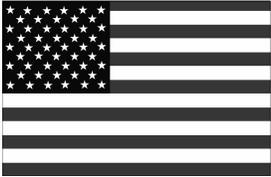




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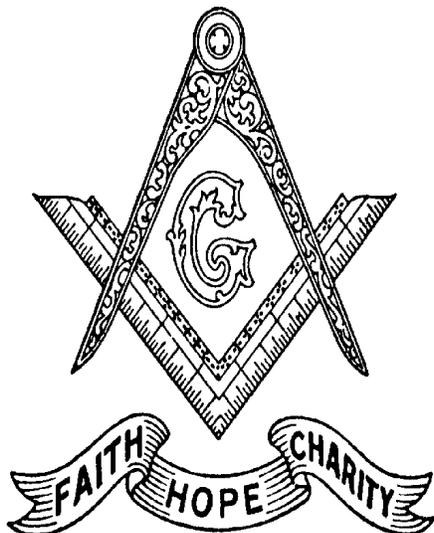
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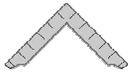
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FROM THE EAST

Brethren, It's been a very interesting year so far. We received the MW: Grand Master Thursday, January 4th. After a very lengthy discussion, it was decided that Lone Grove Lodge will host a District #36 School of Instruction the last weekend of February. We will also have a few lodge schools so that we can choose our instructor. I'm looking forward to the year ahead. I think Lone Grove Lodge can once again be one of the best Lodges in the state. We need to come together and remember what Masonry is all about. It's about making good men better, not stabbing each other in the back. This includes all masons not just those in the local blue lodge but even the Grand Lodge. I encourage all of our members to attend our district school and our lodge schools. As learning the work will help to improve Masonry and our Lodge.

~ JACK D. JONES, II ~
Worshipful Master

If a house be divided against itself that house cannot stand. MARK 3:25

As a badge of a Mason, the Lambskin Apron spells out integrity, honesty of purpose, probity of character, and soundness of moral principle.

INNOVATIONS

You admit that it is not in the power of any man or any body of men, to make Innovations in the body of Masonry.

<http://www.la-mason.com/frm-stb.htm>

Sometimes to stand in the shadow is to stand in the light.

~ RALPH PARKS ~

Nothing except the love of The Great Architect of the Universe is inevitable.

<http://www.freemason.org/cfo/septemberoctober2000/indiana.htm>

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2007 LODGE OFFICERS & INSTALLING OFFICERS
from left to right front row
 Senior Warden ~ Brandon Gosdin
 Worshipful Master ~ Jack Jones, II
 Junior Warden ~ Steven Smithers
Installing Officers
 W: Mark McMurray
 W: Dean Swiney
back row
 Treasurer ~ W: Neal Stitt
 Chaplin ~ W: Bob Williams
 Senior Deacon ~ Bryan Graham
 Secretary ~ W: Danny Barnett



Lone Grove Chapter #484 Order of the Eastern Star has consolidated with Mattie Bruce Chapter #440 that meets in Ardmore Masonic Lodge #31 Hall on the first Monday of the month. Study session on the 2nd Thursday of the month. All members are encouraged to attend.

A guide post never gets anywhere, but it points the way!
 ~ BROTHER CARL H. CLAUDY ~

We must ever keep in mind the fact that the strength of Masonry is in the ideal of Universality. It has never offered a prescribed religion, but has forever offered the inspiration for the individual Mason to grow in his religious beliefs.

Make gold potable, and you will have the universal medicine.

<http://www.mastermason.com/>



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Looks as though we are going to have several exciting years with our recently installed young officers. Our Worshipful Master through our Junior Deacon are all in their early (30's) thirties and are very enthused on promoting Freemasonry. All members are urged to actively support our young Masonic leaders endeavors to enhance our Lodge future. May God bless and guide them.

~ DANNY B. BARNETT ~
Secretary

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.
 PSALM 119:105

Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice, Faith, Hope, and Charity

Just because the secrets have been made public doesn't mean everyone knows the mystery of Masonry. In fact, much of the appeal of the Craft is that the great truths revealed in Masonic ritual can take years to understand. Like the building of any great structure, the powerful metaphors and symbols of Masonry build character ~ and sometimes greatness ~ one stone at a time.

