

 **MESSAGE FROM THE EAST** 

2010 GATEWAY #29 OFFICERS

JUNE 2010

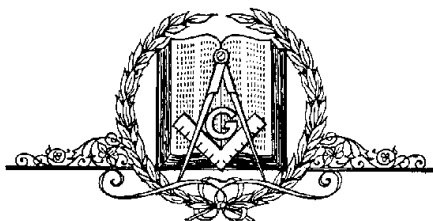
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**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:30 PM (dinner at 6:30)
EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST**

Brethren:

Summer is almost here and we are ½ way through this incredibly busy and productive Masonic year. We have conferred 16 degrees since 1 January and will confer 2 more before we go dark at the end of June. We continue to receive many inquiries regarding our beloved fraternity and I have no doubt that the productive trend we have witnessed during the past 6 months will continue into the future. I believe we are on course to fulfill the goals we established back in January. We are making (or re-making) contact with the community, each other, and many potential members. We should all feel very proud to be Freemasons and members of Gateway #29!

We've accomplished much this year already but I hope that this summer we will all spend our time in another kind of Masonic work – that of enhancing relationships with our family and friends. Brethren, have a safe and enjoyable summer. Please drop us a line and let us know how you are doing – we would love to hear from you!

I hope to see you at our annual picnic on 18 July at Ellison Park in Layton. Festivities will begin at high noon. Plan on attending and bring your family for some good food and fun!

May the Great Architect continue to bless you with His love.

Bretton Cox
Worshipful Master

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 **FROM THE WARDENS** 

Hello Brethren,

We have been on a roll for conferring degrees and at Bretton's last count, the number is up to 18 degrees so far this year. I'd like to personally thank all the members for their hard work and stepping up and doing their parts and learning new ones. The aesthetics of the lodge is catching and there is a feel of a new. If you don't believe me, come to a degree or a business meeting and see the attendance. However, unless there is an emergency, the Worshipful Master has made it clear we are going dark for two months for R&R. Now does that mean we quit coming and meeting on Tuesday evenings? HEAVENS NO! I still plan on being at the temple and I know our dedicated Secretary Cliff Specht, Treasurer Richard Loomis, and others will be there. This is an opportunity to work on degree catechisms/proficiencies, learn new parts, or a chance to enjoy some fellowship and shoot the breeze as a meet-up group. This month's educational feature was 21 questions about folding the American Flag and will be presented by Right Worshipful Brother Richard Loomis. This feature was quite entertaining. In conclusion, please think about the less fortunate, pray for our brothers who are sick and ill that they may recuperate and get well. And, a special prayer for our brave servicemen serving this great country.

Dave "Borge" Borgeson – Senior Warden 2010

THE MASONIC FAMILY



Beth Arabah Chapter #24
Order of Eastern Star

Regular meeting:
7:30 pm - 1st Wednesday of each month
Special meeting:
7:30 pm - 3rd Wednesday of each month
(see calendar for special activities)



Bethel #20
Job's Daughters
(see calendar for special activities)



Clearfield Chapter DeMolay
7:00 pm – 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
(see calendar for special activities)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>30</u> May	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Jun	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	8:00p -9:00p Bethel #20 Installation	7:00p -10:00p Dual EA degree conferral	7:30p -9:00p Beth Arabah #24 Regular Meeting	Clfd DeMolay meeting DeMolay Sweetheart Elections		11:00a -2:00p Bethel #20 Rally practice
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
	8:30p Bethel #20 practice	6:30p Clfd DeMolay serve dinner 7:30p -9:00p Gateway #29 Regular business meeting	6:30p Bethel #20 meeting	Clfd DeMolay meeting Counselor meeting	5:00p Bethel #20 Sleepover	11:00a -2:00p Bethel #20 Rally practice 2:00p -8:00p Clearfield DeMolay Installation
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
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<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
	8:30p Bethel #20 practice		6:30p Bethel #20 meeting	Clfd DeMolay meeting		11:00a -2:00p Bethel #20 Rally practice
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u> Jul	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
10:00a -6:00p Howe family 50th Anniversary party				Clfd DeMolay meeting		11:00a -2:00p Bethel #20 Rally practice

FROM YOUR EDITOR

When you are asked "What is a Freemason?", how do you respond? Many of us are at a loss for words. Maybe this little bit of information put together by Freeport (NJ) Lodge 180 will help you explain.

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest fraternal organizations. The lessons Freemasonry teaches in its ceremonies, are to do with moral values. Freemasonry's acknowledgement, without crossing the boundaries of religion, is that everything depends on the providence of God. Freemasons feel that these lessons apply as much today as they did when it took its modern form at the turn of the 17th century.

Despite what many people claim, Freemasonry is not in any way a secret society. Freemasonry's so-called secrets are solely used as a ceremonial way of demonstrating that one is a Freemason. In any case, Freemasonry has been exposed by the media for almost as long as they have existed. The real point of a Freemason promising not to reveal their secrets is basically a dramatic way of promising to keep one's word in general.

Other reasons why Freemasonry cannot be called a secret society are that Freemasons do not promise to keep their membership a secret. Where and when Freemasons meet are matters of public record.

It is ironic that Freemasons used to be quiet about their membership. They were and still are taught never to use it to advance their own interests. Critics have taken this the wrong way and think that there is something secretive and nasty because of the silence. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Masonic ceremonies are secular morality plays, which are learned by heart, by members of the lodge for the benefit of the person who is becoming a Freemason. Each ceremony has a message for the candidate. A further reason why Freemasons do not go around broadcasting their contents is simply because it would spoil it for the candidate. The same way you would not tell someone the ending of a good book or a film, you would not tell someone about the ceremony.

Freemasons are required to profess and continue in a belief in a Supreme Being. Their ceremonies include prayers, which are not in any way a substitute for religion. It has no theological doctrines, it offers no sacraments, and it does not claim to lead to salvation. By having prayers at its meetings Freemasonry is no more in competition with religion than, say, having a meal where grace is said.

Freemasons are not allowed to discuss religion or politics at meetings. Freemasonry's aim is to encourage its members to discover what people from all different backgrounds have in common. As is all too well known, debate about religion and politics can lead to heated discussion rather than enlightenment.

A Freemason is thus basically encouraged to do his duty first to his God, and then to his family and those dependent on him. He is to help his neighbors through charity and service.

None of these ideas is exclusive to Freemasonry, but all should be universally acceptable and Freemasons are expected to follow them.