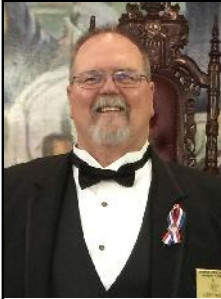




# FROM THE EAST



## Words mean something, don't they?

My Brothers:

When engaging in communication, whether by verbalization or the written word, we oft times find that the message we are trying to convey is not fully grasped by the recipient, or conversely, we don't fully understand the message being conveyed to us. Both sides may acknowledge an understanding, but in reality, do not, or find that they won't admit that they do not comprehend.

Either through ignorance or Ego, the true information is lost.

*"What we've got here is failure to communicate."* [Cool Hand Luke, 1967]

While we can look up words in a dictionary, and have a solid definition of a word, the difficulty in communication is the perception, or point of view of each participant. Each may have a different understanding of the meaning for their particular situation.

Only because it came up in a discussion in lodge, let's examine "want" and "need".

Want – definition: *have a desire to possess or do (something); wish for.*

Need – definition: *require (something) because it is essential or very important.*

On the surface, it would seem easy to distinguish the difference between the two words as they apply to a given situation.

Objective needs are fulfilled by tangible objects, e.g. food water, air, etc.

Subjective needs are a little more difficult, but apply to one's mental health or stability, e.g. self-esteem, approval, safety..

A want, on the other hand is something that a person desires, whatever that thing might be; a new car, travel, boat. And a person may want something so much, and obsess over it so long, that they may start to interpret it as a need.

Sometimes the litmus test is: "Can you survive without this?" if the answer is yes, then it's a want, not a need. The problem is today's world is complicated and the line between wants and needs is not so well defined.

My job is 20 miles away; I *need* a car, motorcycle, bike, horse, etc. to get there every morning and back at night. Will I perish without that? No. I could walk, get a closer job, move closer, etc. So, it's not a need, it's a want. But wait, this job pays well, there are none like it close to me, and I have a family. We have

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# FROM THE WEST



Happy May Brothers!

It's a new year for Grand Lodge and with that comes new leadership. Please help us in supporting our new Grand Master Most Worshipful John E. Karroum! Freemasonry has had positive changes in the past few years and under his leadership I am confident we will continue to move in the right direction.

June is an interesting month when viewing an astrological calendar. At the start of June, the sun rises in the constellation of Taurus; at the end of June, the sun rises in the constellation of Gemini. However, due to the precession of the equinoxes, June begins with the sun in the astrological sign of Gemini, and ends with the sun in the astrological sign of Cancer.

St. John's Day is also in June. The Feast Day of Saint John the Baptist is June 24th. This feast day is one of the very few saints' days which commemorates the anniversary of the birth, rather than the death, of the saint being honored. The Feast of Saint John closely coincides with the June solstice. The holy day is fixed at the 24th of June; but in most countries festivities are mostly held the night before, on Saint John's Eve. Happy St. John's Day!

While you are out, please keep our charity ECHO in mind. The ECHO Food Pantry was created to assist families who have suffered a recent emergency and need help with food. Those who have suffered a recent job loss, loss of income, house fire, emergency foster children, or other emergencies are encouraged to visit the ECHO Food Pantry for temporary help feeding their family. This is where we come in. The more we bring in, the more we help the families in our community that are truly in need. We have a goal this year of 2500

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lbs and we are on target! We will be dropping by ECHO multiple times a month to deliver what is brought in. This is an excellent charity that we should be proud to support! Please bring all you can. Many thanks to the Brothers who have donated to this cause! Many thanks to the Eastern Star for their contributions as well!

Please contact me if you have any comments, questions or concerns. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome. If you see a light out or something that needs to be repaired, please bring it to my attention.

I hope that you will come out and enjoy the fellowship that Brandon Lodge has to offer!

"May blessings be upon every brother ancient and young. Who bridles his passions and governs his tongue."

Thank you and have a great month Brothers!

Fraternally, Brother Travis C. Brumbaugh – Senior Warden

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FROM THE SOUTH

Hey Brothers,

I hope all is well with you.

May was a busy month for the lodge with degrees and meal fundraisers for the Scouts and Rainbow Girls. It can be very hectic in the kitchen for these events, but Brothers I think that they are worth the efforts. It helps to teach these kids that if you want something you have to work for it. I want to thank all of you for supporting them. We also traveled on the 17th to A.W. Windhorst Lodge to support our Grand Master, who made a Mason on site. This is something that is rarely done and I feel very fortunate to have been able to attend.

