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Floyd King Speaks; Ben Johnson to be Next Speaker

Floyd King delivered a talk on Rabbi Gittlesohn's Sermon after the battle of Iwo Jima. His message was an eloquent eulogy at the dedication of the Marine Cemetery at the end of the fighting.

Rabbi Gittlesohn was the first Jewish Chaplain for the Marine Corps, and more than 1,500 Jewish Marines were in the invading force at Iwo Jima. The rabbi was in the thick of the battle, ministering to fallen Marines of every faith under enemy fire. For his unending efforts to comfort the wounded and inspire the fearful, he earned three decorations.

After the battle, the Division Chaplain, who was a Protestant minister, asked Rabbi Gittlesohn to deliver the memorial sermon at a combined religious service dedicating the Marine Cemetery on Iwo Jima. Unfortunately, the Marine Corps was still strongly prejudiced, and the majority of the Christian chaplains objected to having a rabbi preach over predominantly Christian graves.

If you missed the stirring conclusion to this story, you can still have a copy of it at our next regular communication.



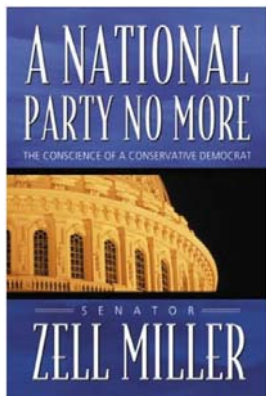
Ben Johnson to Talk

Ben Johnson has promised to give a book report on Senator Zell Miller's new book *A National Party No More*, subtitled *The Conscience of a Conservative Democrat*.

This should be a most interesting talk, and hopefully Ben will talk about Zell's views on where the Democratic Party has drifted during the past decade.

5th District Lodge of Instruction—This important event continues at the Atlanta Masonic Center. All officers are urged to attend and all members of the Lodge are welcome to come and learn more about the Uniform Work. For the first two sessions, already held, Sandy Springs Lodge has had the best attendance. On Wednesday, Jan. 28, we hope that you plan to attend the third session and see the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree. Our Lodge plans to confer this degree at the second communication in February.

What's Going On—Curious about the photo on the right above? Why is Tommy Meeks reaching for his wallet? What is Floyd King doing, and what are the other brothers looking at? At our next get-together, we'll explain it and give you an opportunity to purchase a \$10 inspirational day planner for just \$2.



The photo at right shows two Masonic lamps (uneducated folks refer to them as light bulbs). They appear to be just alike, but one of them is said to be over 60 years old and was tested only last week. The story of the older one will be told at our next meeting.

Jim Ritter to prepare our dinner—Brother James L. Ritter has volunteered to prepare our meal for the January 27 communication. Plan to be there no later than 6:15 p.m. to enjoy a few minutes of fellowship before our repast. Jim is rumored to be planning an Italian-style dinner, possibly spaghetti and meat sauce.

