



Great Lights Lodge No.181, A.F. & A.M.

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January 5th, 2026

Brothers:

Our Stated Meeting will be held Monday, January 12th, 2026 with our new W.M. Roger Hamilton dropping the gavel propyl at 7:00 p.m.

Brother Scott Nading wanted to thank everyone for donating food at our December Stated meeting for the Northeast Iowa Food Pantry. Let us make this an ongoing contribution at each of our meets. Again, please bring a non-perishable food items to be donated to our local food pantry.

NORTHEAST IOWA STUDY CLUB ROTATION:

All study club meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Study Club Rotation is as follows: Decorah, Elkader, Postville, West Union The next **study club meeting will be held the First Thursday** of the month **January at 7:00 p.m. at the West Union Lodge**. Local Area Masonic Lodge Meetings: Postville- 1st. Tuesday of month- 7:00 p.m. 201 Boody St. - Postville, Iowa 52162 Decorah- 2nd. Mon. of month- 7:00 pm. 106½ West Water St. - Decorah, Iowa 52101 West Union- 3rd Mon. of month- 7:00 pm. 132 South Vine St. - West Union, Iowa 52175 Elkader- 3rd. Mon of month- 7:00 pm. 500 Strawberry Pt Road - Elkader, Iowa 52043

Four our Scottish Rite Brothers we will be presenting Nite at the Rite Season 7 starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share the dates are:

- January 15th, 2026, 6th Degree Master of the Brazen Serpent.
- January 29th, 2026, 9th Degree, Master of the Temple.

Thought for the day: *“It is a grave responsibility to decide between man and man, where incorrect decision is injustice:*

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Further Education happening last month from around the world:

December Blog Posts:



Website: Freemasons for Dummies

Author: Christopher Hodapp

Article: "Masons Seek Injunction against London Police"

Summary: Should Freemasons be required to disclose their masonic membership in the workplace?

<https://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/2025/12/english-freemasons-seek-injunction.html>



Website: Traveling Templar

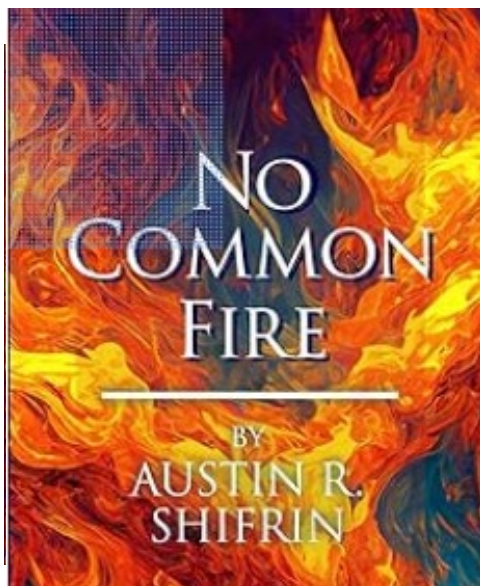
Author: Boise Rosicrucian

Article: "Looking Back on 2025"

Summary: The author lists many links to all of his travels to appendant bodies, meetings, awards, and ceremonies throughout the year.

<https://www.travelingtemplar.com/2025/12/looking-back-on-2025.html>

December Book Releases:



Title: No Common Fire

Author: Austin R. Shifrin

Date: 12/01/2025

Pages: 139

A collection of essays including:

- A history of Oath Taking in Blue Lodges
- The Symbolism of the Scottish Rite Camp
- Jacob Earnst's Philosophy of Freemasonry
- Kebra Negast, Ethiopian Location of the Ark?
- Importance of the Seven Liberal Arts in 18th century
- Kaballah for Blue Lodge Masons
- Enoch

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0G3G53SJT>



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December Podcasts:



Podcast: The Masonic Roundtable

Episodes #537-539: What to Expect When You're Expecting

Topics: These Past Masters talk about their first (and second) time of becoming a new Worshipful Master, and what to expect.

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doBF9JMOQxE>

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY4aY99Sjss>

Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEuT6J2dTUA&t=1s>



Podcast: Whence Came You?

Episode #697: Why Do we Ignore Detractors?

Date: 12/21/2025

Topics:

- Famous Brother, Enrico Fermi: Master of the Atom
- Should we fight against masonic mis-information?

<https://wcypodcast.libsyn.com/whence-came-you-0697-why-do-we-ignore-detractors>



Podcast: Whence Came You?

Episode #696: Hangin' With Dr. Koop, 33°

Date: 12/08/2025

Topics:

- The integrity of the 13th surgeon general of the USA
- The biography of Flavius Josephus

<https://wcypodcast.libsyn.com/whence-came-you-0696-hangin-with-dr-koop>



Podcast: Whence Came You?

Episode #695: Who Best Can Work and Best Agree

Date: 12/01/2025

Topics:

- Henry C. Clausen's best policy to secure peace with men
- Was Elias Ashmole a Rosian?

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