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Who is the Widow's Son?

The term, "Widow's Son," should be a thought-provoking one to the Mason. In taking it at its face value it would mean that you are the son of a widow. Surely there has to be more to it than that. As I began delving into this topic I discovered that as I most things in Masonry, there are deeper meaning. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina republished an article by Brother Robert H. Johnson that originally appeared in the November 2013 issue of The Working Tools Magazine.

Brother Johnson says that one can trace the term actually to Ruth in the Bible. At the age of 40 she marries 80 year old Boaz. The very next day Boaz dies. "That must have been some wedding night!" From that point onward all the descendants of Ruth became known as the "Sons of the Widow."

Thus, the first "Son of the Widow" is Obed, who had a son Jesse, whose son was King David who built the city of Jerusalem. His son is Solomon who built the famous Temple. Jesus is a descendant of this line, thus besides being the Messiah, it makes Him, the "Son of a Widow," or the "Widow's Son."

Brother Johnson talks about being a detective in piecing together the genealogical records in Biblical times. He argues that one next needs to go back 12 generations from King Solomon to Jacob, the founder of the 12 tribes of Israel. His fourth son, Judah is from whom King Solomon's lineage comes.

Looking to his sixth son, Naphtali, a rather obscure line is followed. In 1 Kings 7:13-14, it says that Hiram's father was a very skilled artisan working with bronze and so was he. It also says that his mother was a widow, thus he too has the designation the "Son of the Widow," or the "Widow's Son."

Brother Johnson hypothesizes that perhaps King Solomon wanted Hiram to come work on the temple because he too was a "Widow's Son," and he was also a very distant cousin.

The article continues to talk about lineage. Brother Johnson says that what ties Jesus's lineage together is the "ability to create. According to



The Widows Sons are an independent Masonic group of brothers who enjoy riding motorcycles. They were founded in 1998 in Illinois. They promote Freemasonry in the world of Motorcycling, and the reverse is also true—they promote motorcycling to Freemasons. They take care of widows and orphans and they are very involved in local charities.

If you would like more information about becoming a part of them, there are a number of brothers in our lodge that are Widows Sons. Our Junior Deacon, David Caron is the Guardian of Membership with the Five Rivers Saints, the newest chapter in Ohio. Brother Michael Rapp, is the Vice President of Brazen Pillars. He's extremely active with the Widows Sons traveling to many out of state events.

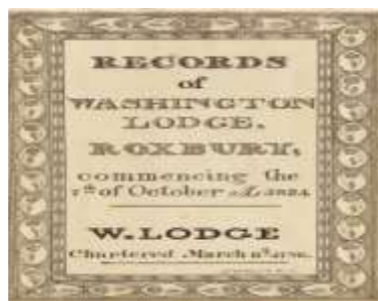
Either of these two brothers would gladly help you become involved in this Masonic organization.



▶ **Rocky Jackson**
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Washington Lodge in Massachusetts has the distinction of being only 1 of 6 lodges in the country dedicated in honor of George Washington while he was still alive. It also has the distinction of being 1 of 21 lodges in the state to receive a charter under Paul Revere, the Grand Master.



This lodge was founded in Roxbury in March of 1796. It originally met in the home of one of its members (pictured to the right) In 1868 Roxbury became a part of the city of Boston.



In 1966 the lodge moved to Lexington where it has been ever since. (pictured to the right) Lexington is where the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has its headquarters and museum.



Masonic Education: The 3 P's

Introduction

For anyone that has heard of Marcus Lemonis (from the Profit) they know that he emphasis the 3 P's to being successful in business—people, product, and process. In our lodge we are going to emphasize the 3 P's too—people, practical, and play.

People

For People, we will feature a spotlighted brother of the month. The very first featured Mason of the Month is Brother Tom Durr (see page 9 for this article).

Practical

Each month I'm going to try to give you some practical application that will help you in your masonic journey, with some aspect of your masonic learning, or a lesson and practical advice on becoming a better version of yourself.



Washington's 11th Past Master

Newport as it had far superior schools at the time. In 1819, he opened a law office in Cincinnati. In 1824 he made a reception speech for General Marquis De Lafayette upon his visit to Hamilton. In 1825, the town fathers of Cincinnati elected him to also give a welcoming speech to Lafayette upon his visit there. On February 27, 1823, President James Monroe appointed him U.S. Attorney for the District of Ohio. In 1839 Benham was one of several persons interviewed by the Ohio Democratic Party to possibly receive their nomination to the U.S. Senate to replace U.S. Senator Thomas Morris. Joseph Benham died prematurely on July 15, 1840 while in New Orleans and was buried in the

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▶ **Dave Lunsford**
 A Featured Column

Play

This will be a Jeopardy style game of Past Masters versus all other lodge brothers. There will be various categories in which the competitors try to come up with the correct answers.

▶ **Mo Webb**
 LODGE EDUCATIONAL OFFICER COLUMNIST
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- 1) Repetition is More Important than Time Spent
- 2) Break down into small chunks
- 3) Perfect each chunk
- 4) Make it into a game (something fun for you)
- 5) Rest in between the small chunks

In the officer training that I attended, they challenged us as brothers to learn one paragraph of a charge or one page of a lecture. Use the above to do so.

Washington's Past Masters:

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| 1811 | Joseph Hough |
| 1812 | Thomas Blair |
| 1812 | Robert Taylor |
| 1813 | Samuel Bayless |
| 1813 | Joseph Potter |
| 1814 | Samuel Bayless |
| 1814-1815 | Joseph Hough |
| 1815 | Samuel Bayless |
| 1816 | Thomas Kelsey |
| 1817 | Samuel Bayless |
| 1817-1819 | Joseph Benham |

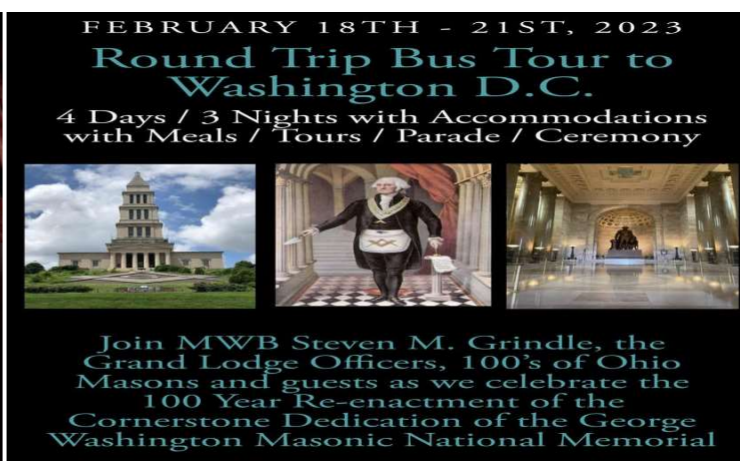
Our 7th unique and 11th overall Worshipful Master was Joseph Shaler Benham. He was born in Newport, Kentucky about 1796. His parents moved to Cincinnati, but he did his schooling back in



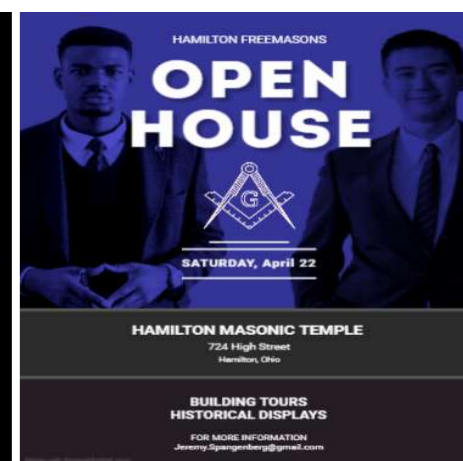
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Save the Date—January 19, 2023 (Season 4 Kick-off)



Save the Date—February 18-21, 2023



Hamilton Temple Open House
 April 22, 2023 Time TBD

The Black Camel Has Taken Noble Col. Joseph Kittinger



Dec 13, 2022 It is with great sadness that we report that 50 plus year Mason and Shriner Joseph Kittinger died at the age of 94.

