



Marion Lodge #6 Trestle Board

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Pending Degrees/Affiliations

1st Degrees: 0
2nd Degrees: 0
3rd Degrees: 1
Affiliations: 0

Upcoming Dates

February 16
Stated Meeting
February 27
Iowa Education Conference – Des Moines Scottish Rite

From the East - A New Year

Happy New Year and greetings from the East! I would like to thank everyone who has given me the chance to serve you as Master for the ensuing year. I would also like to thank my newly elected and appointed officers and committeemen. Our installation of officers went very well and we had a full house in attendance. Grand Master Art Crandon acted as the installing Master, Don Stamy as the installing Marshal, Don Mosier as the installing Chaplain, and Josh Entler as the installing Secretary. All who came to the ceremony and those who joined us for dinner at Biaggi's afterward had an enjoyable time.

I think we will have a great year. We have decided to use the Lodge of the Year Award criteria as the basis for planning our activities this year. Basing the calendar on these criteria will help us have a balance of social, educational, and community service opportunities so everybody should be able to find something they will enjoy.

Whether you regularly attend or we haven't seen you in a while, we'd love to have you come out to one (or all) of our events and are looking forward to seeing you during the year to come.

Mark Cline – Worshipful Master

Marion #6 is Online

Can't come to lodge, but want to see what your Brothers are up to? Looking for something Masonic to learn about? Need to get in touch with the Secretary or Worshipful Master? Need a petition for that friend that you know should be a Brother? Marion #6 has a website that has solutions to all of these problems and more.

Webmaster Mike Moseley maintains our website which includes an up-to-date Google calendar that can be synched to your personal Google account and/or smart device, regularly updated Masonic education articles, a means to contact the Worshipful Master and Secretary, information on our lodge officers, and links to information on Masonry, the Grand Lodge of Iowa website, and important forms (petitions!!!). Please go online and check out the website.

Marion #6 is also on Facebook. Like our Facebook Page to follow our events, receive some Masonic education, and find your Brothers.

Website: <http://marion6.org>

Facebook: Marion Lodge #6 – Freemasonry

March 9
Marion #6 Hosts a Regional School

March 15
Stated Meeting & St. Patrick's Day Supper

April 2
Grand Lodge Library and Museum Tour

April 17
Masonic Presentation at the Marion Heritage Center

April 19
Stated Meeting

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From the Secretary

Greetings from the new Secretary! I'm currently working with the previous Secretary toward a successful transition. I am extremely thankful for not only his help with the transition, but for his efforts over the last several years. I plan on contacting all of our members over the course of the upcoming year in an effort to verify all of our contact information. This is to help us contact people easier than through the mail so we can more quickly notify people of upcoming events. If you know we do not have your current information, please contact me at

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or send me an email at secy.marionlodge6@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has mailed in their dues notices. I am currently processing through them and will have dues cards in the mail before long. If you haven't mailed one in yet, please do.

Jamie Johnson – Secretary

What is an allegory?

Freemasonry is said to be "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." Just what is an allegory?

Allegory is from two Greek words and means, "story within a story"—the Masonic story is told as a fact, but it presents the doctrine of immortality. Allegory, parable, fable, myth, legend, tradition, are correlative terms. The myth may be founded on fact; the legend and tradition more probably are founded on fact but the allegory, parable, fable, are not. Yet they may be "true" if "true" is not taken to mean factual. "In the night of death, hope sees a star, and love can hear the rustle of a wing" is beautifully true allegory, but not factual. All allegories may contain truth, without being fact.

The allegory of the Master's Degree is not true in any factual sense, except in the historical background from the Biblical account of the building of the Temple; that the Hiram's were Grand Masters, that the workmen on the building were Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons; that they met in various apartments of the Temple, with different numbers required for various quorums; that the events delineated in the ceremony actually happened, are not factual statements.

Yet the allegory is true in the best sense of the word, for the story of Hiram is the story of the dearest hope of mankind. It is a tale told in every religion. It is affirmation, by picture, drama, and story; of man's rugged faith that Job's immortal question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" must be answered in the affirmative. It is a Mason's observation that truth, slain by error, will be born again; it is the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Carpenter who died between two thieves. The Masonic allegory is true in the deepest sense of truth.

From the Grand Lodge of Minnesota