

Humboldt Lodge No. 79

Brethren,

I'd like to share a story I recently heard that has stuck with me in a good way. I hope it may have the same effect on you.

Captain Charles Plumb was a U.S. Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions his plane was hit and destroyed by a surface to air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a North Vietnamese prison.

After returning home Charles and his wife were at a restaurant, enjoying dinner when a gentleman from a nearby table approached and said "You're Plumb! You flew jets in Vietnam from the carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down." Charles responded "Yes, how in the world could you know that". The gentleman replied "I packed your parachute. I guess it worked".

Charles rose and shook his hand and assured him "It most certainly did work". Charles didn't know the gentleman, yet this man had packed his parachute and in doing so, saved his life.

Captain Plumb now tells his story to inspire people to think. How many times a day, a week, a month, do we pass up the chance to thank the people who pack our parachute? Not only our physical parachute, but our mental, emotional and spiritual parachute. Now for the bigger question. "Whose parachute are you packing?" Better yet, who could you be packing for? As for me, I know I can do better. Like I said in the beginning, this one stuck with me. Food for thought.

February was a busy month at the lodge and March is not slowing down. Some dates to take note of:

March 5th – Stated meeting, with dinner starting at 5:30

March 8th – Daylight savings begins. Set your clocks forward or you'll be late to lodge

March 12th – 3rd Degree, Dinner starting at 5:30

March 17th – St. Patrick's day

March 19th – Practice, with dinner starting at 5:30

March 26th – First degree, dinner starting at 5:30

“Together we ARE making a difference”

Bill McBroome Master