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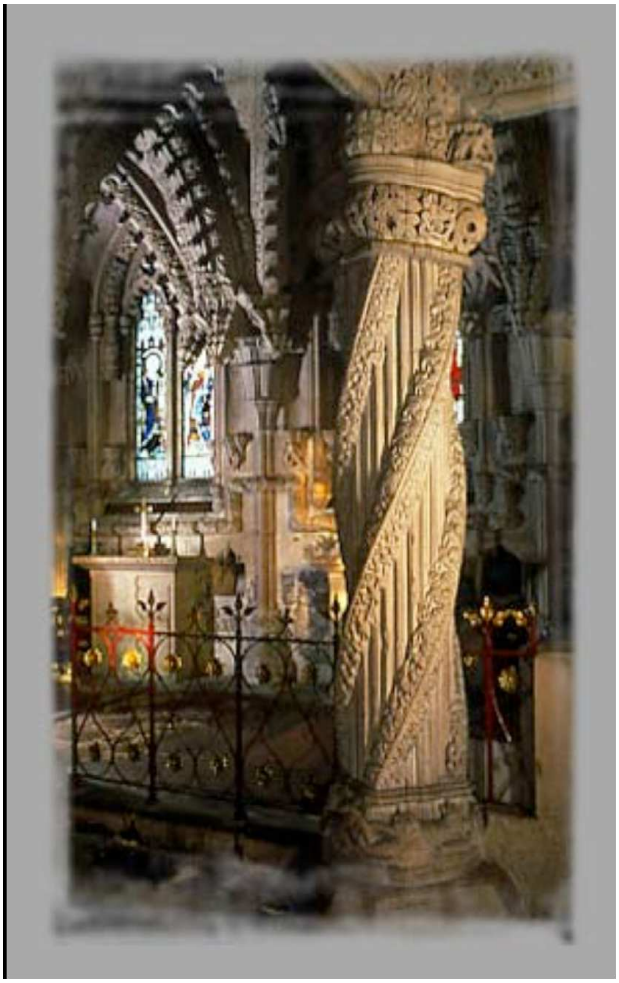
A Voice from the East

Brethren -
Let me start by saying I am very humbled by the honor to be the RWM of Lodge Ailsa in 2010. With your assistance, we will have a great year! I also wish to convey my heartfelt wishes to each of you for a successful year in your new roles.



Over the Christmas Holidays and through the start of the year, I asked many Brethren what they regarded as the positives and the challenges of our Lodge, and what inspired them to become Masons. As you can imagine, the answers where quite varied, but there was a common theme amongst all -
Fraternal Membership with Meaning.

When I think about Pride and Fellowship however, I feel that in many ways, Pride is a product that comes from Fellowship. Without Fellowship, it would be difficult to come together as brethren; our workings within our lodge would become harder; and the bonding of brotherhood would not be as close as it probably could or should be.

I promise to all of you that I will do my utmost to provide opportunities to help build our Fellowship. And I will continually seek ways to keep us connected, not just on the 4th Thursday of the month.. but throughout the month.

With this issue, we are re-starting the Ailsa Craig. The Ailsa Craig is our periodical that keeps everyone updated of the latest: news; activities; our charity and happenings around the region. In upcoming Issues there will be sections in the Alisa Craig where you will here about Masonic views, as well as: upcoming events/activities from our Wardens and Secretary; the status of our targeted charity this year (The Haven – A Salvation Army Childrens Centre); and I will ask that any brethren wishing to contribute jokes, events, incidentals; or provide a quick write-up on a topic they feel may enhance our understanding of our Lodge or Masonry in general, to freely send them to me.

Once again, thank you for the privilege of being your RWM, and for your support in the coming year.

Bro Peter Froitzheim

A Voice from the North
(Upcoming Work and Visits)

Aprils working: **Lodge of Instruction**

The Duties are:

Address for 2010	Bro Pete Froitzheim
Role of the Stewards and Deacons	Bro Upendra Salvi
Role of the RWM and Wardens	Bro Bill Gartshore
Masonic Etiquette in and out of Lodge	Bro Colin MacDonald

May's working will be a **First Degree** working.

