



Sioux Falls Freemasons The Trestle Board

*Three Lodges,
One Brotherhood*

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Lessons from the East

by Brian Pulling, WM Minnehaha #5

Well my time in the East is at its end and I have to say that I loved and learned from every minute of it. I think I maybe tried to do too much but I accomplished what I could. It has been fun to work with the other Masters and the other Lodges to put on degree work with each other and courtesy work for each other's Lodges. It was a blast to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with our Brothers and the appendant bodies and I hope that event grows each year.

There were things we all wish we could have done better or differently, but in the end, I think we did fulfill our overall goal of working together as one Brotherhood. WM Bloch's goal of getting a degree schedule in place was a huge help in that. WM Weatherford's excitement around reaching out to Brothers who have been too long away from Lodge and helping the community sparked a lot of ideas between the Lodges. Speaking for what I am seeing in Minnehaha #5, there is a sense of excitement in the Lodge and an energy that I think everyone is finding refreshing. We have raised new Masons of all different ages and we are starting to see a Lodge that is more reflective of our community here in Sioux Falls which is fantastic!

I do want to offer some advice, for what it is worth, to the incoming Masters and to those

who sit in the East in the future. (1) PM Schendel was right; you can only do about 3 big things well during your year. I would urge each of you to pick 3 things you really want to accomplish and get to work on them. I would suggest mapping out 3 actions that need to be done to support each major goal and then 5 steps to take to meet each of those actions that support their goal. (2) PM Rice was also correct when he told me as soon as you really start to hit your stride as WM, your year will be just about over. I really enjoyed sitting in the East and would happily do so again if called upon. There were things that I left undone or didn't start so I will pass those on to the next WM to see if he wants to pick them up knowing I will be there to support him. (3) Please seek the counsel of your Lodge. You're in the East because your fellow Brothers have trust and faith in you. Please talk to your PMs and listen to their counsel. Managing by absolute rule has never been my style so I sought out advice from Brothers and brought virtually everything up to be voted on by the body. Remember, you need them more than they need you.

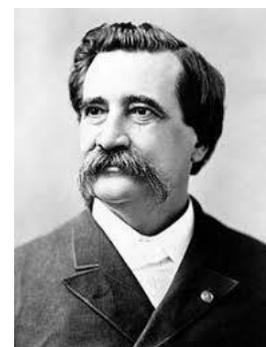
To you three new Worshipful Masters, know that I am here to support you and provide you with an attentive ear. Best wishes Brothers!!



Your Masonic Education

A little article about the Installation Charge from our Brothers to the North.

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by Wade Welding, SW Minnehaha #5

A Better Man

My journey to the level of Senior Warden has been a learning experience. Each level has its own obligations and rewards. Now I have to admit, I was fast paced through one level to another, but I have still learned what responsibilities there are in each office. As a Junior Deacon we are responsible for attending to all alarms at the inner door, passing messages from the Junior Warden to the Senior Warden and elsewhere about the lodge.

As a Senior Warden I was taught that his responsibility is to at the workmen's brakes, supplying them with nourishment then call them back to work at the order of the Worshipful Master. As a Senior Warden this becomes more responsible. His duty is to pay the workmen their wages if any are due and see that none go away dissatisfied. This position also is the leader of the Lodge at the absence of the Worshipful Master

As Senior Devon, I have never had the privilege of holding this position, but it still is a very important role for the Masonic Lodge. Senior Deacons are the Messengers of the lodge. They are to welcome and introduce candidates and visitors. He assists the Worshipful Master in carrying messengers between the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden. He has a vital role in the opening and closing of the Lodge. In a sense, he is the manager of the Lodge.

It has come to a point of my life to step down as an officer, due to ongoing problems with my health. My health is more important and I needed to take that time off. I will not be leaving lodge just sitting on the side watching and assisting as I am able.

I have learned a lot so far with the Masons and I am becoming a better man.



A Word from the Junior Wardens

by Jerry Grouzis, JW Minnehaha #5

A Year of Learning

I am about to end the year I spent as the Junior Warden of Minnehaha Lodge #5 and it's been an excellent experience. I had the privilege to help raise new members and help with many aspects of the degree work. In the process, I have learned many new things.

