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MARCH 23RD STATED MEETING

June 1st at Unicoi Lodge #681 4120 Unicoi Dr., Unicoi, TN 37692. Eight members and visitors were in attendance. Brother George Walter Webster – Master presided. Unicoi Lodge #681 was thanked for their excellent hospitality.

Brother Mike Neulander, Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 138 gave a presentation on “Mozart the Freemason.” Brother Mike’s paper will be published in our 2024 Proceedings.

At the meeting, Sec/Treas Neulander reported that the Grand Secretary, MW Roy Etherton via phone call agreed that the wording in the TN Code which follows does indeed mean that TNLOR can accept petitions only from Prince Hall members of the Lodges in TN only recognized by our Grand Lodge. Our petition has been changed to read as follows: “Membership in the Lodge of Research shall be exclusively by Master Masons in regular standing in subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction or affiliated with Lodges in jurisdictions recognized by this Grand Lodge.”

NEXT MEETING DATE:

We will meet SATURDAY, September 14, at ARLINGTON LODGE #641 (Arlington, TN) [12044 Forrest St, Arlington, TN 38002](https://www.google.com/maps/place/12044+Forrest+St,+Arlington,+TN+38002)

Bro. George Ladd, III will deliver a paper written by our Senior Deputy Master – Bro. John Wiseman Simmons II, entitled “The Doors of the Israelite Temples.”

A meal will be served at 12:00 Noon Central Time. The speaking presentation will begin at 1:00 PM. The regular meeting of the TLR will begin following the speaking program.

REMAINING MEETINGS DURING 2024

December 21, 2024, Sparta Lodge #99 99 Masonic Dr, Sparta, TN 38583

IF THERE IS A BLACK DOT ON YOUR MAILING LABEL IT MEANS THAT YOU STILL OWE 2024 DUES OF \$10.00. IF THERE ARE TWO BLACK DOTS IT MEANS YOU OWE FOR 2023 DUES AS WELL FOR A TOTAL OF \$20.00 PLEASE BE SO KIND AND MAIL YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO TLR TO MY ADDRESS SHOWN IN THE TOP OF THIS BULLETIN.

Brethren, one of the hardest tasks for me as secretary is enlisting members to present a Masonic topic at our meetings. I implore any of you to contact me if you desire to make a Masonic presentation. I am happy to help you in any way should you be willing to help spread the "light of knowledge" to our members.

From **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY** by **ALBERT C. MACKEY M. D.**

http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/mackeys_encyclopedia/p.htm

FORM OF THE LODGE

The form of a Freemason's Lodge is said to be an oblong square, having its greatest length from east to west, and its greatest breadth from north to south. This oblong form of the Lodge, has, as Brother Mackey thought, a symbolic illusion that has not been adverted to by any other writer. If, on a map of the world, we draw lines which shall circumscribe just that portion which was known and inhabited at the time of the building of Solomon's Temple, these lines, running a short distance north and south of the Mediterranean Sea, and extending from Spain to Asia Minor, will form an oblong square, whose greatest length will be from east to west, and whose greatest breadth will be from north to south.

There is a peculiar fitness in this theory, which is really only making the Masonic Lodge a symbol of the world. It must be remembered that, at the era of the Temple, the earth was supposed to have the form of a parallelogram, or oblong square. Such a figure inscribed upon a map of the world, and including only that part of it which was known in the days of Solomon, would present just such a square, embracing the Mediterranean Sea and the countries lying immediately on its northern, southern, and eastern borders. Beyond, far in the north, would be Cimmerian deserts as a place of darkness, while the pillars of Hercules in the west, on each side of the Straits of Gades now Gibraltar might appropriately be referred to the two pillars that stood at the porch of the Temple. Thus, the world itself would be the true Freemason's Lodge, in which he was to live and labor. Again: the solid contents of the earth below, "from the surface to the centre," and the profound expanse above, "from the earth to the highest heavens," would give to this parallelogram definition which says that "the form of the Lodge ought to be a double cube, as an expressive emblem of the powers of light and darkness in the creation."

FORTY

The multiple of two perfect numbers four and ten. This was deemed a sacred number, as commemorating many events of religious signification, some of which are as follows:

The alleged period of probation of our first parents in Eden; the continuous deluge of forty days and nights, and the same number of days in which the waters remained upon the face of the earth; the Lenten season of forty days' fast observed by Christians with reference to the fast of Jesus in the Wilderness, and by the Hebrews to the earlier desert fast for a similar period; of the forty years spent in the Desert by Moses and Elijah and the Israelites, which succeeded the concealment of Moses the same number of years in the land of Midian. Moses was forty days and nights on the Mount. The days for embalming the dead were forty.

The forty years of the reign of Saul, of David, and of Solomon; the forty days of grace allotted to Nineveh for repentance; the forty days' fast before Christmas in the Greek Church; as well as its being the number of days of mourning in Assyria, Phenicia, and Egypt, to commemorate the death and burial of their Sun God; and as well the period in the festivals of the resurrection of Adonis and Osiris; the period of forty days thus being a bond by which the whole world, ancient and modern, Pagan, Jewish, and Christian, is united in religious sympathy. Hence, it was determined as the period of mourning by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction, United States of America.