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Three Pillars

The number three is referenced and visible many times in our lodges.



The inherent stability of three is observed in the three-legged stool which can stand securely on any surface.

In our first degree we were instructed that the Three Pillars are the Supports of our Lodge.



(The three-pillar-group, in every ancient mystery or religious system where it occurred as such, was the presentation, symbolically, of a triad – a set of three things considered as a unit.)

We were informed that the Three Supporting Pillars of the Lodge are Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty – wisdom to contrive, strength to support, and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings.

Through the lectures, the Lodge is presented as representing the World. Therefore, we can conclude the ultimate significance of the Three Pillars.

They are, considered as a group, the symbol of Him Whose Wisdom contrived the World, Whose Strength supports the World, Whose Beauty adorns the World – Deity.

[based on a paper by H.A. Kingsbury
in The Builder magazine October 1917.]

Other Threes

Take a few minutes to consider the threes that you can observe in the lodge.

Here are a few:

there are the three great lights, the triangular flap on our aprons, the triangles around the indented skirting, the three principal officers, the three degrees, the three knocks, the three gestures in giving grand honours, the three motions of the sign of distress, the three gestures used at a masonic funeral observation.

The Egg



During the springtime, the egg is symbolic of new life, a new beginning, and the circle of life.

This symbol is evident at Easter, which in itself is a celebration of the pre-Christian fertility goddess Eostre who gives her name to the hormone Estrogen.

The subsequent celebration of Christ's death and resurrection meant that the egg kept its significance as a symbol of hope and a new life.

In the past, Christians gave up eggs for Lent (the 40 days before Easter when it is customary to give up different types of food). But even though people didn't eat them, the hens kept laying them! So people would hard boil and decorate them. This would help preserve them longer and they then served as part of the holiday festivities.

The practice of decorating eggshells is ancient. Ostrich eggs with engraved decoration that are 60,000 years old have been found in Africa.

Significant Dates

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 3: Good Friday

April 5: Easter Sunday

April 9: Official visit to Copestone Lodge

April 14: Official Visit to St. Mark's Lodge

April 26: Divine Service for Niagara B

Time to Adjust

Just as New Year's Day is associated with making life-improving resolutions, so spring time prompts us to focus on projects and adjustments to our personal lives.

Just as sap begins to flow in the trees, so our energies begin to be directed to inter-personal relationships. [Valentines Day would be more in keeping with our moods if it were held in April.]

Knowing Each Other

A couple were listening to the minister talk about the way couples drift apart because of not sharing their thoughts and preferences.

"For example, men, do you know what your wife's favourite flower is?"

The lady saw her husband smile, so she asked him if he knew what it was.

"Sure, it's Pillsbury, isn't it?"

Let's Talk

One resolution we can make now is to communicate more with the people we interact with. Discussions can be sparked by comments such as "What did you think of that?" or "I don't understand how they can do such things".

The following list of observations are meant to be mildly amusing, but might motivate you to consider your own attitudes and preferences and they can also lead to discussion with whomsoever is present in your life.

Most of the conversation will be pleasant exchanges which will re-establish your shared values, but sometimes there can be provoking disagreements. Don't hide from those; they can be illuminating if you accept them as healthy differences rather than as threatening challenges.



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What do You Think?

Beauty is only skin.

When a man brings home flowers for not reason, there's a reason.

It was easy to spot a married couple this winter: the husband was the one who entered the car from the left or street side; the wife was the one who climbed over the snowbank on the right side.

Every man should spend a term in the military. He would learn to make beds, take orders, not to volunteer, and many other skills that he will need when he's married.

The man who says that marriage is a 50/50 proposition doesn't understand two things:

- (a) women;
- (b) fractions.

Don't fixate on making ends meet. Just about the time you do, your wife moves the ends.

Women: before you accuse your husband of infidelity, pause to reflect: he must have been faithful to you dozens of times.

Marriage is like a cafeteria: you take what looks good to you and pay for it later.

The honeymoon is really over when he phones to say that he will be late for dinner and she has already left a note telling him that it is in the refrigerator.

When a man puts his foot down it means that his wife has finished vacuuming under his chair.

Two can live as cheaply as one used to.

A fool and his money are soon popular.

Two women were talking:

"You gave away my secret."

"I did not. I exchanged it for another."

Doctors tell me that drinking is bad for us, but I see a lot more old drunks than old doctors.

If you can sleep like a baby, you don't have one.