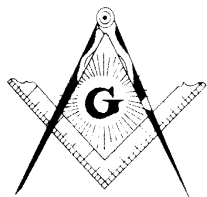


# MIZPAH BULLETIN

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Instituted November 12, 1918  
Chartered June 4, 1919

Stated Communication on the First  
Wednesday of each month. Formal  
closing of each meeting has always been  
followed by:

## **The Mizpah Benediction**

“The Lord watch between me and  
thee when we are absent one from  
another”

-GENESIS 31:49-

## **From The East**

Brethren,

It is with a little trepidation I am starting the journey of serving as Master of Mizpah Lodge. If you do not know me, I was Master at Papillion Lodge in 2011 and have been a Mason since 2006. I am active in several local appendant bodies and served as their respective head for several of them. In addition to being active at the local level I am in the Grand York Rite line and will be installed as Grand Commander this spring and have served on the Grand Lodge membership Committee. I also am active in different Masonic charities in the Omaha area and serve on the board for the Omaha Foundation and Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. Outside of Masonry I work with the Boy Scouts and reorganized a Pack at my son's school, Our Lady of Lourdes. So, with the above activities I may not always be at events the lodge holds, but it does not mean I am not supportive of the event.

Mizpah has a younger line and I stepped in to fill a void as Senior Warden Last year. My plan for this year is simple, work with the officers on what they want to happen and provide guidance as necessary and advice based on my experiences. With a new secretary the business meeting will be different, but we will still cover all the necessary operations of the lodge and building, but the officers wanted to add education and other tweaks. The committees will be more visible during the meeting and instead of the secretary reading the report, a member of the committee will. If you have any comments about changes or thoughts about the lodge, please feel free to contact me at 402-290-7243 or jcmasonic@gmail.com.

This upcoming year is Mizpah's 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. We will have a rededication ceremony and a dinner to celebrate the event. Also, the officers have talked about doing a few capital improvements to our building and the lodge room.

Installation will be January 5 at 4:00 PM. I would invite everyone to attend and support the new officers. The rest of the month will be our business meeting on January 2 with a potluck dinner at 6:30 and the business meeting following. We will be dark January 9 and have practices January 16, 23, and 30 unless we have a candidate submit a petition.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
**Jeffrey Coleman**

**2019 Worshipful Master-elect**

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## 2019 Committees

**Trustees** - Steve Barchus, Tyler Goodman, Pete Lowder

**Templecraft** - \*Mike Stuhr, Steve Barchus, Tyler Goodman, Pete Lowder, Mike Bosaw, Mark Miller

**Finance** - \*Adam Lowder, Matt Poast, Ryan Grazier

**Audit** - \*Mike Stuhr, Darren Malott

**Membership/Investigation** - \*Jeremiah Jones, Dalton Kock, Jim Schmidt

**Fellowship** - \*TJ Brumfield, Jeremiah Jones, Darren Malott, Jim Schmidt

**Masonic Education** - \*TJ Brumfield, Ben Zaayer, Mike Tomasiewicz, Ryan LeGrande

**Masonic Relief** - \*Jeffrey Coleman, Tom Gibbs, Jeremiah Jones

**CCOC** - \*Jeffrey Coleman, Tyler Goodman, Ben Zaayer, Ryan LeGrande, Dalton Kock

**Masonic Funeral** - All available brethren, Oration - Craig Crawford, Mark Miller, Steve Barchus

**Scholarship** - \*Patrick Smith, Tyler Goodman, Ryan Grazier

**Technical Committee** - \*James Schmidt, Dalton Kock, Mike Tomasiewicz

**Centennial Committee** - \*Jeffrey Coleman, Tom Gibbs, Jeremiah Jones, Adam Lowder, Ben Zaayer, Mike Stuhr, Dalton Kock

\* - denotes committee chair

NORTHEAST CORNER  
by Ed Halpaus  
Grand Lodge Education Officer  
Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota

“The Masonic ritual is a commentary on the Bible, and like any commentary is meaningless alone. Therefore, it is necessary for the Mason to study the Bible along with his Masonry or he cannot understand the latter.” Brother C.C. Hunt

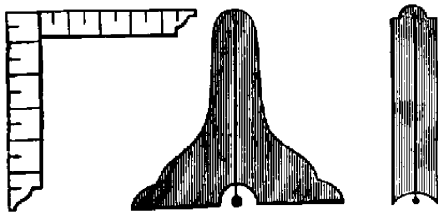
“We find all the morals, ethics, and truths for which Masonry stands in the Bible.” Brother C.C. Hunt

Each man who has been initiated into Freemasonry will remember the time when he was placed in the northeast corner of the Lodge and was told he then stood as a just and upright Mason. The symbolism of this, it seems to me, is that the Master of the Lodge knew for certain that he had not had the opportunity to violate any vow, make a decision contrary to a true Mason, or to make a mistake of any kind. Because as a candidate he had followed all the orders; answered all the questions; and had been under the supervision of an officer of the Lodge continually from the first part of the degree up until that very moment. So that moment was the one and only time the Master of the Lodge would be able to say that his new Brother then stood as a “just and upright Mason”, because he was not yet given the opportunity to be on his own and thus has not had the chance to make an error or to debase the dignity of his profession. The Master then admonishes him to always walk and act as a just and upright mason and each and every Mason whether at the initiation or not hopes that he will.

The new Mason soon learns that he was placed in the northeast corner of the Lodge because he is a cornerstone of the craft, and it is from there he is expected to build his moral and Masonic edifice.

