

Brethren, family and friends of Clear Lake Callayomi Masonic Lodge,

Meeting announcement:

Tonight, Wednesday October 2 is our October Stated Meeting. No one volunteered to provide a meal, so there will not be one, so the temple board meeting will be at 6:00. Stated at 7:00.

It is still hot, (it's supposed to hit 100 by 5:00 this evening), so will still be in summer dress: long pants, button up or Polo shirt. Tie and jacket not required.

I will send out a separate notice about the installation of officers for next year. I think I know the date, but best to wait until after tonight's meeting to make sure it's firmed up.

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Some of you hate it, and some of you love it. Others ignore it. So whether this raises your ire, your boredom, or your fascination, here is a short article for you:

Michael's Masonic Esoterica

Freemasonry is integrity and fidelity of trust. Integrity means we are honest to our core. Honest in our dealings with people, but most importantly honest with ourselves. Fidelity of trust means we will keep a secret. We swear to keep certain Masonic things secret, but I have a large library of books that dissect our secret words, tokens, symbols, our obligations and our footwork. These things we keep secret are not really so secret.

But there is a secret, and what is secret, what cannot be spoken of and cannot be written about, is the core mystery of Freemasonry. This core secret requires integrity, for if we are not honest about who we are, we miss out on the lesson of Freemasonry. This core secret requires fidelity of trust, for this brings us to a realization of who we really are.

This core secret is embodied in the Worshipful Master presiding under the very symbol of this core secret. The secret is not math and angles, though math and angles lead to it. The quotation from Genesis in the first degree was your first level of awakening to this secret and the tolling bell in the 3rd degree completed this awakening in you. You are not aware that this awakening has happened, for the secret of Masonry is not for you the thinker, the seer, the seeker to know. Indeed this awakening can not be known by the thinking individual, though awareness of the awakening will forever change your perceptions of the observable space and your relationship with it.

Everything that Freemasonry does is to awaken that eternal presence that is this moment. Note, not 'in' this moment, rather 'is' this moment. This moment is a constant expression of the Great Architect's immediate presence.

You can't know this thing that awakens because you are the thing you want to know. You seek something, but the thing you seek is the seeking itself. This sounds convoluted but actually is extremely simple. All that is, is a perfect union of incommensurate conjugate pair attributes. These attributes arise as the observable space, which includes the observing self. These incommensurate conjugate pair attributes of the Great Architect's immediate presence arise in harmony and perfection. At the core, this very moment right now is the perfect inertia of the One thing becoming. The One thing expresses as the arising of conjugate pairs. They are incommensurate because one can not exist without the other, and at

their core they are the One thing that is the Great Architect's enduring eternal perfect Presence. The rising is illusory, as the One thing is what is real, and this moment, right now, is the only real time.

This One thing is represented by the most enduring secret symbol of Freemasonry, the Point Within a Circle; the Monad, and can be experienced by being in this moment, this very moment, right now. One can't "move" into this moment, because that would suggest there is something outside of this moment where you are right now. One can't meditate or pray to arrive at this moment, because that would suggest there is a path to take to arrive at this moment. The thinking person does not exist in this moment, so can not make any effort to arrive at this moment, for after all, you are already here. This moment is right now. Relax all effort. Relax all identification, and rest right here, right now.

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