The Duties are:

Greater Lights	Bro Andrew Skene
Lesser Lights	Bro Aden Gan
Investiture	Proposer
NE Corner	Bro Simon Alford
Trestle Board	Bro Ross Stalker
Charge	Bro Peter Froitzheim
Links	Bro Vijay Kumar

Upcoming Planned Visits:

April 30th ……. … Lodge St George Installation
MAY ……. MASONIC HASH RUN
(Dairy Farm Estate – Details coming)
May 17th……..… Lodge St Andrews
June 9th……... Lodge St Patricks
July 15th……..…. **Lodge Eastern Gate Installation**
August 4th……... Lodge Stamford Raffles
Sept 10th……..…… Lodge Zetland in the East
Oct 4th……... Lodge Singapore
Nov 11th……. Lodge Horsbugh
Nov 15th……..……. **Lodge St Andrew Installation**
Jan 17th……..….. Lodge St Andrews
Feb 23rd……... Lodge Centenary

Last month's meeting was our annual installation meeting with Bro Peter Froitzheim going into the Chair

The proposed sequence of Workings for the next few months:

May --------	1st Deg
June --------	2nd Deg
July ----------	3rd Deg
Aug ---------	1st Deg
Sept ---------	1st Deg
Oct ----------	2nd Deg
Nov----------	3rd Deg

"We represent a fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community...men who are endeavoring to be better citizens...[and] to make a great country greater. This is the only institution in the world where we can meet on the level all sorts of people who want to live rightly."
Harry S. Truman
President of the United States

Lodge Ailsa No 1172 SC

Office Bearers for 2010/11

Right Worshipful Master	Bro. Peter Froitzheim
Worshipful Immediate Past Master	Bro. Vijayakumar K Rajoo
Deputy Master	Bro. William Gartshore
Substitute Master	Bro. Kam Chai Heng
Worshipful Senior Warden	Bro. Nazim Khan
Worshipful Junior Warden	Bro. Ethan Thye Fong Bok
Secretary	Bro. Vijayakumar K Rajoo
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Treasurer	Bro. Carlp Van Der Akker
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Asst Director of Ceremonies	Bro. U V Salvi
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Steward	Bro. Neil Fenti
Steward	Bro. Ross Stalker
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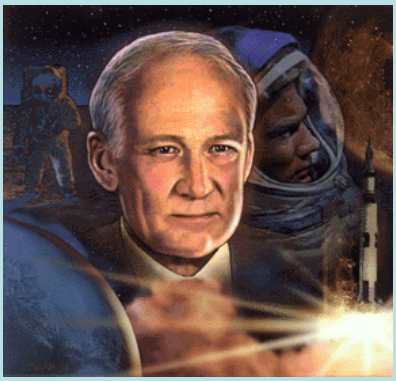

Brother Edwin E. (Buzz) Aldrin, Jr., a member of Clear Lake Lodge # 1417 in Texas, when he stepped onto the surface of the moon, carried a special deputation from his Grand Master to claim the moon as being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. And so it is.

Ambulation's

The North East Corner

As far back as we can go in the story of mankind, the laying of a Cornerstone has been a happy event. It has always been celebrated with solemn and joyous rites. How much more, then, should it be so when a man takes the first step out of Darkness toward the Light, and begins the adventure of a new life! More important by far then Temple or Cathedral is the building of a moral character and a spiritual personality. Stones will crumble and Temples fall under the attrition of time, but moral qualities and spiritual endure.

Lets now consider the symbol connected with an important ceremony in the ritual of the first degree of Masonry, which refers to the north-east corner of the lodge. In this ceremony the candidate becomes the representative of a spiritual corner-stone.

By Operative masons, the Cornerstone is considered to be the most important stone in a building or structure. And while it is laid with some ceremony; its importance lies in the cornerstones ability to ensure the construction of the building is stayed true to design and plan. The various properties that are necessary to constitute a true corner-stone,-- its firmness and durability, its perfect form, and its peculiar position as the connecting link between the walls are similar to how its used as part of the symbolism in Freemasonry, that reinforce the lessons of morality and truth.

The difference between operative and speculative Masonry is simple. The operative engages in the finite construction of a building, using simple as well as valuable material. The Speculative however invest his time in the continual construction of a different building, that building is the SELF. The Speculative Mason labors from his very first admission into masonry until the remainder of his life, because the temple of the SELF is never complete as we meet challenges each day. The Speculative rises to these challenges everyday through the guidance and goodness of those around him, but more importantly in the confidence of guidance he places in T G A O T U.

The initiate, when first coming into the lodge is seated in the North East Corner as this is the place he is to LEARN, and to take what he learns to create himself to be a cornerstone of his own spiritual building. The corner stone of a building m ing Unless the cornerstones sides are true to form and size, the walls that will b away the strength and proportion of what is being built.

