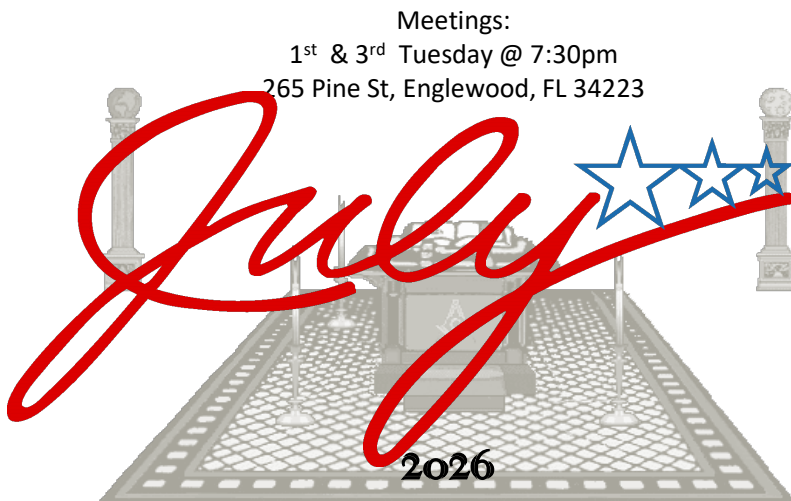


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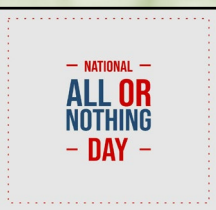


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12		14 Practice / Officer Meeting 6:30	15	16		18
19	20	21 Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30		23 MMA 6-8:30pm Peace River 66	24	25
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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

-Chicken BBQ Dark until October

**-Masonic Clay Shoot Oct 26th 2026
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



July 5

Dwight Phelps

July 11

Mark Baltimore

July 13

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July 14

David Hirtle

July 15

Edward Avanc

July 18

Glenn Harmon

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Lou Kelly

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Mickey Mullins

July 31

Dana Morgan

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

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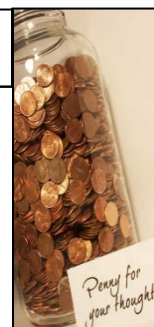
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Scott Nicklas

7 Years

Steve Miller

Jason Sisson



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FROM THE EAST

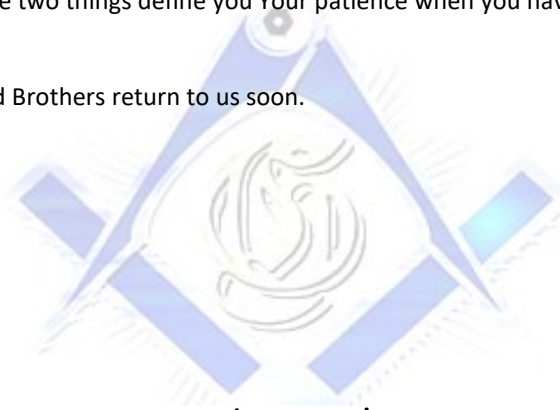


My Brothers, This is the year of the Veteran. If you are a Veteran, we ask that you bring a photo of yourself to be hung on our Wall of Honor. We had our 2nd annual Table Lodge last month. Thank you to everyone who made this a huge success. This year we were honored to have the Grand Line attend our event, adding to the excitement. District 23 shines again. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

And now for a little Masonic wisdom: In life two things define you Your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything

God Bless and stay safe. May our snowbird Brothers return to us soon.

07/07/26 1st Stated meeting
07/21/26 2nd Stated meeting
07/23/26 MMA meeting Peace River



In your service

W.M.: Darrell LaCourse PM, Englewood Lodge 360



FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

As we celebrate the month of July and our nation's Independence Day, we are reminded that the freedoms we enjoy were earned through courage, sacrifice, and an unwavering commitment to principles greater than ourselves. Those same ideals—integrity, honor, charity, and brotherly love—are the foundation upon which our fraternity has stood for generations.

This month, I encourage each of us to continue building not only our lodge but also our communities. Extend a helping hand where it is needed, welcome a new face with genuine fellowship, and strive each day to be an example of the teachings we have promised to uphold. A strong lodge is built by Brethren who show up, support one another, and labor together with pride and purpose. Every degree, every meeting, and every act of service strengthens the bonds that unite us.