As the Junior Warden, it wasn't that hard to memorize my part but executing it in front of my Brothers and mentors was a different story. Having a part that was the same no matter how we opened or closed, gave me the opportunity to watch and study my next position as Senior Warden.

I know there's a lot to memorize as Senior Warden but speaking with some of the other brothers about putting in all the work, they told me "don't worry about making mistakes". Everyone makes them and being a Mason is a life-long commitment and I have

plenty of time to get it right. This helped set my mind at ease a bit.

This year I was given a small part as the Wayfaring Man in the Master Mason Degree work. It was fun learning the part and performing it. Every morning I would recite my lines in front of my son and WOW, is he a tough critic. I'm looking forward to getting another small part to learn in the future and building on my experience and knowledge.

This year, I was also asked to be a part of the MBA (Masonic Building Association) Committee. I'm hoping my experience in construction and building maintenance brings some solid input to the table. I am excited about the contributions I hope to be able to make.

This year has come and gone very quickly but I'm looking forward to my new position as Senior Warden and also attending Grand Lodge later this year.



THIS MONTH'S EDUCATION TOPIC

Your Masonic Education

by R W Bro Wally Marner

The Canadian Installation Charge

Editor's Note: Brothers, I ran onto this article on The Masonic Trowel Website and I found the words very moving, especially as we move towards Grand Lodge. I have some issues with the "submit and obey" part but otherwise it is a wonderful charge.

Brethren, following is the general charge given at the completion of the installation of the worshipful master and investiture of the officers in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This lecture, although partially used in other jurisdictions, in its complete form is unique to our jurisdiction.

I find this to be the most impressive charge of all Masonic lectures and one which can, and should, be shared with those both within and without the Craft. I offer it as a sign of peace to all.

Brethren, such is the nature of our institution, that while some must of necessity rule and teach, so others must of course learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty. The brethren elected and appointed to assist in the government of this lodge are too well acquainted with the principles of Freemasonry and the rules of propriety to exceed the power with which they are entrusted, and you are of too generous a disposition to envy their preferment. I, therefore, shall trust that we have but one aim, to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

Masonry, my brethren, according to the general acceptance of the term, is an art, founded on the principles of geometry and directed to the service and convenience of mankind; but, Freemasonry, embracing a wider range, and having a nobler object in view, namely the cultivation and improvement of the human mind, may with more propriety be styled a science, inasmuch as availing itself of the term of the former it inculcates principles of the purest morality, though veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. To draw aside this veil, therefore, or more properly speaking, to penetrate throughout it, is the object of rulers in

Freemasonry, and by a careful and appropriate attention to them, we may hope,

ultimately, to become acquainted with all its mysteries.

Freemasonry, from its origin to the present time, in all its vicissitudes, has been the steady unvarying friend of man. It has (in the language of an eloquent brother) gone forth from age to age, the constant messenger of peace and love; never weary, never forgetful of its holy mission, patiently ministering to the relief of want and sorrow, and scattering with unsparing hand blessings and benefits to all around. It comforts the mourner, it speaks peace and consolation to the troubled spirit, it carries relief and gladness to the habitations of want and destitution, it dries the tears of the widow and the orphan, it opens the sources of knowledge, it widens the sphere of human happiness, it even seeks to light up the darkness and gloom of the grave by pointing to the hopes and promises of a better life to come. All this Freemasonry has done, and is still doing. Such is Freemasonry, and such its mission; and we should never forget, while enjoying its benefits and appreciating its value, the duties we owe to the Order; for there is no right without a parallel duty, no liberty without the supremacy of the law, no high destiny without earnest perseverance and no real greatness without self-denial.

A Freemason's Lodge is the temple of peace, harmony and brotherly love; nothing is allowed to enter which has the remotest tendency to disturb the quietude of its pursuits. A calm enquiry into the beauty of wisdom and virtue, and the study of moral geometry, constitute the chief employments in the tyled recesses of the lodge. The lessons of virtue which proceed from the east, like rays of brilliant light from the rising sun, illumine the west and the south, and as the work proceeds, are carefully imbibed by the workmen. Thus while wisdom contrives the plan, strength lends its able support to the moral fabric, and beauty adorns it with curious and cunning workmanship. All this is accomplished without any compulsory or coercive means, but on the principle of friendship and brotherly love, which guards the precincts of our temple that nothing may enter to disturb the peaceful sanctity of that holy place.

