



MISSOURI
Lodge of research
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A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Brethren,

I am humbled by the honor of having been elected as Master of the Lodge of Research. Thank you so much for your vote of confidence. I shall make every effort to see that it is not misplaced and I will certainly do my best.

Our Semi-Annual Meeting is nearing and I must point out that the meeting is not restricted only to members. Actually, with such a prestigious speaker I have great hopes that attendance will rival that of our Annual meeting at Grand Lodge. This is a great opportunity to bring friends and potential members and enjoy a learning experience and Masonic fellowship. If you have a personal copy of any of Arturo's books it might be an excellent opportunity for an autograph.

Your Lodge of Research is in the process of launching many efforts toward increased activity, promoting research, learning and knowledge. The most noteworthy at this time is the implementation of an excellent web site. There has been a significant change in the amount of interest demonstrated by new and potential Masons. The avalanche of information on the web, although sometimes accurate, can be misleading and incorrect. Young men in particular are interested in what Masonry has to offer. In my opinion we "older and wiser" Brethren need to earn the title by sharing their knowledge. Too often do we fail to share our knowledge and teach new members. I believe that it is incumbent upon all Brothers to become much more knowledgeable about the Craft, its history and teachings, and to be properly prepared to offer comments, answer questions, teach and generate interest in Freemasonry. It is the responsibility of the Lodge of Research to provide information to all who seek the same. End of sermon.

Membership is an important key. At this juncture only approximately 2% of the Freemasons in Missouri are members of the Lodge of Research. This percentage needs to increase dramatically. You are the key and I challenge you to bring in at least one new member this year. 2% then becomes 4%, etc.

Thanks again for your vote of confidence and the honor of being Master of the Lodge of Research. Hope to see you at the Semi-Annual Meeting in May.

Fraternally,

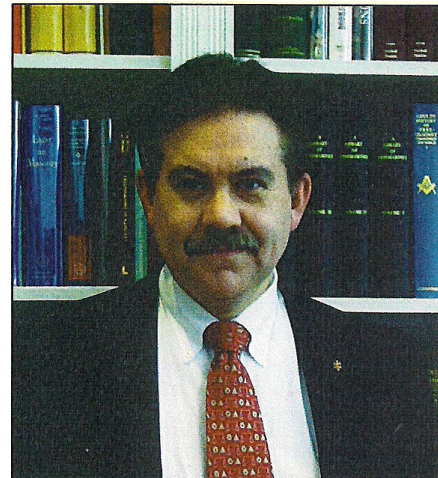
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Missouri Lodge of Research Presents:

ARTURO DE HOYOS



\$20.00 for meal & Lecture

Join us as Worshipful Brother Arturo de Hoyos shares his *expert* insight into the history and development of both, the craft and higher degrees of Freemasonry. He will then lead us on an interactive discussion on the topic. Everybody in attendance will have an opportunity to ask questions during the conversation period. Do not miss the chance to interact with this living Masonic legend!

Be there at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, May 12th 2012 at the Grand Lodge Complex in Columbia MO and for only \$20.00 (tickets are now available through www.momason.org/LodgeofResearch) you can purchase your meal and seat for the lecture and conversation to be had. WB de Hoyos is the Grand Archivist and Historian for the Supreme Council 33°, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Washington, D.C. He holds the 33° and Grand Cross of Honour.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN LODGE?

As an increasing number of younger members are becoming active in Lodges, many are bringing their reliance on electronic devices into the Lodge Room.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, following a survey of other Grand Lodges across the continent, has established some specific rules for use of such devices in a Tiled Lodge.

In a communication to other Grand Lodges, Jeffrey L. Gardiner, Grand Secretary, explained, "Not only for the annoyance of the phone ringing, but also, the member answering and talking during the meetings. Some are constantly texting or reading email. Also, the use of the camera or video to record the meeting or degree work. We have some Lodge officers who have written the ritual into their phones and use them as teleprompters during degree work."

The Grand Secretary noted that Massachusetts is the first Grand Lodge to pass such specific rules. From the survey, he said, most Grand Lodges are leaving such determination of guidelines up to individual Worshipful Masters.

On September 14, 2011, M.W. Brother Richard J. Stewart, Grand Master of Massachusetts, issued the following edict:

All cell phones carried into a Lodge Room must either be turned off or silenced prior to entering the Lodge Room.