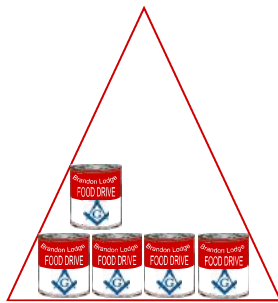
For those who may be unaware Brandon Lodge has taken over the operation of Meals on Wheels from Hope Church. Brothers this is a great thing we have gotten involved in. We are going to be part of a very important charity that is going to reach out to 30-40 people a week who desperately need this service. My wife and I have been involved with Meals on Wheels for over five years and Brothers it is such a small thing to do that personally that reaches out to so many people in need. Worshipful Richard Boettger is in charge of the operation and has done so for many years. They will be using the kitchen on Thursday mornings and will be finished before noon. It is an all volunteer organization and there is always a need for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering there time or in assisting in providing a dish for a meal please contact Worshipful Boettger for more information. I will update you monthly on the number of meals delivered.

Below is a list of our upcoming fundraisers and our monthly menu.

Fraternally, Roscoe Love - Junior Warden roscoe-love@hotmail.com 813 598-5173 (call or text)

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2018 2018 GOAL: 2500 lbs May 2018: 1236 lbs Emergency Care Help Organization



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7 June	14 June	21 June	23 June	28 June
Meat Ball Subs	Chicken Alfredo	Cold Cut Sandwiches	Barbeque Chicken	Roast Pork
French Fries	Salad	French Fries	5 — 7 PM	Mashed Potatoes
Pies	Desert	Potato Salad		Salad
	Desert	Peach cups		Cake & Ice Cream
	<b>Rainbow Fundraiser</b>		<b>Grand Master's Charity - Fundraiser</b>	

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to be independent and support ourselves and not burden society. We have to eat, pay bills, and have a home. So, it is a need, not a want.

It can be maddening. Each of the scenarios above has a different perspective, or point of view. The minimalist would label the situation as a want, and the modern everyday man would see it as a definite need. Who's right?

**Ryunosuke Akutagawa** ( 1 March 1892 – 24 July 1927) , art name **Chikud Shujin**, was a Japanese writer active in the Taisho period in Japan. He is regarded as the "Father of the Japanese short story" and Japan's premier literary award, the Akutagawa Prize, is named after him.

He wrote a short story, *In a Grove*, in 1922. The story is about the death of a samurai and the discovery of his corpse in a bamboo forest. During the investigation into the death, seven testimonies are provided by various people. All seven have common elements and all refute parts of the other accounts. Not dissimilar to a typical death investigation in today's times. Many discussions have occurred as to the underlying point of the story. I would think, that as was mentioned above, you yourself might make your own conclusion, based on how you read and interpret the story.

One source finds: "Each section simultaneously clarifies and obfuscates what the reader knows about the murder, eventually creating a complex and contradictory vision of events that brings into question humanity's ability or willingness to perceive and transmit *objective truth*."

Overall, I think that it illustrates that, in looking at a single event, or

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

My Brothers,

The article this month was written by a brilliant Mason and Composer, by the name of Irving Berlin, a member of Munn Lodge in New York.

This Lodge is, by the way the same Lodge our own. R.W. Ed Kurs, hails from.

The article is entitled **Divine Will**.

Freemasonry is the essence of Friendship and Fellowship! That in a way, led to my first desire to become a Freemason. I noted the harmony of the Fellowship that Freemasonry created among its members.

Freemasonry, after all is what we make it. Every tried Man and true who comes into the Fraternity can help-----should help it-----to be bigger and better. I cannot attend as regularly as I should wish, but I do know that Freemasonry is much more than Lodge meetings----it is the effect of a man's first experience with sublime beauty of the ritual that makes a Brother more than just a Lodge member.

The Spirit of Freemasonry is the expression of the Divine Will to make men better----to touch them with a new spirit of toleration, charity, brotherhood--- and harmony.

Fraternally,  
R/W\ Don Cowart, PDDGM, Secretary

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situation, the perspective, or point of view varies person to person.

All of this is a long winded way of saying that a person's wants or needs are of their own understanding, and not that of another. Whether they are objectively correct or not is not for another to decide, although there are situations where that may be necessary. A court of law is one example of that scenario.

In fine, remember this: Be kind and considerate of others, especially a brother Mason.

The **Masonic Man** would walk and act as such.