Masonic Website of the Month!



MASONIC ENLIGHTENMENT
Online Masonic Education & Research Lodge

Masonic Enlightenment is an online education and masonic research lodge that provides esoteric, and ancient mystery school masonic education. This website is not connected to any blue lodge or masonic body and operates as an independent, online masonic education and research lodge, free from any constraints of any grand lodge. This website is the creation and the work of one Master Mason, who has built something for the benefit of our Craft and for anyone interested in esoteric Freemasonry.

<https://masonicenlightenment.com/>

Masonic Phone App of the Month!



The Common Gavel

Maynard Edwards Social
Everyone

Contains Ads
This app is compatible with all of your devices.

Add to Wishlist

The official monthly podcast of the Grand Lodge of Maryland AF & AM, focusing on news and happenings in the Maryland Masonic family.

This easy to use app puts every episode at your fingertips. It's free and easy to use.

FAST FACTS

Anderson's Constitution originally stated that a Freemason can "never be a stupid Atheist nor an irreligious libertine", but this was later modified in 1815 to "let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may", professing freedom of religion and of worship.

The object, however, of meeting in the lodge is of a two-fold nature, namely moral instruction and social intercourse. Our meetings are intended to cultivate and enlighten the mind, to induce the habit of virtue and to strengthen the fundamental principles of our order: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. And if these meetings are blended with social mirth, and a mutual interchange of fraternal feelings, then Freemasonry will be shown in its true light, as an institution which fosters and improves the best affections of our nature, and carries into active operation the practice of the four cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, combined with the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity, thereby demonstrating to the world at large that in Freemasonry is to be found the true import of the three great social treasures: Fraternity, Liberty and Equality. Therefore the utmost extension of fraternal feeling and affections which can exist between man and man is expected to be displayed amongst the brethren in a Freemason's lodge, and then will be attained the chief point in Freemasonry, namely, to endeavor to be happy ourselves, and to communicate that happiness to others.

Before I conclude my brethren, let me portray to you the ideal of a Freemason.

If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who without blemish fulfills his duties as a man, a subject, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and who aids his fellowman without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger.

The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity; who, in nature, sees the finger of the Eternal Master; who feels and adores the higher destination of man; to whom Faith, Hope and Charity are not mere words without any meaning; to whom property, nay, even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defense of truth.

The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbor; who endeavors to oppose errors with arrogance, and to propagate intelligence without precipitation, who properly understands to estimate and employ his means; who honors virtue though it be in the most humble garment, who does not

favor vice though it be clothed in purple; and who administers justice to merit whether dwelling in palaces or in cottages.

The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, will do, can do, but where need is, will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion, and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work; but who then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude, because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good.

If you, my brethren, meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.

Finally, my brethren, as our fraternity has been formed and maintained in perfect unanimity and concord, in which we all greatly rejoice, so may it continue until time shall be no more. May kindness and brotherly love distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons. Within your peaceful walls may your children's children celebrate with joy and gratitude the annual recurrence of this auspicious solemnity. And may the genuine tenets of our time-honored institution be transmitted through your lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

News to Know!

Don't Forget to Send in Your Stories, Pictures and Events!

Brothers please remember to send anything that you want included in the Trestle Board to your Worshipful Masters whose e-mail addresses can be found on the last page of the newsletter. We have gotten some good feedback on the new Trestle Board and we would like to keep highlighting our Brothers.

Squires and DeMolay will be raising money for Cancer Research in June.

The Squires and DeMolay will be collecting for the American Cancer Society in June. Be on

the lookout for chances to donate at your Lodge meetings and at the Shrine on Wednesday nights.

We Need Brothers to Join Committees!