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Kittinger served three combat tours of duty during the Việt Nam War, flying a total of 483 combat missions. During his first two tours he flew as an aircraft commander in Douglas A-26 Invaders and modified On Mark Engineering, B-26K Counter-Invaders as part of Operations Farm Gate and Big Eagle.

Following his first two Vietnam tours, he returned to the United States and soon transitioned to the McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II.

During a voluntary third tour of duty to Việt Nam in 1971-72, he was DO then commanded the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron (555 TFS), the noted "Triple Nickel" squadron, flying the F-4D Phantom II. During this period he was credited with shooting down a North Vietnamese MiG-21 while flying an F-4D, USAF Serial No. 66-7463, with his WSO, 1st Lieutenant Leigh Hodgdon. — con't on Page 3



Vacuum cleaners were originally horse drawn.

One of the earliest known vacuum cleaners was so large that it had to be hauled from house to house via a horse-drawn carriage. Its giant hoses were popped through the windows of customers, and a gas-powered motor generated the suction that pulled the dirt and debris into a glass container where onlookers could gawk at the volume of filth coming from their neighbors' homes.

Israel Ludlow Puts Hamilton on the Map



The Wick House—neighboring farm to the Ludlow Farm. A Map that survey map that Israel Putnam did is at the Morristown Library

Israel Ludlow's family fled England for the colony of New Jersey. His father, Cornelius Ludlow, was one of the judges who passed the sentence of death upon King Charles I. Upon, the restoration of Charles II to the throne, the family was forced to flee. In the New World, at their farm called Long Hill, Israel Ludlow was born. When the Revolutionary War came to Morristown, he witnessed some of the fighting that took place. He became an avowed patriot.



Col. Israel Ludlow

Later on he went to college and became a surveyor. In 1787 Surveyor-General of the United States, Thomas Hutchinson, hired Israel to survey the Seven Ranges (Eastern Ohio). In 1788 and 1789 he worked for General Rufus Putnam surveying for the Ohio Company. Over time through government appointments, personal commissions, or surveying and platting land that he himself purchased, Israel surveyed more land in Ohio than any other man.

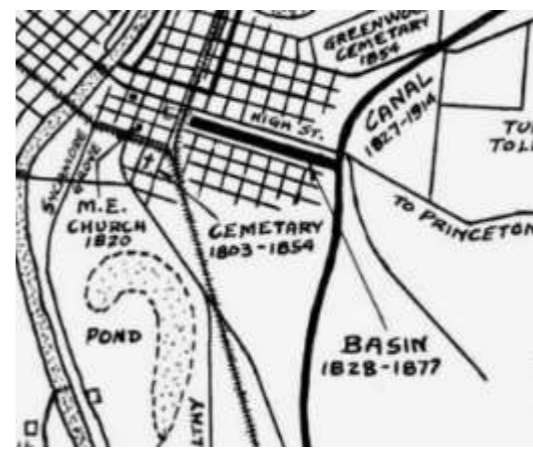
In 1788, Israel made his way to Limestone (present day Maysville, KY) where he reported to Judge John Cleves Symmes. Along with 3 others, he was charged with laying out a 640 acre town across from the mouth of the Licking River. This town was named Losantiville, which was later changed to Cincinnati. Israel is credited with being the first to "stretch a chain" in Cincinnati. Although he was only in his early 20's, he was given one third of an ownership interest in Cincinnati.



In 1787 Judge Symes made a proposal to Congress to purchase all the land between the two Miami rivers for one dollar an acre. However, he was unable to raise enough money for the million acres he wanted. He was able to purchase about a third of what he desired, 311,682 acres. In 1890, Alexander Hamilton, the Secretary of the Treasury at the time charged Israel Ludlow with surveying the Symmes Purchase.

Then in 1795, he received another appointment from the US Government after the Treaty of Greenville to survey the boundary between the United States and the Indian Territory as agreed to in the Treaty.

On October 30, 1794 General Jonathan Dayton acquired the Military Range of the Miami Purchase. On Dec. 12 he had Israel Putnam lay out and plat a town for him on a fractional section which Israel subsequently purchased on July 27, 1795.



This circa 1860 map shows the pond that is mentioned as the earliest settlers of Hamilton

Prior to the army abandoning Fort Hamilton the only people who lived nearby were Charles Bruce and David Beatty both of which had residences on a pond south of the Fort. Beatty's cabin was about a mile away and in 1793, Charles Bruce built his residence about a mile and a half away from the Fort.

Israel Ludlow set about laying out a town around Fort Hamilton and called it Fairfield. It subsequently changed its name to Hamilton in honor of the Fort.

Israel Ludlow employed Darius C. Oreut, who had been a pack-horse master with St. Clair's army, as his agent. Oreut laid out lots and made contracts with individuals who wished to purchase them. There were a total of 242 in lots (six poles by twelve poles) and outlots (four acres) that were recorded in 1802. Alleys were laid out as 16 feet wide with the streets being 66 ft. wide except High street was laid out as 69 ft. wide.

In 1803, when the state of Ohio carved Butler County out of Hamilton County, Ludlow not only donated a square for the county courthouse, he also donated \$4,200 to build it. He further donated another square for a church and a cemetery (which is now known as Symmes Park) in order to win the bid to become the county seat.

Going back to Israel Ludlow's surveying career, in 1795 he entered into a partnership with General Dayton, General St. Clair, General Wilkinson, as well as William McMillan in which they purchased Ranges 7 and 8 of the Miami Purchase. In November of that year Ludlow laid out the city of Dayton (which he named in honor of the General).

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Masonic Word Puzzle

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Masonic Word Search No. 3

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How can you keep snow and ice off your windshield? Some say a solution of three parts vinegar to one-part water sprayed on the windshield each night can cut your ice-scraping time in half or better. (Use caution to avoid your paint job.) Also, try covering your wipers with an old pair of long socks so they don't freeze to the glass!