The Master will announce prior to Opening that all cell phones and other electronic devices are to be shut off or silenced.

If an emergency call is received while the Lodge is in session, the Brother must not answer the call within the Lodge Room. He must exit the Lodge Room according to proper Masonic protocol and respond to the call outside the Lodge Room area.

If a cell phone rings within a Tiled Lodge, the Master will instruct the Lodge

Marshal to escort the Brother from the room. Re-admittance of the Brother to the Lodge will be at the discretion of the Master.

Use of cell phones or other devices for texting, audio recording, video recording, or photography within a Tiled Lodge is strictly forbidden, except as has been previously approved for photography. Any reported infraction of this rule is subject to reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from Freemasonry.

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MY CREED

"To live as gently as I can, To be, no matter where, a man;

To take what comes of good or ill, To cling to faith and honor still;

To do my best and let stand, The record of my brain and hand;

And then, should failure come to me, Still work and hope for victory!

"To have no secret place wherein I stoop unseen to shame or sin;

To be the same when I'm alone as when my every deed is known;

To live undaunted, unafraid of any step that I have made;

To be without pretense or sham, Exactly what men think I am."

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- Author Unknown
[South Dakota Lodge of Research, December 2011]

LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS

T M R O B E R T B E R G E R J
 S H E E L E I M M I J O H W J
 T N O C M S N O I T A N J M E
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 M E D E R C J R L Y R L N A I
 P D M O T T E R C R F O E E O
 S E B Y O T A Y N O L C L M N
 O M D O N E L S O N I D D G S
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FREDDIE D. ADAMS 2000-2001

BRUCE R. AUSTIN 2007-2008

M. ROBERT BERGER 2006-2007

BILL H. CHAPMAN 1970-1971

DANIEL F. COLE 1990-1991

ROBERT J. CREDE 1983-1984

EARL K. DILLE 1982-1983

J. MORGAN DONELSON 1969-1970

D. ROBERT DOWNEY 1991-1992

WILLIAM J. HILL 1981-1982

P. VINCENT KINKEAD 1986-1987

JIMMIE D. LEE 2002-2003

THOMAS K. MCGUIRE 1987-1988

GLENN E. MEANS 2001-2002

DALE C. MOTTER 1993-1994

JEFFREY O. NATIONS 1997-1998

JOHN M. NATIONS 2005-2006

FIELDING A. POE 1976-1977

ELMER E. REVELLE 2009-2010

DONALD E. SCOTT 1996-1997

WILFRED G. SOUTIEA, JR. 1999-2000

STANLEY M. THOMPSON 2003-2004

STEVEN I. TOYBES 1998-1999

GAIL S. TURNER 2010-2011

THOMAS C. WARDEN 1989-1990

ROCKY E. WEAVER 2008-2009

RULES FOR PLAY:

You must **circle each of the letters individually** in each of the BLACK BOLD letters in each of the Past Grand Masters listed above. Then check off or line through the name lightly, that you found it in the list. **Do NOT BLACK or BLOT out** the letters in the puzzle as each letter may be used in a different name also. When all the names have all been lined through, you should then have those 30 letters left which have not been circled. Write down **these letters only**, from upper left to lower right and this will spell out the names of the two, esteemed Past Grand Masters whose names are not on the above listing. Who are they and when did they serve???

By the way. The answer to our last puzzle was: **SUBLIME**

When an the new Worshipful Master saw his first strands of gray hair, he thought he'd dye.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

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National Anthem - A Brief Editorial

Source: Author unknown

Don't know who wrote this, but we think most of our readers wish some of these pop star divas would read this and take it to heart.

So, with all the kindness I can muster, I give this one piece of advice to the next pop star who is asked to sing the National Anthem at a sporting event: save the vocal gymnastics and the physical gyrations for your concerts. Just sing this song the way you were taught to sing it in kindergarten straight up, no styling. Sing it with the constant awareness that there are Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines watching you from bases and outposts all over the world. Don't make them cringe with your self-centered ego gratification. Sing it as if you are standing before a row of 86-year-old WW II vets wearing their Purple Hearts, Silver Stars and US Flag pins on their cardigans and you want them to be proud of you for honoring them and the country they love, not because you want them to think you are a superstar musician. They could see that from the costumes, the makeup and the entourages. Sing the Star Spangled Banner with the courtesy and humility that tells the audience that it is about America, not you!