

Mandarin Masonic Lodge No. 343 F.&A.M.

February 2023

From the East...

Brothers,

I am humbled to be installed as your Worshipful Master. I take this responsibility very seriously and pledge to guide the lodge and leave it in better condition to grow into the future. I never knew how heavy a jewel around my neck could be until that evening and I heard the words "behold your Worshipful Master".

The primary instrument I will use to accomplish this task is YOU. I know that I cannot do it alone, just as any single one of you cannot do it either. It will take all of us. I am looking forward to working with each of you to not only accomplish this for Mandarin Lodge but also prepare each of you for what you want to accomplish in your Masonic journey.

Fraternally,

Ed Mann, Worshipful Master

From the South...

Brethren,

Last Night I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt "

(A master masons Poem)

Last night I knelt where Hiram Knelt

and took an obligation

and now I'm closer to my God, for I am a master Mason .

The heretofore my fellowman seemed each one like the other,

today I search each one apart, I'm looking for "My Brother".

And as I feel his friendly grip it fills my heart with pride I know that
while

I'm on the square that he is on my side .

His footsteps on my errand go if I should such require, His prayer will
plead

in my behalf If I should such desire.

My words are safe within his breast as though within my own, his hand
forever on my back to help me safely home. Good counsel whispers in my ear
and warns of any danger, By the square and compass, "Tis Brother Now!"

Who once would call me stranger.

I might have lived a normal life and risen to distinction without my
brother's helping hand

and the fellowship of Masons. But God who knows how hard it is to resist
life's temptations

knows why I knelt where Hiram Knelt and took that obligation.

Author Unknown

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2023 COMMITTEES

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PAST MASTERS

1962 <i>C. P. Munger</i>	1983 <i>J. R. Knight Jr.</i>	2004 Charles Higgins
1963 <i>C. E. Futch</i>	1984 John Porter Huffman	2005 James C. Ruoff
1964 <i>W. H. Ange</i>	1985 Richard Gale Hornbrook	2006 David M. L. Randall
1965 <i>Walter Wilson Powell</i>	1986 <i>Richard Faye Mauro</i>	2007 William E. Avera III
1966 <i>M. D. Bish</i>	1987 Donald Wyman Carter	2008 George S. Blum
1967 Billy Collier	1988 <i>Joseph J. Frederickson</i>	2009 Eddie E. Bides
1968 <i>T. "Ira" Higginbotham</i>	1989 Christopher C. Ramsayer	2010 Nate Vargo
1969 <i>C. J. Bowden</i>	1990 Anthony "George" Colson	2011 Larry M. Rogers
1970 <i>R. L. Flynn</i>	1991 Henry B. Tucker	2012 Mike Minter
1971 C. R. Bell (PDDGM)	1992 Elva Ray "Pete" Copeland	2013 Larry M. Rogers
1972 John Ammond Peoples Jr.	1993 Walter Manfred Pace	2014 George Sarkees III
1973 <i>Earl Davis Waldrep Sr.</i>	1994 <i>Lenwood Earl Bucks</i>	2015 Angelo Echevarria
1974 <i>Donald E. Bush</i>	1995 <i>Gerald Dean Pugh</i>	2016 Jeff Starke (PDDGM)
1975 <i>Earl Herndon (PDDGM)</i>	1996 Earnest Jackson Strange	2017 David J. Gilpin
1976 <i>M. C. Cassidy</i>	1997 Jimmy J. Pace	2018 Todd Conner
1977 Nicholas Manos	1998 <i>Siegfried Rohrbacher</i>	2019 Todd Conner
1978 <i>Cecil Lenard Platt</i>	1999 Randy Carter	2020 Lou Govreau
1979 <i>Cedric Frank Thompson</i>	2000 <i>Paul Johnston</i>	2021 John Young
1980 <i>G. Grayson</i>	2001 John Downes	2022 Jeff Starke (PDDGM)
1981 <i>T. Thompson</i>	2002 Charles Benham	<i>Bold italics indicate the Brother has</i>
1982 <i>Jerry Johnson</i>	2003 Larry M. Rogers	<i>passed to the Celestial Lodge.</i>