Fraternally,

## BRANDON LODGE #114 F&AM PAST MASTERS

1889-1890	W.C. Moore	1942	P.O. Marcum	1980	E.B. McAuley
1891	J.M. Duffie	1943	J.H. Stevenson	1981	R.L. Prekop
1892	W.C. Moore	1944	T.M. Blackshear	1982	J. Leitner
1893	C.H. Spencer	1945	C.A. Garner	1983	R.H. Riveiro
1894	J.P. Hill	1946	P.N. Chancey	1984	T.R. Shaffer
1895	C.H. Spencer	1947	J.O. Tottle	1985	L. Carnley
1896-1900	R.G. Brooker	1948	H.H. King	1986	C. Chancey
1901-1902	J.H. Wendell	1949	R.E. Hiller	1987	D.H. Bridge
1903	D.E. Hazen	1950	C.R. Hampton	1988	G. Alfonso
1904	R.G. Brooker	1951	W.A. Brodie	1989	K.A. Thornton
1905	J.A. Johnson	1952	J.O. Crozier	1990	W.J. Kalbas
1906-1907	T.F. Parramore	1953	W. leitner	1991	H. Allen
1908-1909	J.H. Wedell	1954	J.R. Edwards	1992	D.W. Morgan, Sr
1910-1911	D.E. Hazen	1955	H.H. Rushing	1993	G.W. Reese, III
1912	J.A. Johnson	1956	W.B. Westbrook	1994	R.K. Murrhee
1913-1914	C.W. Haas	1957	L.W. Roberts	1995	H.H. Whisenant
1915-1916	J.R. Brooker	1958	C. White	1996	R.E. Age
1917-1918	C.W. Haas	1959	E.R. Lastinger	1997	M.R. Cary
1919	W.P. Pemberton	1960	H.T. Barron	1998	W.C. Mitchell
1920	W.E. Touchstone	1961	W.S. Richards	1999	D.R. Hutchinson
1921	L. Wetherington	1962	T.C. Casey	2000	H.A. Kuczvara
1922-1923	L.A. Hogan	1963	H.R. Moody	2001	Daniel Heston
1924-1925	J.M. Morgan	1964	A.O. Miller	2002	Ronald Brimmer
1926-1927	R.A. McIntoch	1965	C.B. Reynolds	2003	Benjamin P. Piatt
1928	A. Rothwell	1966	D.C. Moses	2004	Ron Green
1929	J. Morgan	1967	W. Seber	2005	Ed Kellner
1930	D.M. Robison	1968	L. Stanberry	2006	Gene Hagan
1931	E.L. Robison	1969	H. F. Turner	2007	Peter Williams
1932	G.O. Dunlap	1970	T.C. Casey	2008	Chas Reichert, Sr.
1933	R.S. Sumerall	1971	L.R. Chambliss	2009	Richard Boettger
1934	L.B. Selden	1972	S.W. Rich	2010	Merritt Drouilliard
1935	F.B. Akard	1973	A.M. Schrader	2011	Justin Aldrich
1936	W.K. Lewis	1974	C.B. Hamlin	2012	Jeffrey Shreaves
1937	W.A. Ledford	1975	W. Seber	2013	Donald Cowart
1938	M.B. Whitfield	1976	C.E. Wysong	2014	Barry B. Butler
1939	L.W. Blaisdell	1977	LL. Griffin	2015	David Wenzel
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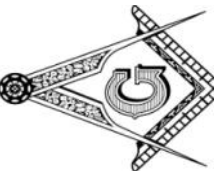
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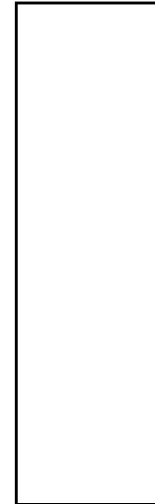
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<p>27)</p> <p><i>Grand Communication</i></p> 	<p>28)</p> <p><i>Grand Communication</i></p> 	<p>29)</p> <p><i>Grand Communication</i></p> 	<p>30)</p> <p><i>Grand Communication Degree Practice 7pm</i></p> 	<p>31)</p> <p><i>Dinner or Masonic Education</i></p> 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Master Mason 1, 2, 3 Tampa #240 9:00 AM</i></p>
<p>3</p> <p><i>BMLSC Every Sunday 9am @ Fishhawk Sporting Clays</i></p>	<p>4</p>  <p><i>Rainbow Girls 7pm</i></p> <p><i>York Rite Stated Olin S. Wright #79</i></p>	<p>5</p>  <p><i>OES Stated Meeting 730 pm</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Degree Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Dinner 6:30pm Fellow Craft Degree 7:30pm</i></p> 	<p>8</p> <p><i>Masonic Park Board Meeting Tampa #240 7:00 PM</i></p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p><i>BMLSC Every Sunday 9am @ Fishhawk Sporting Clays</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Scottish Rite Stated Meeting Scottish Rite Temple</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>BSC Luncheon 11:00am @ Plummer's Master Mason Degree Dinner 6:30 PM Degree 7:30 PM</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Officers' Meeting 6:00 PM Degree Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Communication 7:30pm</i></p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Grand Master Official Visit @ Centro Asturiano 5pm—8:30 PM</i></p>
<p>17</p>  <p><i>Happy Father's Day</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>District School of Instruction 7pm @ Tampa 240</i></p>	<p>19</p>  <p><i>OES Official Inspection Practice</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Degree Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Dark</i></p> <p><i>Traveling to Olin S. Wright #79 Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM</i></p> 	<p>22</p> <p><i>Masters &amp; Wardens 6:30pm @ John Darling 154 CANCELED</i></p>	<p>23</p>  <p><i>Lodge Fundraiser 5pm - 7pm</i></p> <p><i>Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i></p>
<p>24</p> <p><i>Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i></p> <p><i>BMLSC Every Sunday 9am @ Fishhawk Sporting Clays</i></p>	<p>25</p>  <p><i>Rainbow Girls 7pm</i></p> <p><i>Brandon Shrine Club Meeting 7pm</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Degree Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Communication 7:30 pm</i></p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>