Brothers if you are interested in any of the committees listed on page 7 please make sure you reach out to your WM and let him know. WM Pulling has asked the other WMs to find willing participants to be named to these committees during the next Masonic Term. Hopefully we will see some of our newest members joining these committees as part of their Masonic journey.

The Knights of St. Andrew are Growing!

The KSA is growing quickly. They already have 12 members with another 5 Scottish Rite Masons expressing interest. If you are a Black Cap and want to join please contact one of the members below. If you are a Red or White Cap you can still join as an Emeritus Member (you just won't have voting rights). If you are interested please contact:

Brendan Lutz – Venerable Master
(brendenlutz2@gmail.com)
Brian Pulling – Senior Warden
(barrister1965@gmail.com)
Gavin Wigg – Junior Warden
(gavin@steamdigital.com)
Tim Schendel – Secretary/Treasurer



From the Bodies of the Lodges

Minnehaha #5

Minnehaha #5 will be holding its inaugural Past Masters Banquet before their June stated meeting. They are hoping to have as many Past Masters present as possible. They will also be naming their Mason of the Year as well as covering some of the year's accomplishments.

They are also proud to announce that three of their members attended the Scottish Rite Reunion in May and are now 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons.

Unity #130

Unity is winding down their year in style. They held their Past Masters Banquet in May where they awarded Most Worshipful Grand Master DaNiel Wood their award for Craftsman of the Year.

Trinity #200

Trinity is preparing to go dark after their June stated meeting and the Grand Lodge Communication. They have had a very good year raising new Master Masons and are looking forward to the new officers taking their chairs in September.



Masonic Lodge of the Andaz Hotel

This room was hidden in the Great Eastern Hotel, near London's Liverpool St. Station. Built in 1884, it was an opulent and lavish hotel. But as the tourism industry boomed and less people used the trains, the hotel fell into disrepair. It was scheduled for renovations when they found a room that wasn't on the blueprints, hidden behind a wall. It was a studded oak door.

What they found was a secret and forgotten Masonic chamber, dating back to 1912. It looked like a Grecian Temple, with an organ, hand-carved mahogany chairs, 12 different types of marble on the floor and a gorgeous domed ceiling with hidden insignias and zodiac signs.

Masonic Spotlight!



Freemasons and Memorial Day

Major General John A. Logan was one of the most famous and popular Union generals of the Civil War. He was born in Kentucky and moved to Illinois as a young man before the war broke out.

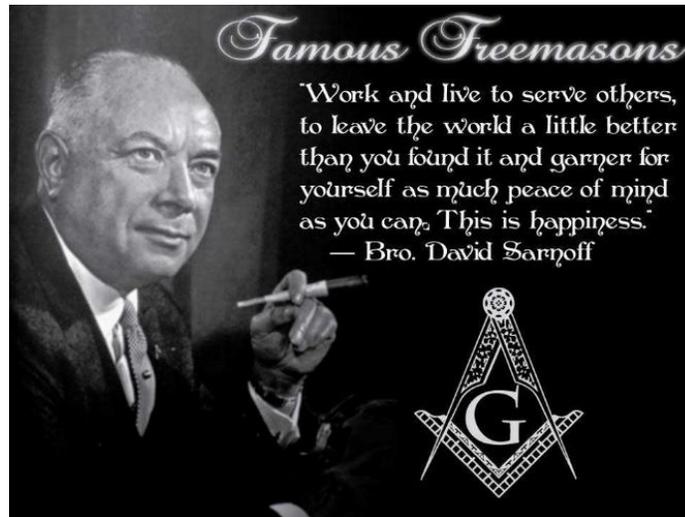
After the war, John Logan became a senator and a staunch supporter of the cause for Veterans. He was one of the primary advocates for creating what eventually came to be called Memorial Day as a national holiday.

Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) was officially declared on May 5th, 1868 by General Logan in his role as national commander of the fraternal group, the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30th of that year when flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. As a result of his own personal circumstances and his experience during the war, he was uniquely qualified to establish this national day of healing for observance and memory of the fallen soldiers.

Brother Logan was raised as a Master Mason in Mitchell Lodge #85 in Pinckneyville, IL. He was a York Rite Mason and Templar in Chicago where he was also a member of the Scottish Rite and elected to be coroneted at 33 Degree in 1886 but died before it could be conferred.

An Influential Brother

Bro. David Sarnoff

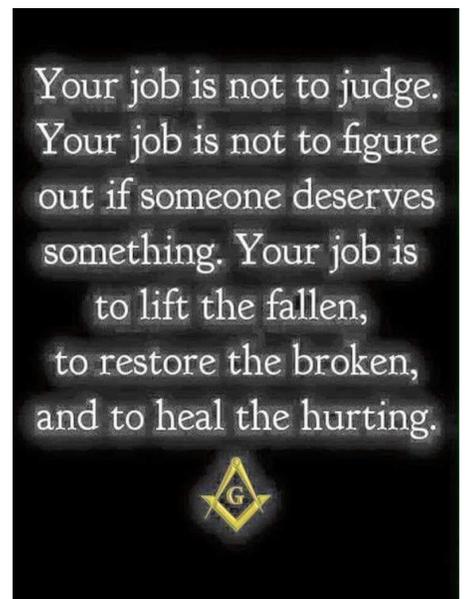


Bro. Sarnoff was a member of Strict Observance Lodge No. 94, NY and was a pioneer in bringing early radio and television to the masses

Brothers to Keep in Our Thoughts

Wade Welding's condition has continued to decline. He received some news at the Mayo Clinic last week that was not what they had hoped. As he stated in his article he is stepping out of the officer chairs to focus on his health.

We also had a Brother who had a close friend take his own life. Please remember that we are here to support each other and if you have having difficulties please reach out to a Brother or contact the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.



Committee Cornerstones {We need Brothers!}

by Your Committee Representatives



Good Works and Outreach Committee

This Committee is in charge of finding opportunities within the community to do good works, finding ways to help Masonic widows, and working with the other Masonic organizations to aid in charitable efforts. This Committee will also work to find opportunities to reach out to the community and get Freemasonry noticed again.



Masonic Education Committee

This Committee will be charged with keeping the Brothers tools from gathering dust. This can be done by coming up with presentations that can be carried out in each Lodge or inviting in speakers on things that may be interesting to the Brothers. This Committee will also help with things like putting together education packets for new Masons.



Mentoring Committee

This Committee will be charged with helping set up guidelines for vetting potential candidates and finding committed Masons to act as mentors to new brothers. This Committee will find ways to help shepherd new Brothers through their first year of membership.



Ritualistic Excellence Committee

This Committee will be charged with helping conduct our rituals at the highest levels. This Committee will help train Brothers with an interest in learning rituals as well as helping everyone get sharper at their ritual work. This Committee will help build degree teams as well as educating those who are interested in having a deeper understanding of our rituals.



Communication and Technology Committee

This Committee will be charged with helping all of our Brothers stay informed of Masonic happenings around the city, state and region. This Committee will also be in charge of our on-line presence and ensuring that we are communicating with our Brothers in ways that are most impactful to them.



Masonic Building Association Committee

The books have been balanced and the account has very little money in it. The Committee is looking for recommendations for how to cut costs in the building or raise revenues through rentals. The biggest cost currently is utilities. If you can think of any ways to help please let your Lodge representative know so we can try to avoid a per capita increase.

Calendar of Events

Minnehaha Lodge #5

Stated Meeting: First Thursday of the Month
Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm
Degree Work: Will be scheduled in the next Masonic Term

Unity Lodge #130

Stated Meeting: Second Thursday of the Month
Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm
Degree Work: Will be scheduled in the next Masonic Term

Trinity Lodge #200

Stated Meeting: First Monday of the Month
Dinner at 6:30pm, Lodge at 7pm
Dark: July and August
Degree Work: Will be scheduled in the next Masonic Term

Cigar Lodge

Date and Time: Contact Bro. Kyle Orth

Masonic Stag Night

Date and Time: Second Saturday of the Month
7-9pm (maybe longer)
Masonic Center Basement
Contact Bro. Brian Pulling
(Dark May - August)

High Twelve Lunch

Date and Time: Thursdays, 11am-1pm at the Royal Fork

Good Works and Outreach Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Masonic Education Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Mentoring Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Ritualistic Excellence Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Communications and Technology Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Masonic Building Association Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Scottish Rite

Stated Meeting: Second Tuesday of the Month at 5:30pm
Degree Work: Third Tuesday of the Month, Spring Reunion Degree Work May 17th and 18th

Knights of St. Andrew

Stated Meeting: Second Tuesday of the Month at 7pm

York Rite

Stated Meeting: First Tuesday of the Month at 7pm
Dark: July and August

DeMolay and Squires

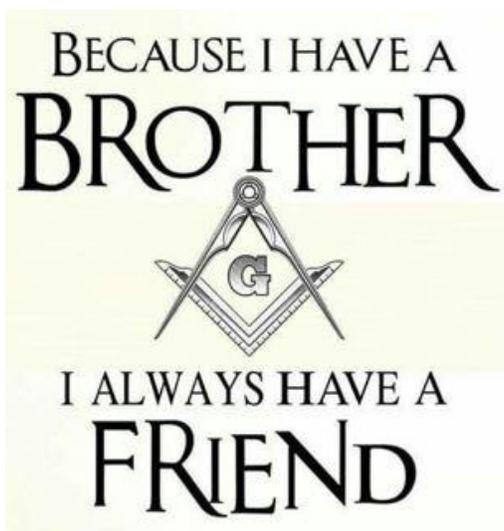
Stated Meeting: First and Third Monday of the Month
Squires meet from 6pm – 7pm
DeMolay meet from 7pm – 9pm

Monthly Shrine Rush Party

Third Wednesday of the month at the Shrine Temple

Shrine Spring Ceremonial

Date and Time: Saturday 5/4 at 9:30am, El Riad Shrine



Part Upon the Square

A WM Poem of Thanks

BY ANONYMOUS

THE FAITHFUL FEW

When the Master calls to order
And you look about the room
You're sure to see some faces
That from the shadows loom;

They are always at the meetings
And stay 'till they are through;
The ones that I would mention
Are the Always Faithful Few

They fill the vacant offices
As they are always on the spot,
No matter what the weather
Though it may be awful hot.

It may be dark and rainy,
But they are tried and true;
The ones that you rely on
Are the Always Faithful Few.

There are many worthy members
Who will come when in the mood,
When everything's convenient
They can do the Craft much good;

They have knelt around our altar
And are necessary, too;
But the ones who never fail us
Are the Always Faithful Few.

If it were not for these Brothers
Who put their shoulders to the wheel,
And keep our Lodges moving forward
So their light they may reveal,

The Craft could never flourish,
Its work it could not do,
It would shrink and slowly perish
But for these Faithful Few.



I hope I speak for all of us WMs this past year in saying that it has been our honor and privilege to be of service to the Craft and to our respective Lodges. I know it is an experience I will never forget.

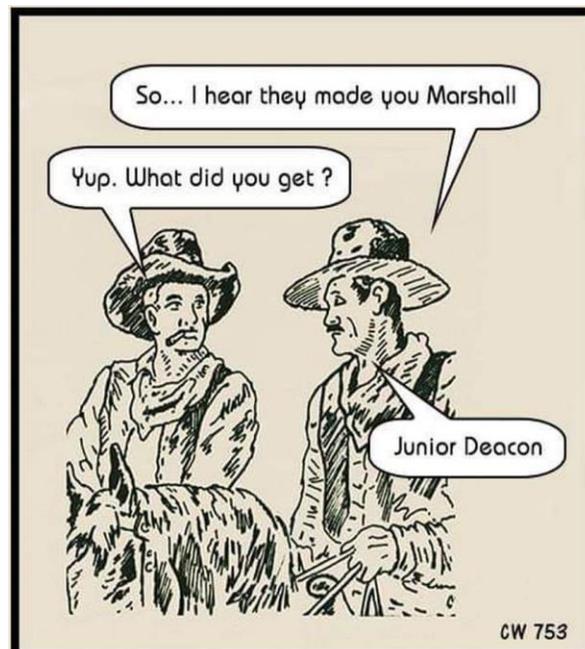
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The Final Funnies



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