FEBURARY 2023

- 1 DeMolay Stated Meeting 7pm
- 2 Lodge Stated Meeting
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting
- 4 DeMolay Pancake Breakfast
Mandarin Lodge 8-11am
- 7 Coffee Klutch 8am
Order of Eastern Star
Stated Meeting
7:30pm
- 8 DeMolay Practice/Fellowship
7pm
- 14 Coffee Klutch 8am
- 15 DeMolay Stated Meeting
7pm
School of Instruction
Callahan Lodge
FC Degree
- 16 Third Thursday TBD
- 21 Coffee Klutch 8am
Order of Eastern Star 7:30pm
- 22 DeMolay Practice/Fellowship
7pm
NEFMA
Grand Lodge 6:30pm
- 28 Coffee Klutch 8am

MARCH 2023

- 1 DeMolay Stated Meeting
7pm
- 2 Lodge Stated Meeting
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Meeting
- 7 Coffee Klutch 8am
Order of Eastern Star
Stated Meeting
7:30pm
- 8 DeMolay Practice/Fellowship
7pm
- 14 Coffee Klutch 8am
- 15 DeMolay Stated Meeting
7pm
School of Instruction
Riverside Lodge
MM Degree 1st Section
- 16 Third Thursday TBD
- 21 Coffee Klutch 8am
Order of Eastern Star 7:30pm
- 22 DeMolay Practice/Fellowship
7pm
NEFMA
Duval Lodge 6:30pm
- 28 Coffee Klutch 8am
- 31 BeefEaters TBD

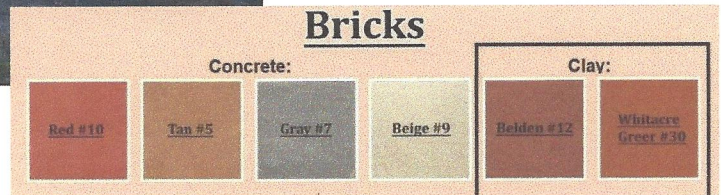
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CHARACTERS AND SPACING

How many letters or characters can be engraved on a brick/tile?

How many lines can fit on a brick/tile?

Depending on the font, 18 to 20 spaces per line (including blank spaces and punctuation) is our standard for engraved bricks without clip art.

Below you will find our recommended number of spaces and lines.

Brick Size	Text Only	With Clip Art/Logo
4" x 8"	Up to 20 spaces, 3 lines	Up to 15 spaces, 3 lines
8" x 8"	Up to 20 spaces, 6 lines	Up to 20 spaces, 5 lines
12" x 12"	Up to 20 spaces, 8 lines	Up to 20 spaces, 7 lines
Tile Size	Text Only	With Clip Art/Logo
4" x 8"	Up to 20 spaces, 3 lines	Up to 15 spaces, 3 lines
8" x 8"	Up to 20 spaces, 6 lines	Up to 20 spaces, 5 lines
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Brothers,

I know each of you have a desire to improve yourselves in Freemasonry as I do. As I do research and come across reference material I will share with you for your benefit. There is not a better way to improve ourselves then that of studying history and learn from others in our Fraternity. Happy reading.

Fraternally,

WM

Masonic Reference

(These references will be very beneficial to those doing research.)

The Bible

Coil, Henry Wilson, *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*, 1961.

Denslow, William R., *10,000 Famous Freemasons*, 1957.

Henderson, Kent, *Masonic World Guide*, 1984

Not a book to read but one that gives detail and addresses of Grand and local lodges worldwide, plus what to expect if visiting internationally. A directory of rules for visitations to lodges worldwide and tips for the traveling Mason.

Little Masonic Library, Vols. I – V, Macoy Publishing Co.

Five volumes of essays on many aspects of Freemasonry. Articles by Claudy, Pike, Pound, etc.

Morris, S. Brent, *Masonic Philanthropies – A Tradition of Caring*, 2nd. Edition.

Roberts, Allen E., *Who Is Who in Freemasonry*.

Van Gorden, John H., *Medieval Historical Characters in Freemasonry*, Masonic Book Club, 1987.
Biographies of 47 historical individuals.

Van Gorden, John H., *Ancient and Early Medieval Historical Characters in Freemasonry*, Supreme Council A.A.S.R., N. M. J., 1986.

Waite, Arthur Edward., *A New Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, Vols. I and II, Weathervane Books, New York, 1970.

Working of the Lodges

(Books that are focused on the current ritual and workings of lodges as well as the administration of lodges and other Masonic bodies.)

Claudy, Carl H., *The Master's Book*, 1935.

For the Warden preparing for his term as Worshipful Master.

Roberts, Allen E., *Masonic Lifeline – Leadership*.

A manual for “growing” leaders of Freemasons.

Beaumont, John E., *Freemasonry at the Top*.

Easy to read and helpful to those who would be our leaders.



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