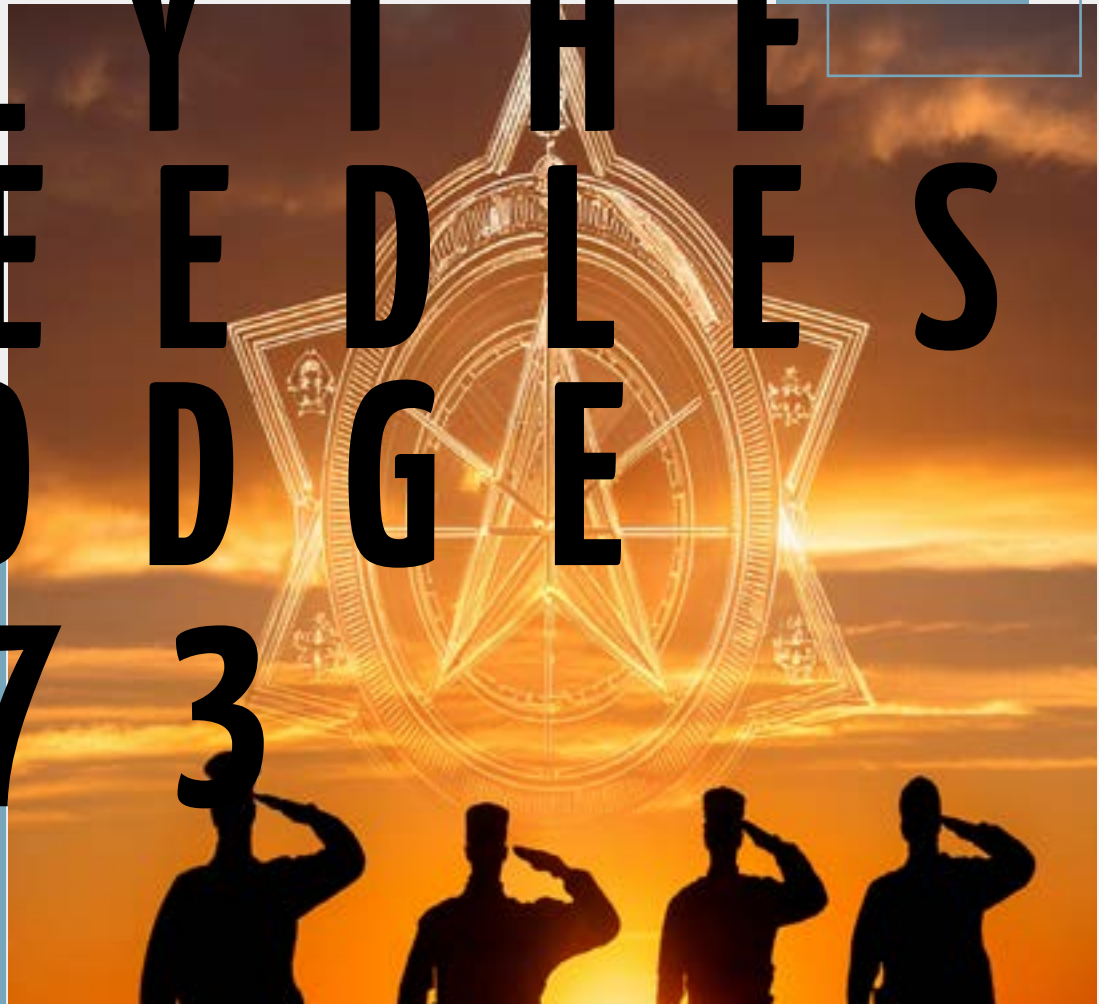


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FROM THE EAST

GAVEL TO GATE: CALLING ALL HANDS

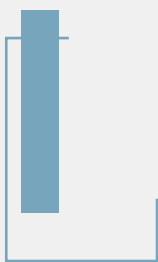
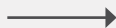
Worshipful Jeff Gatchell

Brethren,

The days are seemingly flying by, which means the holidays are looming ever closer! Be prepared, be safe, and don't procrastinate like yours truly usually does!



In an ongoing effort to generate much-needed funds for the lodge, we have a verbal agreement (initiated by Wor. Stu Ryan) to assist with security during the local race series at the Fairgrounds. This will usually involve 3 or 4 brothers for approximately 6 hours per race (start to finish). Thanks to brother Jimmy Ryan and his family for stepping up and covering the evening of 11/1. The 1st race we had some involvement (it was short notice) even though it happened to be the same night as our skeet shoot/dinner, and brother



Sutton Miller stepped up to assist that same evening at the race. The last race for this year will be on Saturday the 22nd. If you can set aside any time to help with that, it would be greatly appreciated! Contact me by phone or text if you wish to help (my no. is listed at the end of this message).

Speaking of the skeet shoot & dinner, it was definitely a very good evening for those who attended. We shot a lot, incorporated some shooting games, and had an incredible steak dinner. My right pec was slightly bruised the next day, providing a reminder that I was there! Thanks to Bill Mueller at the range for providing such a great venue! This is something we will be doing at least once more before the heat sets in again.

Officer elections for next year's line will be taking place during the November 5th (Wed.) stated meeting.

We have one brother requesting to affiliate from another lodge, and we will be reading another application we've received recently. There will be a dinner at 6PM (\$10 min. donation pp), and the meeting will begin promptly at 7pm (hopefully!). Friends and family are always welcome.

Since summer is a thing of the past, the standard dress code for stated meetings is back in effect - tux for officers, and suit for everyone else.

With that, I will sign off, and I hope to see as many of you as possible at both the November and December stated meetings.

With brotherly love,

Jeff Gatchell, WM
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FROM THE WEST HONORING THE PAST, SERVING THE PRESENT

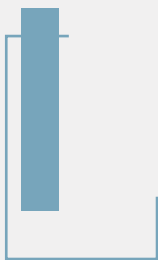
Senoir Warden Sutton Miller

Brethren,

As November arrives, we are reminded that this month holds a special place in our hearts as Masons. It is a time for reflection, gratitude, and honoring those who have given so much so that we may enjoy the freedoms that shape our daily lives. While Thanksgiving encourages us to be mindful of the blessings we have, Veterans Day calls on us to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have defended those blessings with unwavering courage.



Many of our nation's heroes — including some of our own Brothers — have worn the uniform and stood guard over liberty. Their service represents duty, sacrifice, and a belief in something greater than themselves — values that resonate deeply within our Masonic teachings. Let us take time this month to remember



those who served, those who continue to serve, and those who gave everything in defense of freedom.

As we reflect on their commitment, may it inspire us to serve in our own ways. Not all acts of service require a battlefield. A kind gesture, a charitable contribution, a helping hand to a Brother in need — these are acts that strengthen our fraternity and honor the legacy of those who gave so much for us. Our gratitude becomes most meaningful when it moves us to action.

Fellowship

Let us also hold close the families of our veterans and active-duty service members, for they, too, sacrifice daily. May we show appreciation not only with our words, but with our continued support and fellowship.

Brethren, may this month encourage each of us to pause, to honor, and to give thanks — for freedom, for brotherhood, and for all those who helped secure both.

Fraternally,
Sutton Miller
Senior Warden



NOVEMBER 27 OFFICER COACHING NIGHT 7PM