<http://askafreemason.org/topten/index.htm>

That best portion of a good man's life; His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

~ WILLIAM WORDSWORTH ~

God Bless America

Freemasonry is a worldwide fraternity which encourages good fellowship, peace, love, harmony and charitable enterprises. It is inclusive of all traditions, nationalities and religions.
<http://www.irishfreemasons.com/>

IS FREEMASONRY A CHARITY?

No. Masonic principles teach the value of relief ~ or charity ~ and Freemasons give more than million a day, of which more than 70% of these donations support the general public. Among their works are the Shriners Hospitals for Children with 22 sites throughout North America, including a burn center in Boston and an orthopedic facility in Springfield; almost 225 Learning Centers helping children with dyslexia and speech and hearing disorders; the Masonic Youth Child Identification Program (MYCHIP), and the Masonic Angel Foundation, providing modest assistance to children and adults in local communities who do not fit the criteria for usual social~services. Most recently, the Masonic Service Association of North America entered into an agreement with the USO to participate in Operation Phone Home: a campaign to provide United States Military Service Personnel serving overseas with prepaid international phone calling cards. There are numerous other worthy causes and groups that local Lodges contribute to and help in their communities.

Freemasonry is a fraternal society of men that are bound together by invisible and indissoluble ties of brotherly affection, unselfish care and concern.
~ MW: **BILL JONES** ~
Past Grand Master of Arkansas



Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

~ THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED ~

WHAT IS THE SCOTTISH RITE?

The Scottish Rite is one of the two branches of Freemasonry in which a Master Mason may proceed after he has completed the three degrees of Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry.

The other branch is known as the York Rite, consisting of Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters, and Knights Templar. The Scottish Rite includes the degrees from the 4° to the 32°. The use of the word "Scottish" has led many Masons to believe that the Rite originated in Scotland. There was also a false belief which persisted for many years, that a man had to go to Scotland to receive the 33°.

Neither of these statements is true. Actually, the first reference to the Rite appears in old French records where the word "Ecosais," meaning Scottish, is found.

During the latter part of the 17th Century, when the British Isles were torn by strife, many Scots fled to France and resumed their Masonic interests in that country.

It is believed that this influence contributed to the use of the word "Scottish."

We are poised on the ledge, and can either fall into oblivion, or turn around and head in a direction different from the one we are going
<http://www.freemasoninformation.com/>

Take a smile from someone else and pass it on.

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In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth. The Earth was without form, and void. And darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved across the waters, and God said: 'Let There Be Light', and there was Light.
GENESIS 1:1~3

Brother Masons have told me that Freemasonry is what ever you make out of it.
http://www.kendallodge897.org/about_masonry.htm

*The Mason's ways are
A type of existence,
And his persistence
Is as the days are
Of men in this world.
The future hides in it
Gladness and sorrow;
We press still thorow
Naught that abides in it
Daunting us--onward.*
~ **BROTHER JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE** ~ German poet

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JANUARY 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<u>1st</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM New Year's Day	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting RGLO 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
<u>7th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>8th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>12th</u>	<u>13th</u>
<u>14th</u>	<u>15th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	<u>16th</u>	<u>17th</u>	<u>18th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>19th</u>	<u>20th</u>
<u>21st</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>22nd</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>23rd</u>	<u>24th</u>	<u>25th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>26th</u>	<u>27th</u>
<u>28th</u>	<u>29th</u>	<u>30th</u>	<u>31st</u>	<i>Behold! How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. PSALM 133:1</i>		

Vote For The Good Of The Order

When we become Masons, we are not guaranteed to evolve into infallible individuals incapable of doing wrong. It is not difficult to stray from that path of honesty and integrity as mapped out to us in our Masonic teachings. Throughout our degree work we are constantly reminded what will be expected of us. The exultant duties we owe to God, our families and our fraternity are key elements of these constant reminders. When we are called to vote on petitions, candidates or for the election officers, we are always told, "Brethren, we are about to ballot... Be careful of your ballot and vote for the good of the Order." Sometimes we forget this admonition and do not take our voting rights seriously, casting ballots that could be devastating. If a vote is cast for any reason other than "for the good of the Order," then it is wrong. When we cast a ballot, our minds should be clear of any prejudices and guided by sound Masonic principles. Our vote should be for "the Good of the Order."