Poinsettia's named for a Brother

Joel Roberts Poinsett was an American diplomat and politician. Poinsett was born on March 2nd, 1779 in Charleston, South Carolina. His education consisted of schools in Connecticut and Europe. At the age of 21 of returned to South Carolina where his father he insisted he study law under a prominent local Charleston lawyer. In 1801, Poinsett, who was not interested in studying law, convinced his parents to let him have an extended your of Europe. He spent the next few years traveling around Europe including France, Switzerland and Austria. In December of 1803, Poinsett



received word his father had passed away and his sister was gravely ill. He immediately headed back to Charleston. To try to aide his sister's recovery Poinsett took his sister on a journey to New York. Unfortunately she passed away shortly after they arrived in New York City. This left Poinsett as the sole heir to his father's estate. At the time the estate was worth approximately \$100,000 (about \$2,000,000 in today's money). In 1806, Poinsett traveled to the Russian capital of St. Petersburg. There he was invited to the court of Czar Alexander. Alexander was impressed with Poinsett and offered him a commission in the Russian military. Poinsett initially refused and Alexander insisted he travel around the country and get to know its people. Poinsett set out around Russia in 1807 with a small party and was one of the last American's to visit Moscow before Napoleon burned the city. By the time Poinsett had returned to Moscow to meet with Czar Alexander news of the H.M.S. Leopard attack upon the Chesapeake. War between

Britain and American was coming so Poinsett returned to the United States. In the final meeting between Alexander and Poinsett, Alexander expressed his approval regarding the actions of the United States Congress concerning the attack. From 1810 to 1814, Poinsett was assigned as a "special agent" to South America by President James Madison. There he became actively involved in the colonial revolutionaries seeking independence from Spain. There he met Jos  Miguel Carrera a leader in the revolutionary efforts in Chile. Poinsett advised Chile in their efforts against Royalist Peru. In 1813, an American Frigate arrived in Chile only to be attacked and defeated by a British vessel during the War of 1812. Poinsett was captured at the time and then released back to Chile and was forced to make his way back to the United States, arriving in Charleston in 1815. On his return Poinsett was seen as an expert on Latin American affairs. In 1816 his friend Carrera arrived in the United States seeking aide in the revolutionary efforts of Chile. Poinsett worked to get financial and material support for Carrera's efforts —Continued on page 4

Noble Kissinger

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Kittinger was shot down on 11 May 1972, just before the end of his third tour-of-duty. While flying an F-4D, USAF Serial No. 66-0230, with his weapons systems officer, 1st Lieutenant William J. Reich, Kittinger was leading a flight of Phantoms approximately 5 miles (8.0 km) northwest of the Thái Nguyên steel mill in North Việt Nam, when they were engaged by a flight of VPAF MiG-21 fighters. Kittinger and his wingman were chasing a MiG-21 when Kittinger's F-4 was hit by an Atoll IR air-to-air missile from another MiG-21 that damaged the plane's starboard wing and set the aircraft on fire.

Kittinger and Reich ejected a few miles from Thái Nguyên and were soon captured and taken to the capital city of Hà Nội.

During the same engagement, Kittinger's wingman, Captain S. E. Nichols, shot down the aggressor MiG-21 they had been chasing.

Kittinger and Reich spent 11 months as prisoners of war (POWs) in the Hà Nội Hilton ~ Hỏa Lò Prison". Kittinger was put through rope torture soon after his arrival at the POW compound and this made a lasting impression on him. Kittinger was the senior ranking officer (SRO) among the newer prisoners of war, i.e., those captured after 1969.

In Kittinger's autobiography "Come Up and Get Me" (by Kittinger and Craig Ryan), Kittinger emphasized being very serious about maintaining the military structure he considered essential to survival.

Kittinger and Reich were returned to American hands during Operation Homecoming on 28 March 1973, and they continued their Air Force careers, with Kittinger having been promoted to O-6 full colonel while in captivity.

From an interview done in 2021

Joe Kittinger, After 94 Years Of Service And Exploration, Slips The Surly Bonds Of Earth

Jim Clash, Contributor to Forbes

The first time I encountered United States Air Force Col Joe Kittinger was at The Explorers Club Annual Dinner in 2001. He was on stage at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, receiving the prestigious Explorers Medal from the Club. After he had left the podium, none other than Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon, hugged him. That, of course, got me curious.

When I researched Kittinger the following week, I understood why Armstrong had paid attention. In 1960, as part of an iffy USAF experiment to determine whether pilots and future astronauts could eject at extreme altitudes and survive, Kittinger, clad in a clumsy spacesuit, rode a helium balloon to 102,800 feet above the Earth, then jumped out of his cramped gondola. His body accelerated to more than 600 mph in the near vacuum at the edge of space. Kittinger was testing a revolutionary new drogue parachute to stabilize him, and it worked.

After more than four minutes of free fall, Kittinger's body was slowed by friction in the thicker atmosphere below, allowing him to deploy his main parachute at 15,000 feet. He then gently coasted to the floor of the New Mexico desert. Other than a swollen hand from a failed pressure glove, he was unharmed. Success! Waiting for Kittinger was a telegram from the Mercury 7 astronauts, including the late Sen. John Glenn, thanking him for his bravery during the dangerous experiment. Not long after, the jump was featured on the cover of Life Magazine.

Kittinger held that parachute world record until 2012, when Austrian daredevil Felix Baumgartner, as part of a highly-publicized Red Bull stunt, jumped from even higher, just over 128,000 feet. But, of course, Baumgartner's high-tech spacesuit and pressurized gondola capsule were far superior to Kittinger's primitive, make-shift gear. There is even a photo showing something duct-taped to the back of Kittinger's pack as he fell. (Note: In 2014, Alan Eustace broke Baumgartner's record, leaping from over 135,000 feet.)

As an adventure journalist, my first thought: I need to meet, and interview, this guy. Through Explorers Club contacts, I discovered that Kittinger resided in Altamonte Springs, Florida, near Orlando, with his wife, Sherry. I contacted him about an interview. He was kind, generous and humble, and agreed, inviting me to conduct it at his home.

During the interview, Kittinger revealed many things which I have written about since, but at the time did not know. A few: He was shot down over Việt Nam in his F-4, and spent several months in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" being tortured; he once ejected from a fighter jet at more than Mach 1, the speed of sound, and survived; he pulled 15 G's in a centrifuge experiment conducted by NASA to determine just where the breaking point of the human body might be; he had been the first to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a gas balloon. Blah, blah, blah - the list goes on.

After our chat, Kittinger surprised me, saying that he had scanned my background before I arrived. Of all the things I had done as an adventure writer, conspicuously missing was a parachute jump. He had a friend a few miles away who ran an outfit called Skydive DeLand. Did I want to go over and take a jump, post-haste? I was caught off-guard. There was a reason I had never done the parachute thing - it scared me! But here I was with the then-world-record-holder, the friend of Neil Armstrong, asking me. What could I say?

Over at DeLand, they stuffed me into a tight green jumpsuit. Then Kittinger astutely observed that I had on loafers. "You can't jump with those," he laughed, "they'll blow off of your feet. Here, why not wear my sneakers?" As a writer, I could not help but smile and think, "Well, I had big shoes to fill."

After my jump, Joe and I became friends. I interviewed him many times on stage at The Explorers Club as part of my Exploring Legends series. When I ran for the Club's Board of Directors, he urged all of his friends to vote for me (evidently he had quite a few - I served two consecutive three-year terms). He even joked that I should be president of the organization someday, to which I responded, "Nope, that's a totally different kind of adventure, one more dangerous - politics!"