As we gather with family and friends this Independence Day, let us also remember those who secured our liberty and those who continue to protect it today. May we honor their sacrifice by living lives worthy of the freedoms we have been blessed to receive.

I look forward to seeing each of you in lodge this month as we continue our work together, always seeking more light and leaving our fraternity stronger for those who will follow.

Fraternally, Brother Jeff McAlpine
Senior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360



FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. As we move into the month of July, I would like to share a few updates and reminders from the South.

Lodge Fellowship & Refreshments-We will continue to gather for fellowship prior to our stated meeting/Communication the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30, meetings start a 7:30. I encourage everyone to come early, enjoy the meal, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. If you are able to assist with meal preparation, setup, or cleanup, your help is always appreciated.

Upcoming Events-

Chicken BBQ's – Dark until October Spaghetti Dinner – Dark until October

Wellness & Brotherhood- If you know of any Brother who is ill, distressed, or in need of assistance, please notify the Worshipful Master or myself. Let us remain mindful of our obligation to care for one another and to extend relief where needed.

Fraternally, Brother Destrey Robbins
Junior Warden, Englewood Lodge 360





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Brethren,

July is a month that reminds us of both freedom and responsibility. As we celebrate our nation's independence, we are reminded that true liberty is sustained by honor, integrity, and a willingness to serve others—qualities that are also at the heart of our Masonic obligations.

As we reach the midpoint of the year, it is a good time to reflect on our own progress. Have we lived according to the lessons of the Craft? Have we strengthened our Lodge through our attendance, participation, and encouragement of one another? Every meeting attended, every new Brother welcomed, and every act of kindness performed helps build a stronger fraternity.

Our Lodge continues to thrive because of the dedication of its members. I encourage each of you to invite a Brother back to Lodge, mentor those who are beginning their Masonic journey, and look for opportunities to serve both our fraternity and our community. May you and your families enjoy a safe and memorable July. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge as we continue our work together in friendship, fellowship, and brotherly love

Fraternally, W. Mickey Mullens, P.M.
Chaplain



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Suncoast Court will not have any meetings in July and August.
 We hope that everyone has a great summer.

Have a happy, healthy and great summer vacation and happy and safe July 4

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The Cable-Tow

(reprint from 3-26)

By Joseph Fort Newton ((1876–1950) was an American Baptist minister, theologian, and author known for his writings on Freemasonry and spirituality. He gained prominence for his book *The Builders* (1914), which remains one of the most widely read works on Masonic philosophy and history.)

The Cable-Tow, we are told, is purely Masonic in its meaning and use. It is so defined in the dictionary, but not always accurately, which shows that we ought not depend upon the ordinary dictionary for the truth about Masonic terms. Masonry has its own vocabulary and uses it in its own ways. Nor can our words always be defined for the benefit of the profane.

Even in Masonic lore the word cable-tow varies in form and use. In an early pamphlet by Pritchard, issued in 1730, and meant to be an exposure of Masonry, the cable-tow is called a “Cable-Rope,” and in another edition a “Tow-Line.” The same word “Tow-Line” is used in a pamphlet called “A Defense of Masonry,” written, it is believed, by Anderson as a reply to Pritchard about the same time. In neither pamphlet is the word used in exactly the form and sense

in which it is used today; and in a note Pritchard, wishing to make everything Masonic absurd, explains it as meaning “The Roof of the Mouth!”

In English lodges, the Cable-Tow, like the hoodwink, is used only in the first degree, and has no symbolical meaning at all, apparently. In American lodges it is used in all three degrees, and has almost too many meanings. Some of our American teachers — Pike among them — see no meaning in the cable-tow beyond its obvious use in leading an initiate into the lodge, and the possible use of withdrawing him from it should he be unwilling or unworthy to advance.

To some of us this non-symbolical idea and use of the cable-tow is very strange, in view of what Masonry is in general, and particularly in its ceremonies of initiation. For Masonry is a chamber of imagery. The whole Lodge is a symbol. Every object, every act is symbolical. The whole fits together into a system of symbolism by which Masonry veils, and yet reveals, the truth it seeks to teach to such as have eyes to see and are ready to receive it.

