

**Worshipful Master
Lance Norgrove**

From the East

**Senior Warden
Milton Ott, PM**

From the West



**Obligation:
The Tie that Binds Us**

Obligation is synonymous with duty. Its derivation shows its true meaning, for the Latin word obligation literally signifies a tying or binding. The obligation is that which binds a man to do some act, the doing of which thus becomes his duty. By his obligation, a Freemason is bound

or tied to his Order, it is said that it is the obligation that makes the Freemason. Before that ceremony, there is no tie that binds us to the Order so as to make us a part of it; after the ceremony, the tie has been completed, and the candidate becomes at once a Freemason, The jurists have divided obligations into imperfect and perfect, or natural and civil. In Freemasonry there is no such distinction.

The Masonic obligation is that moral one which, although it cannot be enforced by the courts of law, is binding on the person who makes it, in conscience and according to moral justice.

It varies in each Degree, but in each is perfect. Its various clauses, in which different duties are prescribed, are called its points, which are either affirmative or negative.

The affirmative points are those which require certain acts to be performed; the negative points are those which forbid certain other acts to be done. The whole of them is preceded by a general point of secrecy, common to all the Degrees, and this point is called the tie.

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KINDRED SCIENCES

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This being July, I thought the following tribute to our Flag would be appropriate.

I Am Old Glory

I Am Old Glory: for more than nine score years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans Born amid the first flames of America's fight for


freedom. I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty sovereign states.

Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American Faith my gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions. Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men.

So long as men love liberty more than life itself: so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers: so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply footed in human hearts: I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.

Written by Marine Master Sergeant Percy Welch (1879-1945)

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Event Calendar for July 2010

Thu., July 1 st	6:00pm Social Social, snacks and fellowship. Library open. (Hawaiian Shirt Night!) NO DINNER 7:30pm Stated Meeting
Thu., July 8 th	Dark
Thu., July 15 th	Dark
Thu., July 22 nd	Dark (and painting)
Thu., July 29 th	Dark (and painting)
Thu., Aug 5 th	6:00pm Social 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Social, snacks and fellowship. Library open.

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Let's show 'em what Masons can do...

**Junior Warden
Johnathon Norgrove****From the South**

We will be dark for July so first of all, make note that while there is a stated meeting, there will be no family dinner for July.

Next, please don't forget if you would like to attend our August (or any other) stated meeting dinner on the first Thursday of the month, give me a call or shoot me an email:

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This month our Worshipful Master expounded upon the Obligation. Here is some insight on the penalties associated with our obligations, based upon my own research in a very small way and paraphrased from the booklet Further Light by Jim Tresner, in a much larger way:

Interestingly, the seemingly harsh penalties associated with our obligations are very closely aligned with those actually used in Europe in earlier centuries. Of course, in Masonry, we all remember that these are symbolic. The source of the symbolism is better understood in light of the following:

- In the era of Masonry's birth, knowledge was thought to evoke from the heart (i.e. "I know that by heart!")
- Intuition, feelings and emotion were thought to come from the bowels. This is where the terms "gut feeling" or "gut reaction" come from.
- There existed a belief that all matter was made of four elements (earth, fire, air and water) and a fifth element was present which was being the spiritual or ethereal.

The source and purpose of the actual verbiage of the penalties in the ritual becomes clear as the provenance of the penalties is illuminated. Think about your obligations and note the following connections:

- The penalties of each degree deal with the part of the body in violation (silence, knowledge, and insight or intuition).
- The penalties involve earth and water, earth and air and fire and air. Should we assume that the fifth element (insight) is present in every case?

I hope you enjoy contemplating these insights as much as I have.

The Editor.

July Masonic Anniversaries

Brother	Raised	Yrs	Lodge
Gary A. Ewing	7/31/2003	7	SRLB No. 57
Samuel S. Gordon	7/24/1973	37	LB No. 752
Steve A. Heglin	7/17/2003	7	SRLB No. 57
Carlton F. Ordway	7/22/1966	44	Mass.

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July Birthdays

Thurman W. Cole	2 nd	Carl W. Dennis	17 th
John K. Buckham	3 rd	Larry L. Schmidt	19 th
Ethan K. Lowry	3 rd	Ruddy A. San Martin	20 th
William A. Crossland	4 th	Richard E. Dunlap, III	25 th
Philip E. Sitzman, Jr.	9 th	Robert P. Dale	27 th
Dennis F. Jamarck	15 th	Dean A. Neisler	27 th
William T. Money	15 th	Willard L. Johnson,	29 th
Barry N. Silberg	15 th		

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(Position Vacant)	Senior Deacon
Scott Neace	Junior Deacon
Sam Smith (Becky)	Marshal
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Jasmines (Hasty) Peralta	Jr. Steward
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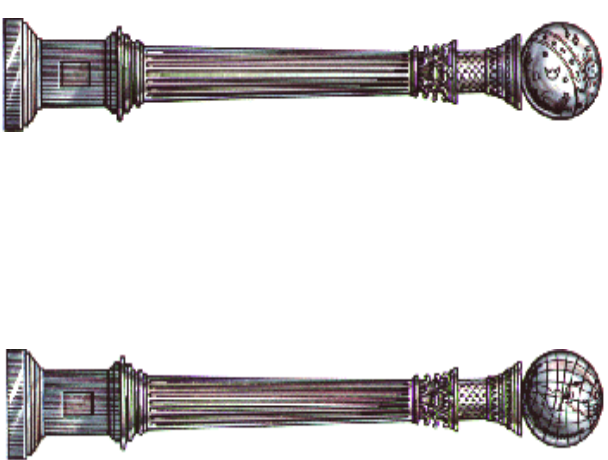
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