



**Missouri Lodge of Research (MLR)  
Meeting in Columbia  
May 7, 2011**

## **SEMI-ANNUAL MLR MEETING**

**This Semi-Annual Meeting of the Missouri Lodge of Research was held in the Dining Room of the Masonic Complex in Columbia on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> during the break between the Fellowcraft and the Master Mason Degrees, at the Grand Lodge sponsored C2A Class, which was conducted by Grand Lodge Officers. There were 35 candidates who became Master Masons at the conclusion of the C2A later that day.**

**The Lodge of Research was called to order at 11:30 AM by MWB Stan Thompson, Worshipful Master with just over a hundred Brethren present for this semi-annual meeting. We had a delightful meal, centering around a big thick chicken salad sandwich. Following the meal, the Worshipful Master gave an extemporaneous presentation touching upon various topics and subjects. The MLR Secretary reported that several new members joined the Missouri Lodge of Research following the meeting which ended at about 1 PM. The C2A Class still had the entire Master Mason Degree and educational program to be completed, which was wrapped up at about 4 PM.**

**Congratulations to our new Missouri Master Masons. We hope all enjoyed the day.**

## **MISSOURI Lodge of research**

### **OFFICERS**

**Worshipful Master – Stanley M. Thompson  
Senior Warden – Larry R. Houge  
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### **THE VOICE OF FREEMASONRY**

"The voice of Freemasonry is needed in the world today, and I believe we will all agree that it should be a far stronger voice and a more incisive and effective one. Freemasonry has something to say to that great mass of struggling humanity whose voices rise to the heavens from every corner of this troubled sphere. Fundamentally, all are seeking a better way of life, even those that speak in terms of anger and of hate. The teachings of Freemasonry proclaim that better way. Laying no claim to originality or superiority of intellect, its precepts are drawn from the noblest thoughts of the greatest teachers of the Ages. Professing no particular creed, it teaches an unwavering belief in God. It looks hopefully to the day when all mankind will be one universal brotherhood under His Divine Fatherhood. It urges its followers to adhere to the New Law proclaimed by the Founder of the Christian religion, "that we love one another." It pledges its members to live moral, upright lives, squaring their actions by the square of virtue. It seeks to instill in weak humanity the attributes of God-an all-embracing love, a devotion to truth, an exemplary character. It urges men in their dealings with one another to be just, fair, honest, compassionate, loyal, doing to each as he would be done by."

-- Author Unknown

When faced with a challenge, look for a way, not a way out.

--David L. Weatherford

## MASONRY AT ITS WORST

In West Virginia a Past Grand Master was expelled from Masonry. In consequence, the PGM brought a civil suit against the Grand Lodge of West Virginia and two former Grand Masters for breach of contract damages and defamation claiming he was denied Masonic due process when he was summarily expelled. The claims were denied after trial by jury and zero damages awarded.

The expelled GM testified that he attempted to make West Virginia Masonry more inclusive in terms of nationality, religion, race, and disability.

The bru-ha-ha stems from an internal squabble: The Grand Lodge of West Virginia does not recognize Prince Hall Masonry, and has strict laws prohibiting membership in some appendant bodies, as well as restrictions on admitting members with certain disabilities. The agenda of the expelled GM, known as the "Wheeling Reforms", were adopted at an annual communication in Wheeling. The vote -- in which some members, according to West Virginia law, had full votes and some had quarter votes -- resulted in a tie, passed with expelled GM casting the tie-breaking vote himself.

Shortly after the annual communication, the new GM who succeeded the expelled GM as Grand Master, set aside "Wheeling Reforms" through an edict, citing voting irregularities that he and others had witnessed,

The state's Masons became bitterly divided. The result being that it doesn't appear West Virginia will be recognizing Prince Hall Masonry any time soon.  
[The Kansas Mason February 2011]

## LAWFUL AGE

So much for the rule against innovation!

Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 say (Regulation IV) "No Lodge shall make more than five new brethren at one time, nor any man under the age of twenty-five, who must also be his own master; unless by a dispensation from the Grand-Master or his Deputy."

[*Grand Master's Bulletin*, California, August, 1970]

## MASONRY AT ITS BEST

*When* a man understands that he was admitted into Freemasonry, not because of what he has but because of what he is -

*When* it is clear to him that Masonic privileges are his only so long as he is worthy -

*When* he responds to the Masonic call for service in the Order or in the community -

*When* he knows that every Mason; world-wide, is a potential friend -

*When* he is tolerant of every race and creed -

*When* he strives humbly and earnestly to embrace all things

**This is Freemasonry at its best!**

[Morning Sun Lodge #5, Bridport, VT]

## MASONIC CODE OF GEORGIA

42-107. Roughness Prohibited.- Frivolity, roughness, or brutality in conferring degrees will upon the first offense subject the Lodge to severe reprimand, and upon the second offense, to forfeiture of charter.

42-108. Touching or Speaking to Candidate.- No candidate, while receiving the Degrees in a Blue or Symbolic Lodge, shall be spoken to or touched by anyone unless such act is a part of the ritual.

[*Sunday Masonic News*, March 16, 2011, Harry Bruno, Editor]

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## MANY WORDS USED IN MASONRY

K N I W D O O H Y T I R A H C D L  
 F C O L U M N O S A M F E R E I A  
 Y E O I N C U L C A T E M E R S N  
 R R L M T S I E H T A N B V E P D  
 O O A L M U R A L H S A L I M E M  
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 C A N D I D A T E M I L B U S S E  
 N O I T A G I L B O Y P I L L A R  
 H I G H T W E L V E T N A R R A W

ALLEGORY	DISPENSATION	PROFANE
ASHLAR	EMBLEM	ROOM
ATHEIST	ESOTERIC	SEAL
BROTHER	FELLOW	SECRETARY
CANDIDATE	HIGH TWELVE	SIGN
CEREMONY	HOODWINK	SPECULATIVE
CHARITY	INCULCATE	STEWARD
CARDINAL	INSTALLATION	SUBLIME
COLUMN	LANDMARK	TEMPLE
COMMUNICATION	LEVEL	TILER
COMPASSES	MASON	TYRE
CONSTITUTION	MONITOR	WARDEN
COWAN	OBLIGATION	WARRANT
DISCALCEATION	PILLAR	

### ***RULES FOR PLAY:***

You must **circle each of the letters individually** in each of the Masonic words listed above. Then check off or line through the word found in the list. **Do NOT BLACK or BLOT out** the letters in the puzzle as each letter may be used in a different word also. When all the words have been lined through, you should then have those 10 letters left which have not been circled. Write down **these letters only**, from upper left to lower right and this will spell out the Masonic word answer. Do you know which word it is? Do you know the meaning of that ----- and ALL the other words used in the puzzle? What does "Discalceation" really mean??

By the way. The answer to our last puzzle was: PILASTERS - - - and if you noted, I had made an error in the construction of the puzzle and had the word "superfluties" on the word list when it should have correctly been: SUPERINTENDENCE!!

### ----- **THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD**

1. People who look at someone who is wealthy and successful and say, "I can do that. I can do what it takes to be wealthy and successful like that person."
2. People who look at someone who is wealthy and successful and say, "That's not fair!"

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly Membership Dues \$20.00. **Recommended by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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