Joseph Benham

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buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Louisville. On January 1, 1858 he was re-interred in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati. He was married twice having a total of 5 children. His second wife is buried with him at Spring Grove.

Mr. Benham devoted much of his time to the acquisition of the grace of oratory. He paid particular attention to elocution, and his voice and manner of speech were captivating. Few men could address a jury more eloquently or effectively, and as a popular speaker, fewer yet surpassed him.

In 1848, eight years after his death, the **Cincinnati Commercial** still printed an article that talked about his remarkable powers of persuasion.



In 1796, Israel Ludlow traveled back east to give a report of his surveying work on behalf of the US Government. While in Chambersburg, PA he met with General Chambers. Before heading back to Ohio, he married the General's daughter, Charlotte.



During their 7 years of marriage, they had 4 children. He became ill in January of 1804 at his mansion and died 4 days later at the age 38. Judge Symmes gave the memorial address at the 1st Presbyterian Church, where he was buried with **Masonic honors**.

About a century later his remains were moved to nearby Spring Grove Cemetery.

While he was alive, he frequently took his family with him to Hamilton for his business dealings there. His wife initially took over his business dealings in Hamilton and later his sons did. One of his descendants was a dentist on High Street.



Upon his return to the area, he built the largest and first frame house in Cincinnati near where he had built Ludlow station block-house several years previously. The two of them became prominent citizens in Cincinnati. They raised subscriptions for the first church in Cincinnati, the First Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati. This was built in a square that he donated for the church to be built as well as schools and a court.

Covenant First Presbyterian Church



This is actually the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati; In 1833 Lyman Beecher was its pastor as well as president of Lane Seminary. He had a falling out with the pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church. The two merged in 1933 to create Covenant First Presbyterian Church.

Masonic Humor

While visiting a newly initiated Brother at home one day, the new Brother's wife took me to one side and said her husband had started behaving in a very strange manner since joining.

"In what way? I asked her.

"Well," She replied, "He locks himself in the toilet for hours on end with his little black book mumbling to himself."

When I saw him later that week, I turned the talk around to the Lodge, and asked him how he was getting on.

"Oh, fine." was his reply.

I asked him about his behaviour, and if there was anything wrong?

"No." was his reply.

"Then why are you reading the Ritual in the toilet?"

"Well." He said. "It's the only TYLED room in the house...."

From Unity Lodge #300,
Grand Lodge of Queensland

Last year, I asked Joe if he had ever been in a race car. If not, would he want to take a thrill ride with me around Daytona's famed speedway in a stock car? (I give rides there regularly as part of the NASCAR Racing Experience.) Joe was 93 at the time. His immediate response, "I'll get into anything." From the nonchalant way he said it, you just knew he would get into anything.

As we belted into the car, I worried that the ride might disappoint him. After all, we would only hit 170 mph - he had gone over 600 mph during his skydive freefall. We would only pull about 3 G's in the turns - he had pulled 15 G's in that NASA centrifuge. But, afterwards, he said he genuinely enjoyed the ride, said it was an experience different from anything he had done in his life. I also took Sherry and Joe's son for rides. I was happy for once to have done something for Joe and his family to repay the kindness they had shown me over the years.

A few months ago, I interviewed Baumgartner on the 10-year anniversary of his Red Bull jump. Baumgartner knew that Joe and I were friends, and asked how Joe was doing, that he had heard Joe might be sick. That was news to me. I had seen Joe fairly recently, and he had looked fine - a little thinner, but fine. I asked Sherry if anything was amiss. Joe called right away to assure me all was okay.

So, it was with some surprise that I learned of his passing yesterday. If it were a long-term illness, and I don't really know whether it was, why didn't he reach out for support? I asked a few of my explorer friends. Their collective response: Joe was old-school. He never complained about anything - pain, challenging events in his life, all of that. A stiff upper lip was a sign of character to him, and Joe had character in spades.

I suppose I understand. His peer group of aviators - the Chuck Yeagers, the John Glenns, the Neil Armstrongs, all of whom had the right stuff - did what they did out of curiosity, duty to country, a quest for human knowledge - not for the self-aggrandizement and fame so many adventurers seem to need today. In short, Joe did it for the right reasons.



Masonic Podcasts

Masonry Beyond the Lodge Room Door



The Masonic Service Organization puts out Short Talk Bulletin podcasts through a grant from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. This talk actually comes from March 1932.

They argue that not one in a hundred Masons adventures far into their Masonic world. For most masons their world begins and ends at the doors of their lodge. The author argues that except for hearing of an occasional Masonic charity, maybe reading about their lodges doing, unless they are a very involved officer, they won't venture beyond this. Most believe it to be an occasional evening at the lodge and nothing more.

They talk about how the principal officers from lodges can get together to exchange ideas and help solve problems (sort of like the 2nd jurisdiction does on its training day for lodge officers). They suggest taking advantage of educational nights with other lodges.

In the cities they used to be many Masonic clubs, which were not available in smaller towns. These clubs would form around common interests or among common occupations or workplaces. (The Widows Sons or the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club would be an example of a Masonic Club with common interests).

They lament that so few read the Masonic Proceedings from the Annual Grand Lodge Meetings. Further, how many know whether their Grand Lodge has a library (ours does its located in Springfield) or a Masonic home (we have 3 the closest being in Springfield as well). Not 1 in 100 has ever seen their Masonic Home which is an inspiring sight as well as great encouragement to brothers that reside their (I'm guilty of not visiting despite how close it is and having driven by it on a couple of occasions).

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Poinsett

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after the United States government did not offer any help. Poinsett set out on a nationwide tour of the United States to raise awareness of the fight for independence of the Latin American countries. He traveled over 2,000 miles during his tour.

Prior to Poinsett's return to South Carolina, he was nominated and elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives. He spent two terms in the South Carolina House of Representatives before being elected to the United States House of Representatives. In both of the Houses, Poinsett was focused on improving the roads and infrastructure of first South Carolina and then the United States. Being well traveled around the country, Poinsett was very aware of the importance of a strong road system and its importance to commerce.

In 1825, Poinsett was appointed as First Minister to Mexico and given the authority to act on behalf of the United States. As he had in South America, he became embroiled in the political turmoil of Mexico. Despite this he worked hard to push favorable United States policy including trying to get Mexico to favor imports from the United States over Britain. He was recalled in 1830.

When Poinsett, an amateur botanist, returned to the United States he brought back a sample of *Flor de Nochebuena* (Christmas Eve Flower) which later became known in the United States as the poinsettia. He also worked with President Andrew Jackson during the nullification quarrels, South Carolina felt federal tariffs imposed were illegal.

From 1837 to 1841 Poinsett was the Secretary of War. He used his office to increase military efficiency and readiness.

Poinsett passed away from tuberculosis on December 12th, 1851.

It is unclear when Poinsett joined the Masonic fraternity. It is documented he served as Worshipful Master of Recovery Lodge No. 31 in Greenville, South Carolina, Solomon's Lodge No. 1 in Charleston, South Carolina. He was also a Royal Arch Mason and was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, serving until 1841.

