

From the desk of the Secretary.....

Civility Resources

Hello Brethren and Friends of Oakland Durant Rockridge Lodge 188,

Now that I have shared a bit of my personal journey down the path of civility I thought I would share with you some thoughts about Civility and Masonry.

For me, Masonry and Civility are a natural fit. "Who can best work and best agree" come to mind. Concepts such as "meeting on the level"; we always shake hands and have a friendly greeting for each other.

For some people, this might be part of the mysterious secrets of Masonry. One of those secrets is that, as an organization, we have been practicing Civility since the 1700's, and haven't stopped practicing them. We continue to have conversations, some difficult and some easy, but all in a civil manner.

So what does this mean for our Lodge? How can we help to share the values of Civility? One way which our lodge is helping spread the message is by sponsoring and running MasonicCivility.org web site. As a Masonic resource for Masonic organizations and civility. It's new and we are just starting to get the word out there.

You don't do something like this by yourself. Which is why we work in partnership with the tireless efforts of MW Russ Charvonia, Past Grand Master of California and his Masonic Family Civility Task force. This task force isn't a California group, but a Masonic group spanning many states and countries.

Check out MasonicCivility.org. Sponsored by your own lodge and part of a bigger idea. Suggest ideas, contribute articles on Civility and Masonry. Spread the word to other Masonic organizations you belong to.

Fraternally,

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