As far back as we can go in the history of initiation, we find the cable-tow, or something like it, used very much as it is used in a Masonic Lodge today. No matter what the origin and form of the word as we employ it may be

— whether from the Hebrew “Khabel,” or the Dutch “cabel,” both meaning a rope — the fact is the same. In India, in Egypt and in most of the ancient Mysteries, a cord or cable was used in the same way and for the same purpose.

In the meaning, so far as we can make it out, seems to have been some kind of pledge — a vow in which a man pledged his life. Even outside initiatory rites we find it employed, as, for example, in a striking scene recorded in the Bible (I Kings 20:31,32), the description of which is almost Masonic. The King of Syria, Ben-hada, had been defeated in battle by the King of Israel and his servants are making a plea for his life. They approach the King of Israel “with ropes upon their heads,” and speak of his “Brother, Ben-hadad.”

Why did they wear ropes, or nooses, on their heads? Evidently to symbolize a pledge of some sort, given in a Lodge or otherwise, between the two Kings, of which they wished to remind the King of Israel. The King of Israel asked: “Is he yet alive? He is my brother.” Then we read that the servants of the Syrian King watched to see if the King of Israel made any sign, and, catching his sign, they brought the captive King of Syria before him. Not only was the life of the King of Syria spared, but a new pledge was made between the two men.



The cable-tow, then, is the outward and visible symbol of a vow in which a man has pledged his life, or has pledged himself to save another life at the risk of his own. Its length and strength are measured by the ability of the man to fulfill his obligation and his sense of the moral sanctity of his obligation — a test, that is, both of his capacity and of his character.

If a lodge is a symbol of the world, and initiation is our birth into the world of Masonry, the cable-tow is not unlike the cord which unites a child to its mother at birth; and so it is usually interpreted. Just as the physical cord, when cut, is replaced by a tie of love and obligation between mother and child, so, in one of the most impressive moments of initiation, the cable-tow is removed, because the brother, by his oath at the Altar of Obligation, is bound by a tie stronger than any physical cable. What before was an outward physical restraint has become an inward moral constraint. That is to say, force is replaced by love — outer authority by inner obligation — and that is the secret of security and the only basis of brotherhood.

The cable-tow is the sign of the pledge of the life of a man. As in his oath he agrees to forfeit his life if his vow is violated, so, positively, he pledges his life to the service of the Craft. He agrees

to go to the aid of a Brother, using all his power in his behalf, “if within the length of his cable-tow,” which means, if within the reach of his power. How strange that any one should fail to see symbolical meaning in the cable-tow. It is, indeed, the great symbol of the mystic tie which Masonry spins and weaves between men, making them Brothers and helpers one of another.

But, let us remember that a cable-tow has two ends. If it binds a Mason to the Fraternity, by the same fact it binds the Fraternity to each man in it. The one obligation needs to be emphasized as much as the other. Happily, in our day we are beginning to see the other side of the obligation — that the Fraternity is under vows to its members to guide, instruct and train them for the effective service of the Craft and of humanity. Control, obedience, direction or guidance — these are the three meanings of the cable-tow, as it is interpreted by the best insight of the Craft.

Of course, by Control we do not mean that Masonry commands us in the same sense that it uses force. Not at all. Masonry rules men as beauty rules an artist, as love rules a lover. It does not drive; it draws. It controls us, shapes us through its human touch and its moral nobility. By the same method, by the same power it wins obedience

and gives guidance and direction to our lives. At the Altar we take vows to follow and obey its high principles and ideals; and Masonic vows are not empty obligations — they are vows in which a man pledges his life and his sacred honor.

The old writers define the length of a cable-tow, which they sometimes call a “cables length,” variously. Some say it is seven hundred and twenty feet, or twice the measure of a circle. Others say that the length of the cable-tow is three miles. But such figures are merely symbolical, since in one man it may be three miles and in another it may easily be three thousand miles — or to the end of the earth. For each Mason the cable-tow reaches as far as his moral principles go and his material conditions will allow. Of that distance each must be his own judge, and indeed each does pass judgment upon himself accordingly, by his own acts in aid of others.

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