~ BROTHER ELDRED P. GILMORE, JR. ~ Germania Lodge #46

Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those applications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

~ BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON ~

FEBRUARY 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<u>1st</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting <u>7:30 PM</u> Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>2nd</u> Ground Hog Day 	<u>3rd</u>
<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>
<u>11th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting <u>2:00 PM</u> Lincoln's Birthday	<u>12th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting <u>7:00 PM</u> Lincoln's Birthday	<u>13th</u>	<u>14th</u> Valentines Day 	<u>15th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting <u>7:30 PM</u> Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>16th</u>	<u>17th</u>
<u>18th</u>	<u>19th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice <u>7:00 PM</u> President's Day	<u>20th</u>	<u>21st</u>	<u>22nd</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees <u>7:00 PM</u> Washington's Birthday	<u>23rd</u> District #36 School of Instructions Buddy Mackey Instructor Lone Grove #25	<u>24th</u> District #36 School of Instructions Buddy Mackey Instructor Lone Grove #25
<u>25th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>26th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>27th</u>	<u>28th</u>	<p><i>Patience is MORE than a virtue in life. It is a necessity for maturity and a prerequisite for spiritual growth.</i></p>		

What is the Order of Rainbow for Girls?

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is an organization for young women between the ages of 11 and 20, regardless of race, creed or color. A girl is recommended by another member, or by a member of the Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star or Amaranth. Masonic heritage is not a requirement for membership. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend meetings and activities. Founded in Oklahoma in 1922, Rainbow currently has Assemblies in 46 States and 8 foreign countries.

The initiation ceremony of Rainbow is an inspiring and colorful one. The meanings of the Rainbow of colors are explained and Rainbow Girls are responsible for conducting all business and planning all activities of their Assembly while adult advisors are always available to provide guidance, stability and interpret rules. The Order believes that a girl benefits most when she is given a "hands-on" experience so that all major decisions are made by the members of the Assembly through their regular order of business.

What Rainbow teaches.

The underlying goal of Rainbow is to teach a girl the importance of being a good citizen and to reinforce the differences between right and wrong. By participating in planned activities, a girl begins to practice the values that she is taught in Rainbow. By participating in service projects, she learns firsthand the pleasure of helping those less fortunate. Through fundraising projects, she learns the importance of generating revenue and helping the Assembly meet its expenses. Fun activities and visitations provide the members an opportunity to relax, experience something new, and make new friends. Rainbow is dedicated to helping young women develop leadership, positive character strengths, and other important life skills. Rainbow makes a difference in a girl's life and Rainbow Girls make a difference in the lives of those around them.

MARCH 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<u>1st</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u> Temples DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>
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<u>18th</u>	<u>19th</u> Temples DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>20th</u>	<u>21st</u>	<u>22nd</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>23rd</u>	<u>24th</u>
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*Some years ago a Grand Master from another jurisdiction visited a Lodge in a small town near his home. The crowd was small even though it was an "open" meeting which family members and non masons could attend. The Grand Master was obviously disappointed and asked the Worshipful Master. "How could this happen especially since my visit was preannounced. " He was told "This Lodge is dead. " The Grand Master replied, "If the Lodge is dead, we must have a funeral service. " He commanded the Worshipful Master to summon all his members to a special meeting. At the appointed hour, the Grand Master entered the Lodge Hall, followed by his officers bearing a closed coffin, which they placed on a stand between the Altar and the East. After the Grand Master made his introductory remarks concerning the purpose of the meeting, he caused the coffin to be opened and ordered all members to march around the coffin, at the same time looking inside. All they saw was a mirror which reflected the image of each Mason. The Grand Master told them the lesson they learned was, "If a Lodge is dead, you are dead, because you are the Lodge." I read the above story in a Masonic publication 10~15 years ago. I do not remember the name of the author, nor if the facts were as written here, but the message is the same.
~ RAY W. BURGESS, P.G.M. ~ Louisiana Freemason Magazines Editor*