Masonic Stamp

Of Approval



Despite doing an extensive search to see if a Masonic cover had been issued for our Brother Joel Roberts Poinsett, I was unable to locate any. Besides, giving us "the Christmas Star," Poinsett was an able politician and was involved in



many affairs throughout Latin America. So I next looked to see if a stamp was ever issued for him. Again, I was unable to find anything. So if one would like to represent him in your Masonic collection, one would need to gather covers and stamps that feature the poinsettia.

► **Rocky Jackson**
President George Washington Masonic Stamp Club

For info on joining ask him or fill out the form @<http://gwmasonicstampclub.com/>

The top first day cover was issued in 2018 and depicts a forever stamp. The middle cover was made by Fleetwood in 1985. On the left side of this page you will see one of only a couple of covers I have come across that depicts Brother Joel Poinsett. This first day cover was made by Panda Covers. Another way one could add to their Masonic stamp collection to portray Brother Joel Poinsett is collecting stamps with poinsettia's depicted on them such as Mexico's 1977 and 2000 issues, Bermuda's 1970 issue or Dominica's 1969 issue.

For help getting started or for information about becoming a member of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club contact Brother Rocky Jackson.



The above First Day Cover was issued by Panda Covers in 2018 to showcase Joel Poinsett, who as the First Minister to Mexico, introduced the poinsettia to the

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A Masonic Job Offer

A recently raised Master Mason applied for a job and knowing his prospective boss to be a prominent Mason, he was careful to wear his square and compass cuff links.

When he arrived at the interview he approached his interviewer in the regular manner and proceeded to shake hands (yes with THAT handshake).

After an hour or so (with the candidate dropping numerous Masonic references) the prospective boss asked if he were to be offered the job, what sort of package he had in mind. Our candidate, now feeling very confident, said that he would like \$120,000 and five weeks annual leave.

His interviewer replied, "We'll halve it and you begin."



Logic Puzzle

Follow the clues to determine which fruit each girl likes and how old they are..

Difficulty Level:



CLUES

- Rose had neither the first choice soup nor dessert.
- Tom had Chicken Breast, but not the second choice dessert.
- The sibling who had the first choice dessert enjoyed the third choice meat course.
- The second choice soup was not had by Tom or Rose.

YOUR ANSWER

Name	Soup	Meat	Dessert
Rose			
Tom			
Sam			

		Soup			Meat			Dessert		
		Minestrone	Navy Bean	French Onion	Beef Steak	Chicken Breas	Fish Fillet	Ice Cream	Apple Pie	Fruit Cake
Name	Rose									
	Tom									
	Sam									
Dessert	Ice Cream									
	Apple Pie									
	Fruit Cake									
Meat	Beef Steak									
	Chicken Breas									
	Fish Fillet									

Wednesday Night Fellowship and Education



The second annual gathering of brothers during Washington's dark period concluded on August 24. During this meeting, Rocky revealed that he is taking his Royal Scofield Society presentation that was done back in April and turning it into a book. He asked for suggestions as to how to make this better, more informative, and to reach a wider audience of masons. The brothers gave him so many helpful suggestions to ponder over much of which will result in an even better product. He wishes to express his appreciation for each brother that was willing to share what they had gotten out of the presentation and what they would like to see included in future presentations as well as in the book.

The second topic of the evening was what it meant for each brother to be a mason. Everyone enjoyed hearing about each brother's journey, what brought them to masonry, what they have gotten out of masonry so far, and what they desire to see happen in their own life going forward as a result of being a Mason.

Overall, I do believe that everyone thoroughly enjoyed this second annual gathering that Right Worshipful began last summer. The brothers of Washington Lodge would like to express their sincere appreciation to Brother Mo Webb for being the host of this year's event, arranging for us to meet biweekly at Shooters, and for arranging for the topics at each of our meetings.

I for one am hoping that Brother Mo Webb decides to continue this event next year when we go dark. I looked forward to the fellowship that we had as well as the insightful discussions that we shared on a variety of topics.



Join Us For Our Annual... **LABOR DAY BREAKFAST**





The annual Labor Day Breakfast kicked off the start of going from dark to light for Washington Lodge #17. It was good to see many brothers that we haven't seen in awhile. It was great fellowship before the stated meeting. Brothers Ryan Napper and Dwight Weaver headed up the kitchen crew with major contributions by Brother Kenny Craft. If there are others that assisted in the food preparation please forgive me for not mentioning you by name.



After enjoying a scrumptious breakfast and fellowshiping with one another many brothers paid their annual dues. The lodge greatly appreciates this so that resources and time isn't expended in making sure that no brother is suspended for not paying their dues.



Upon going up to the blue lodge, Worshipful Jason Baynum brought us from darkness to light and proceeded to open up another year in our Masonic family journey.



As always, the brothers of Washington Lodge had an extremely good time at our annual Table Lodge. This year had a very enjoyable speaker. Our very own Right Worshipful Rick Shields was the speaker for the evening. He brought in his copy of Brother George Washington's apron that had been given to him by Lafayette. He proceeded to explain what each of the nearly 40 masonic symbols meant. This was extremely informative. Much appreciation was expressed by the brothers for the presentation that Brother Rick gave.

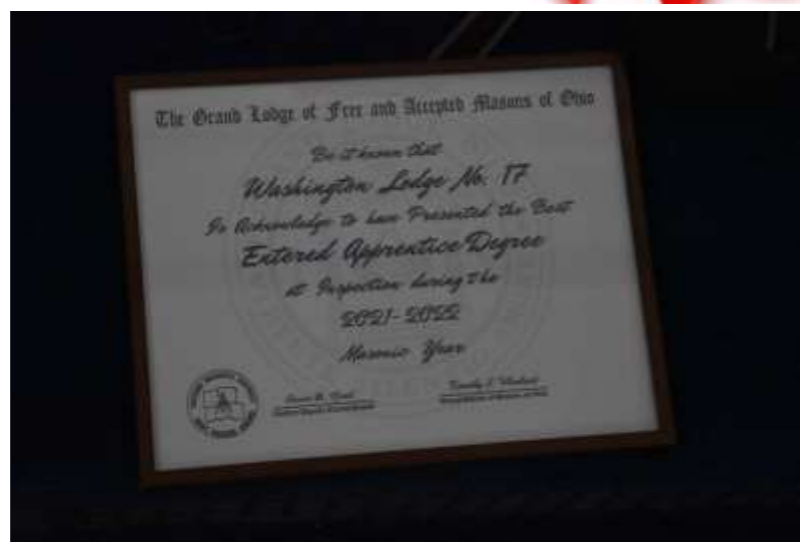


Washington Lodges Outdoor raising is something that the brothers of the lodge look forward to every year. We were very fortunate that the weather cooperated and it although their was a crispness to the air, the weather was very pleasant. Jonathan Keechle was the brother that we raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason this year.

The craft team did a fabulous job putting on this degree. Everyone had a great time. Make plans to come to the outdoor raising next year in the Fall.



On behalf of Washington Lodge #17, Worshipful Jason Baynum accepted this award given out by the 2nd Masonic District for having given out the BEST Entered Apprentice degree in the entire district during the 2022 inspection season. Congratulations Worshipful and the entire Craft Team.



