



# The Daylight Deacon



## Doña Ana Daylight Lodge #78 AF & AM

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### *Worshipful Master's Mission Statement*

It is my mission to increase the attendance and participation of the members of Dona Ana Daylight Lodge in the coming year. Bob Creason, Master

#### "Barefoot"

In the first three degrees, the candidate is asked to become barefoot. Why is this?

Barefoot have several meanings. For example, nakedness of feet is a sign of mourning. God says to Ezekiel, the priest (Ezekiel 24:17) "Make no mourning for the dead.....and put on thy shoes upon thy feet." David is said to have gone from Jerusalem barefoot, when he fled from Absalom. It is also a mark of respect. In the Koran we find the passage "Surely I am your Lord, therefore put off your shoes....." (Ta Ha 20:12). The Muslims do indeed leave their shoes at the door of a mosque before entering. In Christianity we find that Moses took off his shoes to approach the burning bush where the angel of the Lord called to Moses (Exodus 3:5); priests serving in the Tabernacle (a tent sanctuary used by the Israelites during the Exodus) did so with their feet naked, as they did afterwards in the Temple. This is likely what is referred to in our rituals.

The foot is said to represent the soul, as it serves to support the entire body and keep it upright. Demonic beings, for this reason, were often depicted with feet that differed to those of man, or were turned the wrong way.

The foot being planted upon the earth, signified to many that the foot left a personal emanation of that being on that spot, especially in

Buddhism where footprints, purported to be left by the Buddha, are revered in several places.

One direction Pythagoras gave to his disciples was "Offer sacrifice and worship with thy shoes off." Maimonides, the great expounder of the Jewish Law, asserts that "it was not lawful for a man to come into the mountain of God's house with his shoes on his feet, or with his staff, or in his working garments, or with dust on his feet."

The Druids also practiced this by performing their rites barefooted, as did the Peruvians before they entered the temple to worship the Sun. Unknown Author

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**From the East:** The institutions of Freemasonry are neither political nor national; but of the political course of a Mason in his individual and private capacity there can be no doubt. He must be "a peaceable subject of the civil powers, and never be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation"; he must be a patriot. He should love his country with all his heart; he should serve it faithfully and cheerfully; he should take an active part in civil matters and obey the laws of the state. In war he should be ever ready to support its honor and defend it from the attacks of its enemies. In all national conflicts involving the principles of liberty, freedom and justice, the Mason makes a good soldier; he fights, of

course, like every other patriotic soldier, for victory. But, even so, the benign principles of Masonry extend their influences, and divest the battle of many of its horrors so far as his conduct is involved. When the victory is won, the conquered foe is still his brother. But the Masonic Lodge in its organized capacity has nothing to do with war. The din of battle, the cry for vengeance, the shout of victory, must never penetrate its portals. Its principles and dogmas teach love and fraternity among men.

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### From the Secretary's desk:

It was a pleasure to receive petitions for the degrees from two young men who are brothers (not yet Masonic Brothers). Mr. Brandon Seay, age 29, and Mr. Trinity Seay, age 22, have expressed their desire to become Freemasons and members of DAD #78. We will be setting a date for their EA Degree conferral in the near future. If we continue to get more members like the last five or six, DAD #78 will be around for a long time.

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### Coming events:

October 6	9AM	Ritual Practice
October 10	7:30	Jornada Stated*
October 11	7:30	Aztec Stated*
October 11	7:30	Bethesda Stated***
October 13	9AM	Stated Communication**
October 17	7:30	Kingston Stated*
October 20	9AM	Ritual Practice
October 25	7:30	Bethesda Stated***
October 27	9AM	Stated Communication**

\* Covered Dish at 6:30 PM

\*\* Breakfast at 8:00 AM

\*\*\* Snacks

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### Happy Birthday

October 24 Ken Hardin

October 28 Keith Luck

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Hope everything is going well. I am finally settled in after several moves. Now living in Longview, Texas. Now have a dual membership in Texas. I have been appointed as education director of the Pine Tree Lodge 1397. There are seven candidates for the various degrees, and voted on two more last Thurs. Attached is poem that a brother gave last week at a mm. degree. It is given in all lodges in Oklahoma.

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The poem Grover sent was

“On Yonder Book” or “The Mason’s Ties and Duties”, Author unknown; JT