FREEMASONRY is a MORAL ORDER, instituted by virtuous men, with the praiseworthy design of recalling to our remembrance the most sublime TRUTHS, in the midst of the most innocent and social pleasures, ~ founded on LIBERALITY, BROTHERLY LOVE and CHARITY. It is a beautiful SYSTEM of MORALITY, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. TRUTH is its centre, ~ the point whence its radii diverge, point out to its disciples a correct knowledge of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the moral laws which he has ordained for their government. http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonic_manual/introduction.htm

**WILL A SECRETARY
GET TO HEAVEN?**

If a secretary writes a letter
~ it's to long.
If he only sends a postcard
~ it's to short.
If he fails to send a notice
~ he's lazy.
If he attends a
committee meeting
~ he's buttin' in.
If he stays away
~ he's shirking.
If he duns a member for dues
~ he's insulting.
If he fails to collect dues
~ he's slipping.
If he seeks advice
~ he's incompetent.
If he does not
~ he's bull-headed.
If he writes a full report
~ it's to long.
If he condenses
~ it's incomplete.
If he expresses himself
on any subject
~ he's trying to run things.
If he says nothing
~ he's lost interest.
So ashes to ashes and dust to
dust if no one else will do it
~ the secretary must!
~ BRO. DONALD L. THORNE ~

In this resistance the true Mason
searches for indications of personal
flaws in order to put them on
his agenda for correction.
Tabernacle Masonic Lodge #1195
AF&AM, Fort Worth, Texas

**FREEMASONRY IS NOT A
FORM TO BE FOLLOWED
BUT A FORCE TO
GUIDE OUR LIVES!**

The strength of Masonry is in the
tolerance and understanding
of those of many beliefs who
unite in Love, the pinnacle
of all religions.

WHAT IS MASONRY?

It's not a sign or handshake, a hall
where tillers sit, It's not a guarded
building, where passwords will admit,
It's not a place of symbols, which
Wardens oft display, It's not a lodge
of members, who meet in white array.
It is the home of justice, of liberty
and truth, Of loyalty to country,
of sympathy for youth, Of succor
for a brother, of gentleness and
cheer, Of tolerance for neighbors,
whose life is often drear.
~ BROTHER WALTER H. BONN ~

Worshipful" is an Antique English
title that means,
"Honorable" or "Respectful".

It does NOT mean "worship" in any
religious sense of the word at all.

As we continue to improve ourselves in
Masonry, we are indeed improving life.
We know from history that without
ideals to guide us, the garden
of a man's life will not grow
into a place of beauty.
~ BROTHER STANLEY F. MAXWELL ~

In modern usage, the term "dictator"
is generally used to describe a leader
who holds an extraordinary amount of
personal power, especially the power to
make laws without effective restraint
by a Legislative assembly. It is
comparable to (but not synonymous
with) the ancient concept of a tyrant
although initially "tyrant," like
"dictator," was not a negative term.
A wide variety of leaders coming to
power in a number of different kinds
of regimes, such as Military junta,
Single party state and civilian
governments under personal rule,
have been described as dictators.

To seek more light and to follow it
is the desire of every Freemason.
~ BROTHER W. HOWARD COOP ~

Freemasonry is the essence of "looking
for the good, beyond the external."
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Brothers Tim &
Michael McCullers

Freemasonry embraces the
highest moral laws and will
bear the test of ethics or
philosophy ever promulgated
for the uplift of man.
BRO. DOUGLAS McARTHUR

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
YOUTH ORDERS.
THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.