The receipt of the 2022 John C. Cole Award went to Tom Durr. For those of you that don't know, Brother Tom spends countless hours at the lodge making sure that everything runs smoothly. He is the one who has been responsible for signing contracts and making sure that contractors are doing their job in fixing our Temple. In short, he is responsible for making sure that we have a building that we can call home and a building that is safe for us to conduct our Lodge Meetings in. The brothers of Washington Lodge congratulate Brother Tom on a very well deserved award in recognition to the service, hard work, and dedication that he has done over the years on behalf of Washington Lodge as well as the Hamilton Temple.

ELECTION NIGHT

RESULTS

The new officers were elected and appointed by the brothers of Washington Lodge #17 for the 2022-2023 Masonic year.

Worshipful Master: Tim Miracle
Senior Warden: Kenny Craft
Junior Warden: Terry Thompson-Cannon
Senior Deacon: Rocky Jackson
Junior Deacon: David Caron
Senior Steward: Chris Napper
Junior Steward: Dwight Weaver

Secretary: Jeremy Spangenberg
Treasurer: Ryan Napper

Chaplain: Carl Smith
LEO: Mo Webb / Charlie Joseph
Marshall: Jake Weaver

Tyler: Lloyd Baker



Freemason Book Review



This month's book review takes us to a long forgotten Civil War General named John Frederick Hartranft. Although this book does not discuss his Masonic life at all I will add some information that will give you his Masonic involvement.

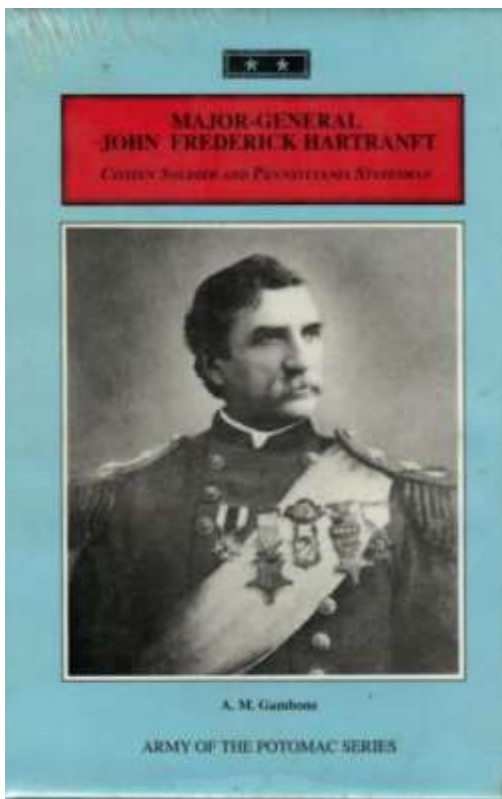
Upon the outbreak of the War he raised a group of soldiers under a 90 day sign-up. Unfortunately, on the eve of the First Battle of Bull Run, their term was up and being very disgruntled with their ill-treatment by the US Army they marched home even as the sounds of the battle could be heard. Although, he didn't have to Hartranft volunteered and stayed for the battle. Despite this, it tarnished his record and kept him from being promoted to the rank of General for a very long time.

The book discusses his military career and how on a couple of occasions he played pivotal roles in battles. At the end of the war he was made the Provost Marshall of Washington D.C. As such he was the jailer for the co-conspirators of John Wilkes Booth in the murder of President Lincoln. This also meant that when the sentence of hanging for four of the co-conspirators was handed down, it was he who was charged with carrying out this task. This meant that he executed them including Mary Surratt.

After the war, he went on to become the Governor of Pennsylvania. His statue is actually on the grounds of the Pennsylvania capitol in Harrisburg. In 1876 he was a contender for the Republican nomination for President, but he lost out to Rutherford B. Hayes.

In late October, I went to the Schwenckfeld Library and Museum in Pennsburg, PA (an organization that is very dear to me as my ancestors fled to America as part of the Schwenckfeld religious group's escape from America). A fellow Schwenckfelder and Mason gave a talk on the life of Brother Hartranft. Later I discovered through much research that he is the husband of my 10th cousin 4 times removed (but on my father's side). This was a totally unexpected development as it is my mother's family that settled all through that area and who were Schwenckfelders.

In a subsequent article I will discuss our Brother's Masonic life, but suffice it to say he was a member of Norristown lodge.



Hartranft may be purchased through Butternut and Blue as well as through Amazon and Ebay



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LEO's Spotlight Brother of the Month Brother Tom Durr

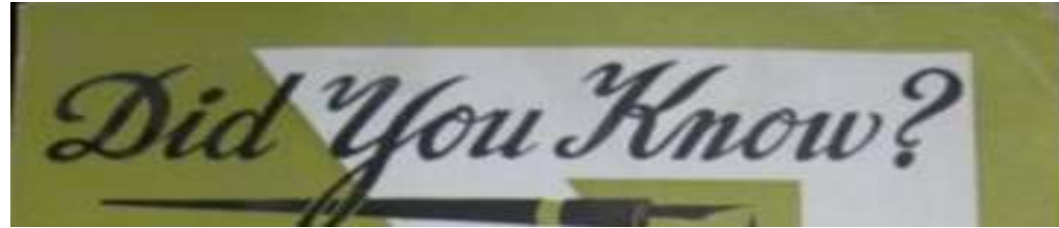
It was pure happenchance that this year's John C. Cole Award recipient, Brother Tom Durr, happened to also be the LEO'S very first Spotlighted Brother of the Month. Brother Mo Webb sat down and had a talk with Tom. He learned that Tom joined Masonry when he was 30 and Masonry became his family, it became his home. He believes deeply in the Craft and what we do here.

One thing that drives Tom's passion is to see things completed at the Hamilton Temple so that it can continue to thrive and be a place that the Brotherhood can enjoy as much as he has.

His advice for younger masons is to come and be a part of things. It definitely helped him overcome his fear of public speaking and it can do the same for you. Another piece of advice he offered is to make sure that you are a part of the solution.

In parting, Brother Tom says that you need to speak your own voice. You own the Lodge. You need to do you. Contribute your voice to your fellow Masons.

Brother Tom cares deeply about the Lodge, about Masonry, and he will go above and beyond in seeing that Masonry thrives in Hamilton by having a Temple that we can be proud to call home. Thank you Tom, for all that you do for us, brother.



Sources of Masonry

- From Greece: it learned to be true and *know yourself*;
 - From Confucius: to be clever and *educate yourself*;
 - From Rome: to be strong and *fortify yourself*;
 - From Buddha: to be disillusioned and *suppress yourself*;
 - From Islam: to be submissive and *bend yourself*;
 - From Judaism: to be holy and *study the Sacred Law*;
 - From Christianity: *to do unto others as you would have them do unto you*;
- It has gathered together the lessons of the Ten Commandments, also the Sermon on the Mount.
- It has drawn from the Ancient Art and Cultures of the Phoenicians and the Egyptians.
- It has drawn from the Architecture of the Middle Ages.
- It is a psychological mother feeding its members on the very best morality it can find;
- Feeding, as St. Paul would say, on a spiritual milk.

