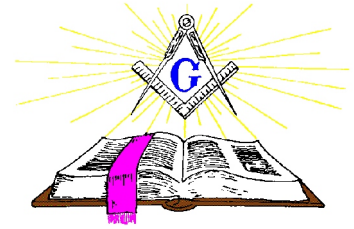




THE EDWARD J WILDBLOOD JR VERMONT LODGE OF RESEARCH #110

December 2008



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NEXT :

**DECEMBER 27TH
SAINT JOHN FESTIVE BD.
SOUTH STATION
RESTAURANT RUTLAND
5:30PM COCKTAILS
6PM MEAL
PLEASE: RSVP!
To aieon@fairpoint.net**

Brothers- here we go again! This venue proved so successful that the members decided at our last meeting at Marble Lodge in Danby to hold the Evangelist's Festive Board again in Rutland at South Station. Not only is the location central, but the private room, expert service and unbeatable food has us coming back for more. I know it's the Holidays, but isn't there a place for our St. John amidst the Christmas cheer? Not to mention great company (your Lodge Brothers) and the special toasts of a true Masonic festive board.

We will once again have the privilege of a talk by Steven Cosgrove, this time most appropriately on the Evangelist and his place in Western sacred tradition. We are fortunate to be able to take advantage of Steve's extensive understanding of the esoteric and mythological side of Freemasonry, and you will not want to miss his presentation.

I am again asking the brothers to wear Tuxedo or dark suit and black tie- I just think it is traditional and looks good too. This time each member of our Lodge can invite one guest to bring with him to introduce him to our Lodge and to the fun of a real old time festive board. And in keeping with tradition too, no ladies for this one. It's a fraternal night out- much needed at this time of year.

DON'T MISS IT!



DANBY MEETING GREAT FUN
Twenty-two of your brothers met together in the Lodge room of Marble #76 in September for our "southern" regular communication. We got to tour this beautiful Masonic building, made of the marble mined from the mountain visible in the distance. Prior to the meeting, Brother George Stone treated us to a delicious meal of two different soups and sandwiches. Thanks very much, George. Later in the evening, George pointed out that the Rough and Perfect Ashlars of the lodge room are actual stones from the historic site of King Solomon's Temple!

During the business portion of the meeting, Steven Farrington proposed that the Lodge have an exhibit at the VT History Expo to show the involvement of Freemasonry in Vermont history. However, I have just learned that this event has been canceled for economic reasons for this year. However, while we will not be doing the Expo. this year the Lodge welcomes historic initiatives, especially ones that link us to other Lodges or to the Vermont community at large.

The main presentation was a wonderful slide show of old Masonic postcards by Mason Pratt, combined with their history of use and a commentary on their themes. Most notable of these was the use of the image of a goat, even though no actual goat is used by Masons in their rituals. This lead us into one of the most animated discussions I have ever witnessed in the Lodge, which was great. While an open discussion is frowned upon in usual Masonic meetings, in our special lodge nothing is more welcome than a lively, animated discussion of a presentation. We learn much from each other.

Finding we had some time left before closing, I read an excellent article from a recent "Scottish Rite Journal" of the Southern Jurisdiction, a low cost and most worthwhile Masonic publication. The article concerned the difference between what older members think young men want and what they actually do want. After the meeting I received emails from almost every young Mason in attendance enthusiastically supporting the ideas presented. This tells me our Lodge is on the right track.

All in all I felt it was one of our better meetings, and I want to extend a big Thank You to all those brothers who attended.



YOUR KEYBOARD MAKES A DUES CARD

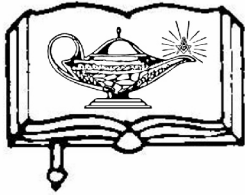
Brothers, remember that under our new rules the submission and acceptance by the Lodge of only two papers entitles you to free dues for the year, and also free admission to our Festive Boards, etc. Such a deal. The papers do not need to be long or involved, just a few of your thoughts and can be on any subject which interests you.

If we are to keep our Research Lodge vital, we must attract men who want to communicate with each other about Masonry and other interesting subjects. And we also have a golden opportunity to experiment with the Lodge meeting format and serve as a model for what a Masonic meeting can be. Thus, teaching by example, we can bring up the standard of all the Masonic work in our State. But brothers, it is not up to me, or to them, to do this. It is up to YOU. No one else is going to do it. You joined because you saw in Masonry something of great interest, something worth your while. It is still there. Let's share that with each other, and with a new generation of Brothers.

WINTER MEETING IN ST. JAY

The winter communication of our Lodge will be held in the historic and newly refurbished rooms of Passumpsic Lodge #27 at the Masonic Hall in Saint Johnsbury, opening at 7PM sharp. Due to the lack of in-house dining facilities, we will eat at a local restaurant- to be announced. There are several excellent venues for eating close by. I have lined up several really excellent presenters for this meeting, but you know there is always room for You. Don't force me

to have to get up and regale the lodge once again with another paper by WM Eric. Yes, I've written a couple, but I know for a fact everyone would much rather listen to You, and that includes me. So package up your latest effort and bundle it off to my email address at the end of this newsletter. Today!



**2007 Short Papers Competition Rules for
Symbolic Lodge members
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**Closing Date: The Closing Date for
submissions is June 1, 2009**

**Submission method: Your paper should be
sent as an email attachment to
aeion@fairpoint.net by the closing date.
The e-mail to which the paper is attached
should list your name, Masonic affiliations,
email address, postal mail address and
telephone number.**

**Length: 500 words is the maximum length
of papers, about one page of typescript
which takes about 5 minutes to read aloud.**

**Format: Please submit your entry in the
form of a Word document (.doc) or a .pdf
file. If you have difficulties in providing your
paper in these formats please contact us at
the above email address and we will try to
arrange a suitable alternative. Please put
your name and email address into the
header or footer of the page so any
confusion is avoided. Should your paper be
published, your email address will be
removed.**

**Style: Because papers are intended to be
read aloud they should be written as a**

script. Please use bold or underline to indicate emphasis, for example. While correct spelling will be appreciated punctuation will be considered flexible and the judges will accept variation from established norms provided these help the paper deliver its message when read aloud.

**Content: The content must have Masonic
relevance and be of educational value.
Beyond this there is no constraint on the
subject matter. Controversial material is not
unwelcome provided that it is presented in a
fair and balanced way. Papers containing
material which the judges consider offensive
or otherwise unsuitable will be eliminated.**

**Online publication: All papers selected by the
judges as worthy of publication will be
published online by VT Lodge of Research
thus creating a resource for use by other
Masons for use in Lodges. The winning paper
will be selected from the group of published
papers. The top paper will receive as a prize
a valuable Masonic book, presented
personally at the Grand Lodge Annual by the
VT Lodge of Research. The selected papers
will be published online in Adobe Acrobat
format (.pdf) and will include the authors
name. It will not include any other personal
details. By entering the competition you
agree to publication of your entry and its
further use by other Masons.**

**Originality: Your paper must be your own
original writing.**

**References: We do understand that
you may have drawn upon various works
before creating your paper. Please let us
know what these sources are in the form of
references. References are not counted as
part of the 500 words.**

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S. DEACON.....STANLEY SCHUMACHER
J. DEACON.....MASON PRATT
S. STEWARD.....GEORGE STONE
J. STEWARD.....STEVE COSGROVE
CHAPLIN.....EVERED HINKLEY**

Thank you: Eric Ginette