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12 Stones.

"And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones?

Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever."

Joshua 4:5-7

These verses from scripture hold a special place in each Orange brother's heart. As well it should. As the Israelites cross into the promised land they are commanded by God to build a memorial to the Lord for the Grace He has provided.

We see this pattern again in Exodus 12:26, attached to the Passover

From the Master's Desk:

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

I hope this note finds you well and rested following the Holidays and New Year. On behalf of my wife Donna, we send you our sincerest best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2014. May this new year be a time of good health and joy for you and your loved ones. I also hope that each of you will feel energized about the prospects of a growing Orange Institution in the United States. Together, we can do just that! There is no reason why a Protestant organization such as ours cannot recruit and keep new members interested and engaged. Over the next few weeks, I challenge each of you to think of a Protestant friend, church member, work associate or neighbor, and invite that friend to join our organization.

We need to grow, we need to find new ways to recruit and retain these new members. We all need to come up with new ways to encourage participation, to plan events that are both fun and meaningful. One way to begin that effort is to plan now to attend the Biennial Supreme Grand Lodge

convention that will be held this summer from August 14 through August 16, 2014 in Baltimore, MD. The area is full of events for families and children, including the Inner Harbor, Fort McHenry, The Baltimore National Aquarium, and the Baltimore Orioles. Washington DC, our nation's Capital, is only 45 minutes away. Let's try for the largest turnout ever! Reach out today to those members you don't see often at meetings. Extend the hand of friendship to them and encourage them to join us, not just in Baltimore, but at Lodge functions. If we don't follow up with inactive members, they will simply disappear from our roles.

Mark your calendars now to keep the dates open. Let's have a great turnout to welcome our new Supreme Grand Master and Grand Mistress as they begin to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Warmest fraternal regards to all,
I remain your most humble and obedient servant,

Sincerely and Fraternally,
John W. Whiteside
Supreme Grand Master



“That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask in times to come.”

Feast, a remembrance of what God has done for His people. Again in Psalm 44:1, Deuteronomy 6:20-25, and so on.

What’s the point? We already know, it is a testimony for future generations of God’s faithfulness to us. It ties into the first commandment:

“...for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”

Exodus 20:5-6

God’s judgement is passed down through the generations, so also, is his mercy. And the key to that mercy is the covenantal truth of scripture, to teach our children and our children’s children. Why else would God establish the feasts, the sacraments, the monuments to His divine grace?

Look around you today and ask yourself what’s missing. Have we built our 12 stones and answered the questions of our children?

As Orangemen we are called in thought, word and deed to live out the principles of this biblical. Are we truly doing so?

Alex Buffalo #1105

News and Updates from the Supreme Grand Lodge

PASSING OF ROBERT L. LAMAY:

The Orange Order lost a true and faithful servant this past year. Dr. Robert Louis LaMay, of Patrick Henry #1105, passed to the celestial lodge above on December 29, of 2013.

Dr. LaMay was initiated into Patrick Henry L.O.L. at the young age of 75 and was a close friend of all members. He dedicated his life’s work to the service of the Lord, serving as a the Senior Minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Hanover Presbytery.

In addition to his 50 years of service to the Lord, Dr. LaMay was a prolific author and editor. He served as a regular contributor for the Christian Observer, writing weekly bible studies and authored a number of studies on various passages of scripture. He will be sorely missed.

A CHANGING OF THE GUARD:

Brother Larry Morrison, of Patrick Henry #1105, has retired from his position at Pastor of Good Shepherd Church in Warrenton, Virginia.

Brother Morrison served with the Episcopal Church USA for many years before leaving to Pastor Good Shepherd. He retires as a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Hanover Presbytery.

SUPREME GRAND LODGE:

The 85th Biennial Session of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Institution of the United States of America will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Baltimore, which is located at 890 Elkridge Landing Road in Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. The dates for the Supreme Grand Lodge Session are August 14th through August 16th.

Reservations should be made by calling hotel reservations via 1-410-859-8400. Please identify yourself as a part of the LOYAL ORANGE LODGE. All reservations should be made by 3:00pm July 14th. Room rates are \$92.00 per night plus state and local taxes.

A church service will be held on Thursday, August 17th at 7:00pm in the hotel.

All officers are requested to attend Grand Lodge Sessions in Black Tuxedos, the official dress of the Grand Lodge. Please wear your respective lodge collars.

For more information please contact Past Master Howard S. Gaul, 2912 Delford Road, Worcester, PA 19490. Tel: 703-795-1834.

We hope to see you there!

May God Defend the Faith!