J.A. Klein, speaking before a lodge of Research in Western Australia, 1954

Adventures in Masonry

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How many know whether the Grand Lodge has an educational program and if they do has made use of it. (We have both the Traveling Road Show and the Ohio Lodge of Research as well as the Royal Scofield Society).

The Masonic World touches the profane world when a cornerstone ceremony takes place just like it does when there is a Masonic funeral. (I haven't been able to attend many Masonic funerals, but when I have there is usually a small gathering of brothers that do. I don't recall knowing of the last time a Masonic cornerstone ceremony has taken place).

They discuss the Grand Lodge having foreign correspondents who read the proceedings of the other jurisdictions in the United States as well overseas, comments upon these work, giving a summary of their work and accomplishments, noting anything that is peculiar or new, different or odd, interesting, and then includes it into the Grand Lodges proceedings. I don't know if Ohio ever did this or if this takes place today, but it is definitely a question I would like to find out.

At the time (1932) there were 75 Journals in the U.S. devoted to the Masonic world. To not to subscribe to at least one publication, is to overlook discovering much that is interesting and informative. Several publishing houses are devoted to the publishing of Masonic books. The reading Mason knows a side to his Masonic world that the non-reader does not know. So many books are filled with Masonic light.

Many lodges formed book clubs. At the time 10-25 brothers would participate. Each would buy a different Masonic book. Each brother would read their book, and then pass it on to the next brother. In this way, over time they would read each book that had been purchased by members of the book club.

Of course today, one could add podcasts as well as virtual Masonic meetings to this 1932 list of suggestions. If a Mason follows even a few of these suggestions, they will go down the path of discovery and enlightenment. Take the time to travel on the Masonic path.

To listen to/see this podcast go to <https://shorttalkbulletin.com/the-masonic-world-v10n3/>

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Exploring Masonic Coins

Military Leaders

In our three previous issues we took a look at a Coin Week article on May 26, 2021 by Charles Morgan and Hubert Walker that delved into which of our Masonic Presidents as well as Masonic government leaders had coinage featuring them. This time we use their article to look at Masonic military leaders that were depicted on coins.



Three of these men were World War II generals, honored as part of the Five Star Generals Commemorative Coin Program. On the \$5

Gold, we have mason brother General **Douglas MacArthur** (who in 1936, and again in 1947, was depicted on U.S. made pieces for the Philippines), General **Henry "Hap" Arnold**, a member of Union Lodge No. 7 of Junction City, Kansas, and General **Omar Bradley**, a member of West Point Lodge No. 877.

Civil War general, Freemason, and 1864 presidential candidate **George McClellan** got his coin when he appeared alongside Confederate general Robert E. Lee on the Antietam half dollar (1937).

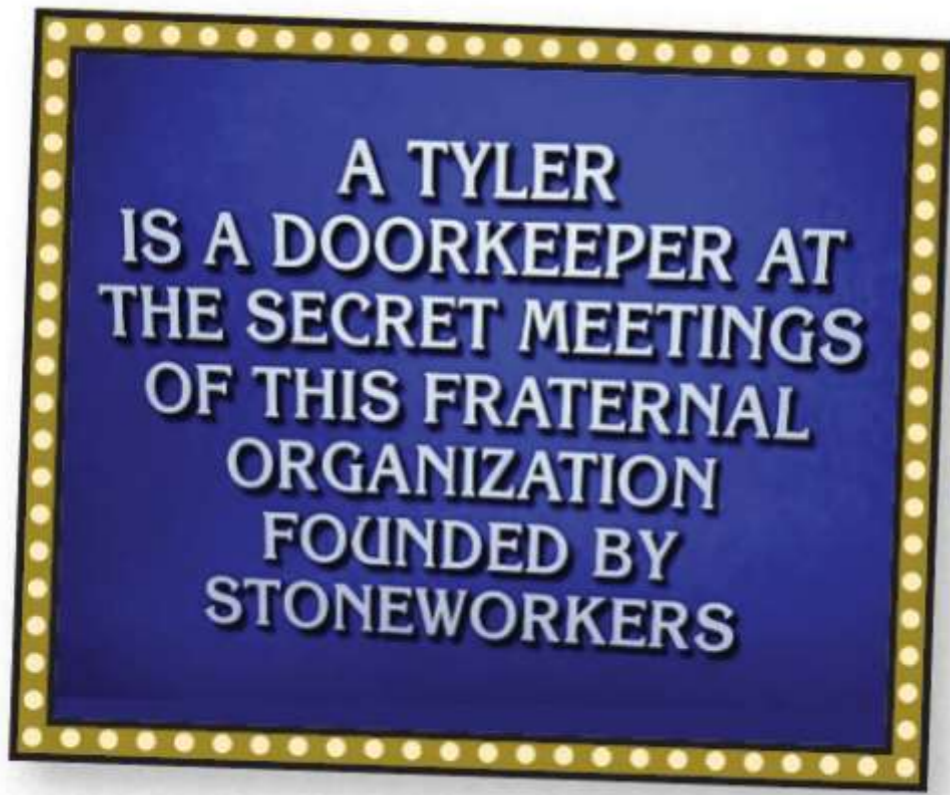
Name	Position	Coin
Lafayette	Commander, Continental Army	1900 Lafayette dollar
Lewis & Clark	Corps of Discovery	1904-1905 Lewis & Clark gold dollar 2003 Missouri state quarter 2004 Lewis & Clark Bicentennial dollar 2004 Westward Journey Nickel Keelboat Reverse
George B. McClellan	Commander, Army of the Potomac	1937 Battle of Antietam half dollar
Henry "Hap" Arnold	Five Star General	2013 Five Star Generals half dollar
Omar Bradley	Five Star General	2013 Five Star Generals half dollar
Douglas MacArthur	Five Star General	2013 Five Star Generals gold five dollar

The two most-depicted non-presidential figures in the history of U.S. coinage, **Meriwether Lewis** and **William Clark**, were also masons. Lewis joined first, before the pair's historic Corps of Discovery. In 1799, he was a member of the Door of Virtue Lodge No. 44 in Albemarle County. Later on, he was a member of the Widow's Son's Lodge in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In 1808, Lewis founded St. Louis Lodge #111, where he served as the state's first Royal Arch Mason and Master of the lodge. It was at this time that Lewis inducted Captain William Clark into the order. Lewis died in 1809. Clark survived his friend by 29 years and remained an active mason for the rest of his life.

In the next issue, we are going to turn to discussing what members of American culture who were also Masons have been depicted on U.S. coins.

Masonic Jeopardy



According to Brother Ian Steward in an article for the California Freemasons earlier this month, Freemasonry and the game show Jeopardy go hand-in-hand. He pointed to J! Archives, which keeps track of clues and responses on Jeopardy. According to them over the course of the 38-year history of the game-show there have been a total of 70 references to Freemasonry. The most common are "Mozart's Magic Flute," the Shriners, and the Anti-Masonic Party. There have been 3 occasions in which Jeopardy devoted an entire category to Masonry. Back in April of 2015, contestant Tom Imler wore a Masonic lapel pin during the game and this Brother was introduced as a member of a lodge in North Carolina.