A cornerstone has six sides, and each must be perfect and equal to its border (or neighbor). This creates a cube of which it too holds symbolic meaning.

The square is an emblem of morality, or the strict performance of every duty. Perfection. And the term heard often being the " square man" or "square of posture"---- identifies a man of unsullied integrity… who has withstood tests of justice and integrity and therefore has a "squareposture"

The cube, has been used to symbolize truth. The Greeks used the symbol of a Cube to Identify Hermes – as from the Emerald tablet of Hermes which says: "Truth! Certainty! That in which there is no doubt!"

Therefore the ceremony of the north-east corner, since it derives value from the symbolism associated with the corner-stone, is intended to portray the necessity of integrity, of truthfulness and the uprightness of character that the candidate is charged to maintain.

But why start out in the North East Corner???

The east, as the source of material light, is a symbol, which professes to contain the light of truth. Much asin the natural world the sun raises in the east, bring light and warmth to the world andallows us to survive. Without such light our world is in darkness and our lives are in danger. It is with the hope of the Morning light that we look forward to the new day. Moral Darkness versus Enlightenment.

The North is the point on the horizon, which at its meridian height, is furthest from the sun and has beenmetaphorically identified as the place of darkness, and symbolic of the profane world, which has yet to be enlightened by the Masonic light. You may also note that no symbolic light is allowed to illumine the northern part of the lodge.

Now we have our poor initiate sitting between the EAST (enlightenment) and the NORTH (the Profane world). Lets take a moment and look at our Initiate….the poor brother has just emerged from darkness and the profane world. Obviously he still has some imperfections… but the good thing is that he is striving to attain light for that is what he said he seeks…. And that pathway is to the EAST. So our dear initiate is caught in the middle and he is an apprentice ---- still with some of the ignorance associated with the profane world and with some of the light already beaming on him. One surface of the "the cornerstone" facing East, and one still facing North

But through the help of his brethren, but more-so by the decisions he makes himself as an individual in motion, will he either continue to the light or return to the other. He, as a corner-stone, has been well placed. He stand as the future of our lodge, but even more important he stands as a cornerstone, which if perfect will last beyond all parts a physical building and will be llonger remembered then any inscription on a marble or granite memorial

That by brethren, is my view of the symbol of the NE Corner and the importance of every brother who is a cornerstone to our lodge and of freemasonry.

Bro Pete Froitzheim

"From the moment I picked your book up until I laid it down, I was convulsed with laughter. Someday I intend reading it."
Groucho Marx

Happenings & Supporters

Programme
Joint Installation Meetings

Lodge Mount Faber No. 1825 S.C.
Lodge Ailsa No. 1172 S.C.

Saturday, 27th. March 2010
Freemasons' Hall
23A Coleman Street
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Lodge Mount Faber No. 1825 S.C.
2.00 pm Tyling
2.30 pm Installation
4.00 pm Tea Break

Lodge Ailsa No. 1172 S.C.
5.00 pm Tyling
5.30 pm Installation
7.00 pm Joint Installation Banquet

On March 27th 2010, Lodge Mount Faber No 1825 SC, and Lodge Ailsa No 1172 SC conducted their individual installations.

The Brethren of Lodge Ailsa wish to congratulate

RWM Colin MacDonald,

his Officers and the Brethren of Mt Faber, and we wish you a successful year.

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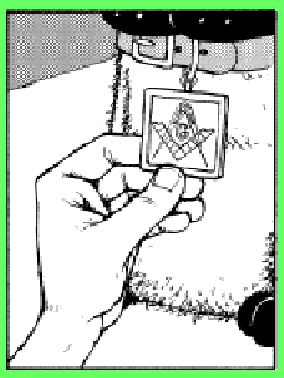
Simply – "Just for a chuckle"

While visiting a newly initiated brother at home one day, the new brother's wife took me to one side and said her husband had started behaving very strange since joining.
I asked in what way?
She said that he locks himself in the toilet for hours on end mumbling to himself with his little blue book.
Later that evening I turned the talk to lodge, and asked him how he was getting on.
Oh fine was his reply.
I asked him about his behavior and if there was anything wrong.
No, was his reply.
So why read the book there?
Well he said "It's the only TYLED room in the house"....

A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired.
The candidate replied "a beer".
At this juncture the RWM., being startled, whispered "light" to the candidate.
"OK," the candidate replied, "a lite beer."



A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. The Candidate said as it was no great distance he would go on his bicycle.

Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom of the other side and all he needed was a backpedal brake, so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the Lodge.

Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honor, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the RWM knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord.