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M. Fred Wellman	*	1965-66
Edward L. Lowe	*	1966-67
Thomas E. Walters	*	1967-68
Gayland D. Sisk, Sr.	*	1968-69
Reo C. Knowles	!	1969-70
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John W. Brady	*	1978-79
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Words from the Past

Recently, I overheard two brothers. One said, “See you at floor practice on Tuesday?”. To which the other replied, “Nope, I know the work and don’t need to be there”. Now granted, this brother indeed does know the ritual very well. But he totally is missing something important. While he himself may not need it, others do. And those others that do, cannot learn unless he shows up to teach. So the saying, “It’s not all about you”, would seem to fit this situation pretty well.

Just for the sake of this discussion, let’s “make up” three levels of proficiency in the ritual. Let’s say that someone is either a Novice, an Expert, or is someone who was once really good, but now is a little Rusty. If you are a novice, then you are lucky that your brothers consistently show up to be available to help you. If you are rusty, then you too are lucky that your brothers come to help you, and also you should be there to assist the novices to the extent you can. Don’t sell yourself short; even if you are not perfect, you can still help someone. Lastly, if you are an Expert, then why are you not showing up to share the knowledge you have been blessed with?

The bother who said, “I don’t need to practice” is probably the man who needs to be there the most. He may not realize it, but even though he doesn’t need it for himself, he definitely needs to be there for someone else.

Ron Wise, PM

Ernest Borgnine January 24, 1917 – July 8, 2012
Melrose Lodge No. 63, California

Borgnine's parents separated when he was two years old, and he and his mother lived in Italy. By 1923, his parents had reconciled, the family name was changed from Borgnino to Borgnine. The family settled in New Haven, Connecticut, where he attended public schools. Borgnine took to sports while growing up, but showed no interest in acting.

Borgnine joined the United States Navy in October 1935, after graduation and he served aboard the destroyer USS Lambertson and was honorably discharged from the Navy in October 1941. After World War II, we wanted no more part in war. I didn't even want to be a boy-scout. He took a local factory job, but was unwilling to settle down to that kind of work. His mother told him that his personality would be well suited for the stage.

He studied acting and graduated, auditioned, and was accepted as an intern to the Barter Theatre it was named that because it allowed audiences to barter produce for admission during the cash-lean years of the Great Depression.

In 1949, Borgnine went to New York, where he had his Broadway debut in the play Harvey.

In 1951 Borgnine moved to Los Angeles, where he eventually received his big break in Columbia's From Here to Eternity. (1953)

He gained an Academy Award for Best Actor over Frank Sinatra, James Dean and former Best Actor winners Spencer Tracy and James Cagney for his role in Marty.

In 1962, Borgnine he signed a contract with Universal Studios for the lead role in a comedy called McHale's Navy. In 1966 low ratings and repetitive storylines brought McHale's Navy to an end.

In 1996, Borgnine toured the United States on a bus to meet his fans and see the country. The trip was the subject of a 1997 documentary, Ernest Borgnine on the Bus. He also served one year as the Chairman of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, visiting patients in many Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers.

In 2000, Borgnine received his 50-year pin as a Freemason in Abingdon Lodge No. 48, Abingdon, Virginia. He joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Los Angeles in 1964, received the KCCH in 1979, was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1983, and received the Grand Cross of the Court of Honour in 1991.

Borgnine died of kidney failure on July 8, 2012 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California with his family at his side.^[22] He was 95 years old.

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September 2015

Calendar

Tuesday	Sept 1	6:30 PM	-	Light Meal
		7:00 PM	-	Study or Degree Work
Thursday	Sept 3	1:00 PM	-	Beauceant
Thursday	Sept 3	6:30 PM	-	Covered Dish Dinner
		7:30 PM	-	RS OES 1086 Stated Meeting
Tuesday	Sept 8	6:30 PM	-	Family Night
			-	Covered Dish Dinner
Saturday	Sept 12	10:00 AM	-	Templar OES Stated Meeting
Saturday	Sept 12	1:30 PM	-	RS Rainbow Stated Meeting
Tuesday	Sept 15	6:30 PM	-	Light Meal
		7:00 PM	-	Study or Degree Work
Thursday	Sept 17	1:00 PM	-	Beauceant
Tuesday	Sept 22	6:30 PM	-	Light Meal
		7:00 PM	-	RS Lodge Stated Meeting
Thursday	Sept 24	6:30 PM	-	Covered Dish Dinner
		7:30 PM	-	Dallas #1 OES Stated Meeting
Tuesday	Sept 29	6:30 PM	-	Dinner
		7:00 PM	-	RS Lodge Stated Meeting
Thursday	Oct 1	1:00 PM	-	Beauceant
Thursday	Oct 1	6:30 PM	-	Covered Dish Dinner
		7:30 PM	-	RS OES 1086 Stated Meeting