Joshua and the 12 Tribes of Israel cross the Jordan

There is a constant debate these days on the origins of our beloved country, the intentions of the founding fathers and their motivation.

In a recent film, actor Kirk Cameron dealt with the very subject from a Christian and Biblical perspective. The film's title; "*Monumental*."

The film begins with Cameron sitting in his back yard watching what his children and wife playing around him. In his inner monologue he asks himself questions about the current plight of our country. He recounts many of the things in this country that have gone wrong and questions the attitudes of many, from both the secular and religious sides of the argument.

He finally resolves to re-trace the motivations of those who left to come to the new world. (Author's note: Cameron deals primarily with the Puritans. While there is tie in later to the formation of the Union and the Constitution, he does not make mention of the colonies in Virginia).

The first step in his journey takes him to England to interview an expert on the Puritans. Through this discussion and some excellent videography, we learn the truth of these pious people. They existed constantly under the threat of persecution. The term puritan itself was a slur, a derogatory term used to single out this group of people.

The discussion highlights their plight to leave England. Twice they try to escape to Holland. On their first attempt they are betrayed and spend three years in prison. The second time, their wives and children are captured by the English while the men successfully make it to Holland.

Cameron then hops a ferry across



The Pilgrim Monument in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

A Film of Monumental Proportions: Kirk Cameron's "*Monumental*"

the channel to Holland to visit the town of Leiden, where the puritans lived and worked while in exile.

From Holland they return to England once again and hire ships bound for the new world. One of the ships falters and they are forced to return to England. Eventually they only have one vessel remaining, a ship that cannot carry the entire group across the Atlantic. To make the final journey half of the group must stay in England. In early September the Mayflower sets out across the Atlantic.

Cameron returns to Plymouth, Massachusetts to investigate the history of the Puritans who arrived in new world on November 9th, 1620. Over that first winter 46 of the 102 members of the group die, most of them being women and mothers.

With the help of a historian Cameron covers much of the literature and documentation of time, including the Mayflower Compact, some of William Bradford's (their first governor) writings and inscriptions on the

many tombstones left from the original colony.

From there Cameron journeys to the "Pilgrim Monument" in Plymouth, Massachusetts for a description of its symbolism and how it ties into the Christian foundations of our nation.

From this point on Cameron builds a body of evidence that illustrates that the founders of our nation sought to show glory to God and felt that true Liberty is God given. From the original motto of Harvard, to bibles commissioned by the United States Congress to be used as text books in school, to writings of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, to the writings of our first Presidents, Cameron illustrates their focus on Biblical Christianity.

As a whole, "*Monumental*" is a well made and informative film that may help one refocus on some history that has been lost. The important part of the message, I think, is for us to go back and hear the words of those who founded the nation.

Alex Buffalo #1105



He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Matthew 28:6

He Is Risen!

As we approach Easter Sunday, April 20th 2014, we will be inundated with images of eggs, bunnies and little ducks.

We, as Orangmen of course, know this is the day that our Savior showed us that God keeps His promises to His people. That very morning, many of us, most likely, will utter the following phrase to one another; "He is risen." Which should earn the response, "He is risen indeed."

The history of this interaction dates back to the 1st century Church and was an affirmation among believers that Christ had indeed, defeated death and left an empty tomb. It is referred to as the "Paschal Greeting," paschal meaning, "referring to Easter or the Passover."

The question that has plagued us for so long is, did Christ really rise

from the dead? Certainly, there are many who take issue with the idea.

Let's look at some of the evidence for Christ rising from the dead.

The empty tomb. Gary Habermas, professor at Liberty University suggests that we often overlook this piece of information. He states that, "the fact that women first report the empty tomb is the best reason to believe it."

The reality is, through our 21st century lens, that this fact seems open to ridicule. However, in 1st century Jerusalem, a woman's testimony was considered less than trustworthy, women were second class citizens. The nature was such that one would be predisposed to lie rather than afford such detail to a female's account of events.

The next best evidence is the

number of eye witnesses to Christ resurrected person. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians that 500 people witnessed Christ appearing before them after He rose. He is essentially saying, hey, these people saw Him, check for yourself. The Apostle John says similar things and lists names of people who saw Christ.

My last example, but certainly not the last bit of evidence, would be the disciples. Let's talk Peter. As Christ was being persecuted, Peter denied Him 3 times in fear that the same would happen to him. After the resurrection and witnessing the risen Christ, Peter founded the Church and died on an inverted cross professing faith in Christ. Peter knew that "He is risen!"

He is risen indeed!

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