching styles,

the letters are in a bold black font and it is easy to read.

The Masonic Supply Shop does not accept telephone orders. Orders may be paid for by credit card or money order. See www.masonicsupplyshop.com.

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Fraternity Family.

My personal connection started with my father, who was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Shrine. My mother and father belonged to Eastern Star and they took me to meetings from the time I was 5. My dad was Worthy Patron when I was 8, and that year he took me to meet Frank S. Land, the founder of DeMolay, in Kansas City, Mo.

I wanted to be like my dad, so I joined DeMolay when I turned 14. My dad then became a DeMolay Advisor and Honorary Legion of Honor member.

I was Master Councilor and later served as Chapter Advisor, became a Legion of Honor member, and joined Freemasonry when I was 21. Since then I have served as Worshipful Master three times.

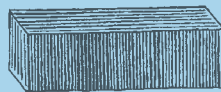
I joined the Scottish Rite when I was 31, and served as Master of the 4th and 11th degrees. I love the messages these Scottish Rite degrees portray.

Later, I joined Amaranth and served two years as Royal Patron. Through DeMolay, I learned about the International Order of Job’s Daughters and the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and chaperoned many dances and youth activities.

Now, as a Grand Lodge Officer, I’m still ascending, gaining more knowledge, and seeing more clearly the depths and goodness of everyone involved in the Masonic Fraternity and the appendant bodies. I love you all!

W.B. Ken Hall,
Grand Sword Bearer





December 1, 2011 - January 9, 2012 Contributions

Masonic & Eastern Star Home Foundation Society

Wilbur M. Watters Estate (76) – in memory of Bernice Elle Watters and her parents, Gus & Anna Elle

Fellowcraft Club

Eugene Lodge No #11 Taft Lodge #200 F&M Schoen Endowment Fund

Apprentice Club

McKenzie River Lodge #195 (Pin Money) Waverly Lodge #174 (Pin Money)
Tigard-Orenomah Lodge #207 (Pin Money) Rainier Lodge #24 Sunnyside Lodge #163
Sunnyside Lodge #163 (Pin Money) James Belshe, PGM (15) Michael Wick (138)

Petitioner Club

Tillamook Lodge #57 – in memory of Stan C. Worland Tillamook Lodge #57 – in memory of Rex K. Smith
McKenzie River Lodge #195 – in memory of their members who departed in 2011: Arvid L. Mock, Ralph B. Petzold,
James G. Wester, Richard K. Johnson, Bobby G. Trimble, Hubert C. Stokes and Bennett Taylor
Donald D. Stewart (77) Steve Parkinson (77) Buck Coe (76) Prineville Lodge #76 Howard Thatcher Edson, Jr (59)
Robert Irvin Boyd (59) Mary's River Lodge #221 Ed Bousquet, IPGM (139) Blue Mountain Lodge #34
Harry W. Linker (102) Willard Scott (66) M.W. Lallman (76) Arthur Case, Jr. (44) Judy Bousquet David Larson (57)
St. Johns Lodge #17 Beaverton Masonic Lodge #100 Cove Lodge #91
John H. Smith, PGM (140) – in honor of Ed Bousquet, IPGM Wildhorse Lodge #65 Bend Lodge #139
William G. Southwell (181) Gerald Gerritz, Jr. (55) Mrs. Frances McKinley Bruce McDonald (11) Dick Beers (11)
Frederick Kenney (11) Omer Dawson (11) Clay Robson (11) Earl Stowers (11) Kris Anderson (11) Dallas Graham (11)
Don Krider (77) Cleon M. Cox III (207) Blanco Lodge #48 (Pin Money) Bandon Lodge #130 (Pin Money)
Sandy Lodge #158 – (Pin Money) Aurora Lodge #59 (Pin Money) Gateway Lodge #175 (Pin Money)
Gateway Loge #175 (Pin Money) Cornerstone Lodge #157 (Pin Money) Rainier Lodge #24 (Pin Money)
Rickreall Lodge #110 (Pin Money) Hermiston Lodge #138 (Pin Money) McEwen Lodge #125 (Pin Money)
St. Johns Lodge #17 (Pin Money) Clatskanie Lodge #133 (Pin Money) Cove Lodge #91 (Pin Money)
Bend Lodge #139 (Pin Money) Portland Lodge #55 (Pin Money) Frank Griffiths (77) - in memory of Charles Griffiths

OutReach Resources

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Adella Macdonald – Giving Tree Jeanne Levy – Giving Tree Tammy Vanderzanden – Giving Tree
Judy & Ed Bousquet, IPGM (139) – Giving Tree Jean Knutson – Giving Tree
Danielle Christopherson – Giving Tree Raean Johnston – Giving Tree
Jeanne Levy – in honor of her Grand Lodge office co-workers
Jennifer Brundidge – in honor of Thomas F. Burke & in memory of Forrest A. Steen

Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation

Fellowcraft Club

Taft Lodge #200

Petitioner Club

Patrick J. Pierce (179) Manuel DeJesus Molina (179)
Sylvia and William A. Martin, PGM – in memory of Lee Sharman (59)

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Fellowcraft Club

Taft Lodge #200 Eugene Lodge #11

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I close with this quote from the French poet, academic and journalist, Anatole France – “In education it isn’t how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It’s being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don’t.”

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