

## Summer Solstice

From Masonic Home of Virginia

The term Solstice derives from a combination of the Latin words meaning “Sun” and “to stand still.” As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky, a pivotal moment in the seasonal calendar. As a major celestial event, the Summer Solstice results in the longest day (this year June 21) and the shortest night of the year.

Because the Earth revolves around the sun tilted slightly, things heat up differently on the planet north to south. While the Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, people in Australia, South America, and other populations in the Southern Hemisphere celebrate their longest day in December.

Awed by the great power of the sun, civilizations have for centuries celebrated the first day of summer otherwise known as the Summer Solstice, Midsummer (see Shakespeare) and St. John’s Day. The Celts and Slavs celebrated the first day of summer with dancing and bonfires to help increase the sun’s energy. The Chinese marked the day by honoring Li, the Chinese Goddess of Light.

Perhaps the most enduring modern ties with summer solstice is the present-day belief of a “lucky” wedding in June, which echoes back to ancient Druids “celebration of summer solstice as the wedding of heaven and Earth.”

Today, the day is still celebrated around the world, most notably in England at Stonehenge, where thousands gather to welcome the sunrise on the summer Solstice. Throughout Europe, other gatherings or festivals are still common in June, when groups assemble to light a sacred fire, and stay up all night to welcome the dawn. In Paris, the day is marked with free concerts during the annual Fete de la Musique. In the U.S., the city of Santa Barbara, California, holds the nations’ most talked-about summer solstice celebrations—featuring a parade, performance artists, and other entertainment during a festival that lasts a full three days. On the East Coast, New York City traditionally ushers in the solstice with a music concert at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

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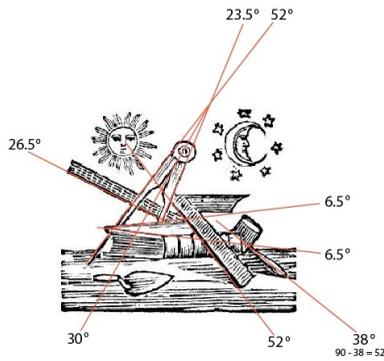
### June 2022

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## Message of the Worshipful Master

Brethren,

To recap our May events, we had both meetings dedicated to education and proficiencies. I hope to continue our trend of minimizing business meetings and actually working on our Masonic growth. For our June meeting we are going to have a fun Hawaiian shirt night. Please come join us for a more casual evening before we adjourn for the summer.

I had grand ambitions for our participation in some extended activities for Buffalo Bill Days, but many of our goals have either been sidelined, or derailed by adjacent activities. I still hope to hold some level of Masonic presence that weekend, so I will be reaching out to many that I know may be able to help volunteer some time towards the lodge on the last weekend of July.

I originally had a different message I wanted to share with you all. At the time of writing, I am in Dallas for a work conference. As I was putting the finishing touches on the message, I watched in numb silence the tragedy unfolding in Uvalde, Texas. I won't use this as a political platform, but only as a reminder to you all of the fragility of life and the simplicity at which someone's senseless acts can affect the entire world. I highly encourage you to find balance and happiness in your life and to look around you and seek out those who you feel could use a hand. Even if no one in your life is struggling, reach out anyway. Set an example for those around you that good men are those that care for all, regardless of their station. Try every day to spread brotherly love and affection to those around you. Mother Teresa said, "Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

As for me, I will fly home and hug my kids a little tighter, thank the Lord they are safe, and pray for a better tomorrow.

Have a safe and happy summer

Fraternally,

Thomas McKean, WM

## Midsummer & St John's Tide

From Chico-Leland Stanford Lodge #111 Blog

In the Masonic calendar the Festival of St. John (the Baptist) is celebrated in the Christian calendar 3 days after the midsummer festival on June 24th. St. John was known as the "last prophet," the hermit in the desert, said to be a tremendous orator. Clothed in animal skins and eating only the food of the desert, he must have been a wild sight to behold. But rather than exalting his own personality, St. John made himself subservient to a higher calling. One way he has been described is through his gesture of self-sacrifice in the act of service. This is one way to perceive the gesture of the midsummer sun, as the outer light must now start to decrease as we prepare to move towards winter solstice and thus our inner light must increase. The midsummer sun, the outer light bringing with it the cosmic light and warmth must be internalized, so that humanity can shine from within. As Masons we understand the light shines from within and is to be shared through our actions and deeds.

As we pass through the heart of summer, one answer to the midsummer challenge can be: "My small all-too human ego, must decrease so that the greater cosmic Great Architect of the Universe may live through me, aligning and guiding my personal journey and morality within the cosmos."

## June Birthdays

Brother.....Anthony Basile  
 Brother.....William Johnson  
 Worshipful Brother.....Merritt Smith  
 Brother.....Kenneth Park  
 Brother.....Paul Stoltman  
 Brother.....William (Chip) Parfet  
 Brother.....Hemchandra Maheseth

## Golden City Lodge #1 A.F & A.M

### Events Schedule

- **June 6<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
Dinner at 6pm and Hawaiian Shirt Night
- **No meetings until September 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Pizza, Pool, and Darts**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6pm  
Come and enjoy some fellowship. Bring a friend.
- **Mt Zion OES Pancake Breakfast**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 8am to 11am. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, and hash browns

### Youth Group Information

#### Bethel #43 Job's Daughters

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:45pm  
(girls, 11-18 / jobs2be 8-10)

#### Columbine Assembly #96 Rainbow for Girls

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7pm  
(girls, 10-18 / pledges 8-9)

#### Golden Chapter Order of DeMolay

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7pm  
(boys, 12-18, squires 9-11)

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