God Bless America

LONE GROVE LODGE FAMILY



Lone Grove Masonic
Lodge #25



International Order
Of Job's Daughters
Bethel #8



Templars DeMolay
Chapter

WE WISH THESE
BRETHREN A HAPPY
AND BLESSED BIRTHDAY

01-02- Michael Edward Brooks
01-03- Eldon Lee Clark
01-05- Samuel W. Karr, Jr.
01-07- John Clinton Pruitt
01-07- Kenneth Wayne Brown
01-12- Lester Louis Stewart
01-14- Chester Francis Fry
01-14- Barnes Eugene Turner
01-17- Ronald Lee Loyd
01-18- Neil Allen Stitt
01-18- Jacob Warren Vines, IV
01-25- Byrl Vernon Howard
01-26- Cecil Monroe Colson
01-28- Jesse Everett Cross
02-01- John Willard Burkett
02-08- Ronald Wayne Davis
02-12- Hullen Boyd Musgrave
02-16- Johnnie Carl Crutchfield
02-17- Aldon Keith Martin
02-18- Raymond Lewis Turner
02-20- Teddy Wayne Hammer
02-24- Terry Gifford Jones
03-02- Herman Floyd Godwin
03-03- Paul Gene Hughes
03-12- Robert Joseph Williams
03-12- Joe Neil Carrell
03-17- Ralph Myron Cochran
03-19- Shawn Brian Allen
03-20- Michael Rex Kerley
03-21- Craig Carlton Cummins
03-30- Melvin David Vernon

SQUARE & COMPASSES

A symbol of restraint; of the principle tenets of the Order; of Skill and knowledge, since without their use, a square cannot be erected and without a square, a temple cannot be built.
<http://www.mastersjewel.com/masons/symbols/sandc.htm>

Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promote of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother.
BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON

MASTER MASON'S
MASONIC BIRTHDAY

(date raised)

01-04-1957- Alvie H. Ogle
01-06-1954- Byrl Vernon Howard
01-09-1997- Ronald Wayne Davis
01-16-1981- Phillip Eugene McBain
01-22-1998- Joe Barnes
01-24-1984- Stanley Eastman Foster
01-24-1991- Danny Boye Barnett
01-31-1953- John Clinton Pruitt
02-04-1080- Billy Ray Christian
02-06-1976- Charles David Bone
02-11-1960- Lester H. Thompson
02-11-1982- Jesse Everett Cross
02-11-1993- Owen Earl Russell
02-12-2002- Dale Eugene Wade
02-14-2002- Colby Ree Eastman
02-15-1990- Keith Gerard Miles
02-16-1958- Chaunce Arlie Bean, Jr.
02-16-1990- Paul Gene Hughes
02-16-1996- Timothy Joe McCullers
02-17-1958- Donald Douglas Davenport
02-17-2001- Jacob Warren Vines, IV
02-22-1962- Lester Louis Stewart
02-28-2004- James Edward Tackett
03-01-1968- Charles J. Taylor
03-08-2001- Jay Floyd Christian
03-09-1947- Robert Cosbey Phillips
03-10-1950- Tommie Wilburn Crowell
03-13-1947- Burney Combs Cope
03-20-1952- Clyde Dempsey Akers
03-20-1981- John Wilford Dark
03-22-1957- Robert Joseph Williams
03-22-1997- Grant H. Adams
03-23-2001- Jack Dean Jones II
03-23-1965- Joe Neil Carrell
03-26-1996- Byron Vance Porter

Freemasonry is an order whose leading star is philanthropy and whose principles inculcate an unceasing devotion to the cause of virtue and morality.
~ BRO. MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE ~

It is most true, the Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be true, and seek to find and learn the Truth, are the great objects of every good Mason.
~ BRO. ALBERT PIKE ~
Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country.
~ BRO. MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE ~

BROTHERLY LOVE
RELIEF
TRUTH

Brotherly Love means to act in word and deed as a brother to all Masons ~ but not without conditions. Every Freemason makes a solemn promise never to use his membership improperly, especially by either seeking or granting favors at the expense of others. Relief means charity. As well as being charitable in nature, all Freemasons are encouraged to contribute financially to Masonic Charities according to their ability, though never at the expense of their families or other personal obligations.

Truth simply means what it says. Every Freemason must promise to be a law abiding citizen and honest and truthful in his dealings with all other people ~ not just fellow Masons.

What is a man without energy?
Nothing. Nothing at all.
~ BRO. MARK TWAIN ~

ACACIA

In Freemasonry, the acacia is preeminently the symbol of the immortality of the soul. It presents itself to the Master Mason to remind him, by its evergreen and unchanging nature, of that better and spiritual part within us which, as an emanation of the Great Architect, can never die. As Masons we are taught that by "the evergreen and ever living sprig" we are strengthened in hope and "with confidence and composure to look forward to a blessed immortality." The ancients believed the acacia to be incorruptible and, therefore, free from attack by all insects and animals, thus symbolizing the incorruptible nature of the soul.
<http://www.tracingboard.com/acacia.htm>

Wisdom ~ Strength ~ Beauty