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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, which is sacred to the Jew and Christian alike, is significant in that it marks two famous historical events, the Feast of the Passover and Jesus' great lesson concerning humility.

The Feast of the Passover was the great feast held by the Jews at the beginning of the harvest. It was first observed in Egypt. The tenth day of the first month Nisan, which corresponds to our month of March or April, the people were ordered to take a lamb of the first year, without blemish, keep it until the 14th day of the month when it was to be slain and eaten with unleavened bread. All of this points to our Lord. He resembled a lamb in His spotless purity. He was like a lamb in His gentleness and in His submission to unmerited suffering without murmur or complaint. Finally, He, like a lamb, was sacrificed and crucified for guilt, not His own. Therefore, He is called the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

It was further ordained that the people should take bunches of hyssop, dip them in the blood of the slain lamb, and strike the door posts and the horizontal wooden part across the top of the door with them. The people, having previously arranged themselves in suitable numbers in the homes, were saved when the Destroying Angel, seeing the blood, passed over the homes of the Israelites and destroyed only the first born of the Egyptians. Therefore, the blood of the passover lamb symbolized redemption.

It was to the observance of this Feast that Jesus gathered his disciples the night before he was crucified. Maundy Thursday offers an opportunity for the celebration of the Lord's Supper at an hour when, perhaps, the associations are most fraught with meaning and responsive feeling.

The name by which the day is identified is a corruption of the Latin word "mandatum" meaning mandate or command. It refers to Christ's new commandment, "that ye love one another, as I have loved you." It was symbolized by the washing of feet, which is not generally practiced now.

We are told that in the abbeys and monasteries of by-gone days the abbot sent the almoners out to bring in poor men. They were conducted into the cloister and seated by each other. The abbot, then emulating Christ, washed their feet, after which he and the brethren bowed on their knees and worshipped Christ in these poor people.

Then the Abbot ministered a cup of drink to these poor men and placed a two pence in their hands. The brethren, who had died during the year, were likewise revered in fulfillment of the Commandment.

The mandatum was further fulfilled by the brethren to one another in washing their feet and taking the cup, called the loving cup. In this service the abbot bore the part of Christ in the monastery.

The washing of feet definitely suggests the humility and service which the spirit of Maundy Thursday (typefies.) It is this symbolism of the Feast of the Passover and the washing of feet symbolically that has been inculcated into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the observance we commemorate tonight.

We, of the Rite, do not worship by ourselves. We have always brought a brother in to partake of the Feast of Love with us and to share what little we have with him, as the mandatum commands. We have further expanded the thought and have also invited you-our loved ones and our friends to partake with us, for, in commemorating the Feast of the Passover Lamb or Paschal Lamb, as it is called, we plead with you to join us in again consecrating our lives to the service of God and show forth our love for all humanity.

Jesus said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you." May God bless the reading of His word. May it be sanctified and replenished in our hearts.

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Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

VALLEY OF SAINT PAUL
ORIENT OF MINNESOTA

Thursday, March 30, 1961

MASONIC TEMPLE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Menu



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| Fresh Spring Lamb | Mint Jelly |
| Green Peas | Mashed Potatoes |
| Tossed Salad | Rolls |
| Apple Pie | Coffee |

Program



Invocation

Alter of Fraternal Love

Feast of Passover L.C. Madden, 33

Maundy Thursday — Origin and Import
H.T. Mitchell, 33

History of North Star Consistory No. 14
M.O. Weddington, 32 P.C.C.



In Memoriam

Lucius Stewart, 32 Felix Fogg, 32 J.W. Junnell, 32

Communion

Extinguishing of Lights

A Recording by Rev. J.W. Junnell, 32 (Deceased)

Introductions

Feast

Benediction

Maundy Thursday Observance

Pillar of Beauty

Chapter of Rose Croix

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VALLEY OF SAINT PAUL
ORIENT OF MINNESOTA

Thursday, **MAR 26 1964**

PRINCE HALL MASONIC BLDG. Inc.
659 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Program

Invocation:

Song:

Feast of the Passover -- Frater: Robert Wilson

Maundy Thursday -- Frater: Willie D. Gray

Communion:

Message: Rev. M. Williams

Extinguishing of Lights:

Introductions: of Classes

Master of Ceremonies: Frater: J. Granville
Most Wise & Perfect Master

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Menu

Leg O Lamb

Mint jelly

Relishes

Tossed Salad

Mash Potatoes & Peas

Apple Pie & Cheese

Coffee Tea

Milk

Dinner Rolls

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Maundy Thursday Observance

Pillar of Beauty

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VALLEY OF SAINT PAUL
ORIENT OF MINNESOTA

Thursday, April 12, 1979

MASONIC TEMPLE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

PROGRAM



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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Fresh Spring Lamb | Mint Jelly |
| Green Peas | Mashed Potatoes |
| Tossed Salad | Rolls |
| Apple Pie | Coffee |

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The Invocation
The Feast of Passover Ill. L.C. Madden, 33
The Maundy Thursday Origin and Import
Ill. H. T. Mitchell, 33
The History of North Star Consistory No. 14
Ill. Deputy M.O. Weddington, 33



IN MEMORIAM

Ira M. Dorsey, 32 David W. Daniels, 32 Calvin Jones, 32



The Memorial Address . . . Rev. William R. Farmer Jr.
The Communion
The Extinguishing of Lights
The Introductions
The Feast
The Benediction