In the book “Masonry Defined” our Brother Albert Mackey is quoted as saying that it was Brother William Preston who put this point about being a just and upright Mason into the ritual, which is used here in Minnesota at least.

Brother Mackey tells us that the upright posture refers to the fact that God created man to be upright. “This is the peculiar prerogative of man.” Man’s upright posture also reminds him “of his relationship to the celestial powers, and that he is endowed with some of the attributes of the divinity, and with a life that will endure forever, he is admonished thereby that he should live in a manner worthy of so illustrious an origin, and so glorious a destiny.”



# Trestle Board

**There will be no officer's / committee meetings before the business meeting in January.**

**Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**  
Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM  
Business Meeting 7:00 PM

**Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
Installation of Officers 4:00 PM  
Reception to Follow

**Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Finance Meeting** - review of our investments

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Committee Chair Meeting** – all committee chairs requested to attend, other committee members / brethren welcome to attend

**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
General building inventory and cleaning – pizza provided

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**CCOC / Education / Templecraft Committee Meetings** – all committee members requested to attend.

One of the joys of man is to live and stand in an upright manner. Uprightness is symbolic of the love of righteousness which brings happiness, and that is why the "Oil of Joy" is associated with uprightnes.

It is also in the first Degree that a Mason learns what an oblong square is. The form of a Lodge is an oblong square; an oblong square is constructed of two squares set together in such way that would make its length double its breadth. A traditional map of the world at the time of Moses, and up through the days of King's David and Solomon, would indicate that the world was in the shape of an oblong square. The traditional belief at that time was that civilization arose in the northeast corner of the world, and from there people spread over the then known world. To the people of this time the northeast corner was the place where the light of civilization first dawned, and because of this the northeast corner was sacred, so to place the first stone of a temple of God in the northeast corner was not only the right thing to do it was the sacred thing to do.

"There was a legend among operative Masons that King Solomon laid the corner stone at the northeast corner early in the morning, because at that time the sunlight was at the outside of that corner. When the stone was proved square, level, and plumb, true and trusty, and properly laid, he proceeded to the southeast corner where, about the middle of the forenoon, he laid the cornerstone at that point. Then at the corresponding time in the afternoon he performed the same task at the southwest corner and ended the day by laying the cornerstone at the northwest corner by the light of the setting sun. In each case the stone was laid when the sun was shining on both the outer sides of the stone." We know and understand that this is only a legend, a story, but legends, allegories and stories, fables and parables, many times have a reason for being and this is true here.

Building operations even today require good light. The ancients, who did not have the advantage of artificial lighting, had to make the best use of daylight while it lasted. To lay a corner stone properly required, along with the skill, the best light available which was available at certain times of the day when the sun would shine on both outer walls of the stone and permit accurate placing by sunlight.

The legend mentioned above is explained to us as: "The northeast corner represents dawn of light into the soul. It is the symbol of a youth emerging from the darkness of ignorance into the light of knowledge. The southeast corner represents the time when the sun becomes strong and symbolizes the youth graduating school and entering upon the active duties of life. The southwest corner denotes the beginning of the sun's decline and symbolizes that man has passed his prime and his strength is failing. The northwest corner represents the setting sun and symbolizes the setting of man's mortal life."

"Each of the cornerstones traditionally laid by King Solomon represents a turning point in the life of a man: 1. his emergence from darkness to light; 2. his passing from youth to maturity; 3. from maturity to failing faculties; 4. and finally from this earthly life to his heavenly home."

In the legend of the third degree there are some Fellow Craft Masons who desire some information so that they may travel into foreign countries and be able to receive the wages of a Master Mason. As Brother Mackey says many Masons have heard in the third degree about traveling into foreign countries without dreaming for a moment of the hidden meaning or thinking only that it referred to the actual travels of Masons, after the completion of the Temple, into the surrounding countries in search of employment as Master Masons. "But the true symbolic meaning of the foreign country into which the Master Mason travels in search of wages is far different." "The symbolism of this life terminates with the Master's degree. The completion of that degree is the lesson of death and the resurrection to a future life, where the true word, or Divine truth, not given in this, is to be received as the reward of a life worthily spent in its search. Heaven, the future life, the higher state of existence after death, is the foreign country in which the Master Mason is to enter, and there he is to receive his wages in the reception of that truth which can be imparted only in that better land."

"The English Bible [is] a book which, if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power." Macaulay

From the Great light of Masonry = "You love what is right and hate what is wrong. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else." Psalm 45:7 NLT

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## **From The Secretaries Table**

Our 2019 dues are payable on 1 January. Please pay your 2019 dues as soon as possible. You will be receiving another dues notice soon if they are still unpaid.

Mizpah Lodge will be offering electronic payment of your 2019 dues via PayPal. To pay with a major credit card, go the Mizpah Lodge web site (omahamasons.com). Click on the "2019 Dues" tab for instructions and a link to PayPal. There is a fee for PayPal credit card payment which is added to the dues amount. The total amount, with fee, is \$108.44.

To pay via your personal PayPal account, log into your PayPal account. Send your payment of \$105.00 to the lodge email address "mizpah302sec@cox.net".

If a member has difficulty paying the full dues assessment at one time, arrangements can be made to make partial payments as long as the full amount is paid before the end of April. Please contact one of the other Lodge Officers to make arrangements.

**Ben Zaayer, Secretary-elect**