Our LEO Brother Mo Webb, revealed that as part of the newly unveiled LEO Program, or the 3 P's as he dubbed it, we need to make sure to have Play. For our play, he introduced us to Washington Lodge's version of Jeopardy. This saw 2 teams—the past masters versus the rest of the brothers of the lodge.

There were 3 categories in this months round. They were:

- 1) Famous Freemasons
- 2) Symbolism
- 3) Law, Rules, Regulations and Ancient Charges

After the first month the past masters were beating the rest of the brothers by the score of

Next month, Washington Lodge will have the next round of Masonic Jeopardy. Can the brothers catch up and surpass the past masters? Come to lodge and be a part of this wonderful competition and form of play. Everyone who participated agreed that it was fun and very informative.



What are the duties of the Masonic Chaplain? We are quick to answer, well he reads the prayers during the opening and closing of the lodge. We might remember that he also reads them during the circum-bulations. Maybe we might even say that he says the prayer before we eat. However, how many of us actually thoroughly contemplate the office of chaplain in our Lodge?

Sir Knight, the Rev. James M. Keane argues that there are 9 principle duties of the Chaplain. He argues that oftentimes that the chaplain is the immediate past master in order to whisper wise counsel to the new master of the lodge. We are fortunate that Carl Smith, serves to give wise counsel and provide the above duties in our lodge. In addition, we are blessed that we have had in the past Maurice Webb serve in this position as well considering that he a Doctorate in Theology.

Rev. Keane argues that the primary function of the Masonic Chaplain is "to bring God's Word to His children and to bring his Brothers to a deep relationship with Him."



The second opportunity Brother Keane says is to be able to visit or at least have contact with the sick as reported in the sick and distressed report. We are very fortunate that Brother Budd Haacke has taken on this role for us.

In the course of conducting this outreach, they are able to report back to the lodge as a whole that there are some brothers who are distressed. It is our duty to assist our distressed brothers.

The next avenue of service for the chaplain involves the Masonic Funeral Service. I have been present where Brother Carl or Brother Mo have been there. I have seen other brothers step up when they are unavailable to serve as the chaplain.

The sixth opportunity for the chaplain to serve is to offer counsel to his brothers. There have been many times that Brother Mo has provided me this counsel personally, but I also have been present on a number of occasions where that wise counsel is provided. I'm sure there are a number of others that have been provided counsel that we are totally unaware of because the majority of time this is going to be what a chaplain does—provide one-on-one counsel where others are not present. This is probably one of the biggest avenues of service that a chaplain provides to the Brotherhood.

As was stated previously, during both the invocation and the benediction, the Chaplain prays to the Supreme Architect of the Universe. These prayers should not be done in a monotone voice. Rather, the Chaplain is conversing to God on behalf of the Brotherhood.

Another of the Chaplains duties is to the candidate in providing the Biblical passages as they circumbulate the Lodge room.

Although, I have not seen this done in our lodge, Rev. Keane suggests that the presentation of the Sacred Law book be done by the lodge's chaplain. That is definitely something that is worth considering.

The last opportunity for service of our chaplain before the lodge is saying prayers before meals as well as other special events.

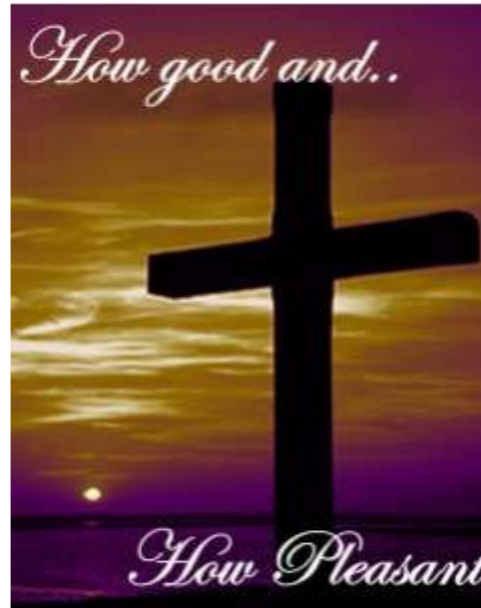
Although not mentioned in his article, our chaplains have agreed to begin writing a column for our lodge publication.

Brother Keane lives us with this thought, "When next you see your Chaplain, tell him he's doing a good job, prayerfully support him, and offer to help. He has a lot to do."

Rocky Jackson
AUTHOR

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To see the full article go to <http://www.knightstemplar.org/KnightTemplar/articles/20130427.htm>. To contact Brother Rev. Keane you may reach him either at JimKeane758@Yahoo.Com or 7218 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209.



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Wednesday Evening Dec. 7

The Officers and brothers of Washington Lodge gathered in every nook and cranny at the Hamilton Temple to make calls to check on the welfare of various brothers as well as to assist our members in paying their dues.

Because of the efforts of these dedicated brothers the total number of brothers that still owe dues dropped by more than a third in one week.

Remember if you do not have your dues paid by December 31st, you will be suspended at the January 2nd, stated business meeting for Non-Payment of Dues. Do not let this happen to you. Continue to be a part of our Fraternity.

If you need assistance in arranging to pay your dues, please let any of the officers know and they will gladly assist you.

Wednesday Evening Dec. 14

The Officers and brothers of Washington Lodge gathered once more in every nook and cranny at the Hamilton Temple to make calls to check on the welfare of various brothers. In addition, we were arranging to give service award to those members who have earned them. Due to COVID we have not had an Awards night at the lodge for the past two years, so we will be giving out 3 years worth of awards.

DATE: February 1, 2023

DINNER: 6 PM

AWARDS: 7 PM



All award recipients are welcome along with their family.

If you haven't let the lodge know that you will be attending this event, please let one of the officers know.

I personally had several enjoyable conversations with various brothers. I know several others did as well.

One brother is not in the best of health and is moving to Florida before the Awards night, so Worshipful Tim Miracle went and gave this brother their service award that very night.

Another brother has moved out of state. We are arranging to have the lodge that is closest to where they live to give this brother their service award.

For those that are able to attend, we do invite you to come to lodge this evening and we look forward with celebrating these outstanding brothers as they receive their awards.



Healthy Bites

Santa Pancake

Prep: 10 minutes
Makes: 1 (pancake) serving

- 1 pancake, frozen or from prepared mix
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1/2 cup raspberries
- 1 grape, halved
- 1/2 cup Weis Quality Whipped Topping

1. Prepare pancake as directed on package.
2. At the top of the pancake, arrange raspberries in a curved row. Add a stripe of whipped topping at the top of the pancake and a dollop below the raspberries.
3. Add a dollop of whipped topping in the middle of the pancake for the eyes. Add grape halves face down on top of the whipped topping to complete the eyes.
4. Add one raspberry below the eyes to make the nose.
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Top 5 Masonic Cocktails

Best Freemason Drinks

The Secret Handshake

Secret Handshake
1/2 oz Kahlua
1/2 oz Butterscotch Schnapps
1/2 oz Sambuca

Before pouring Sambuca use a cherry so that you layer it.
Light it.
Put your hand over top. It will create a suction and the lack of oxygen will put the fire out. It will not burn you.



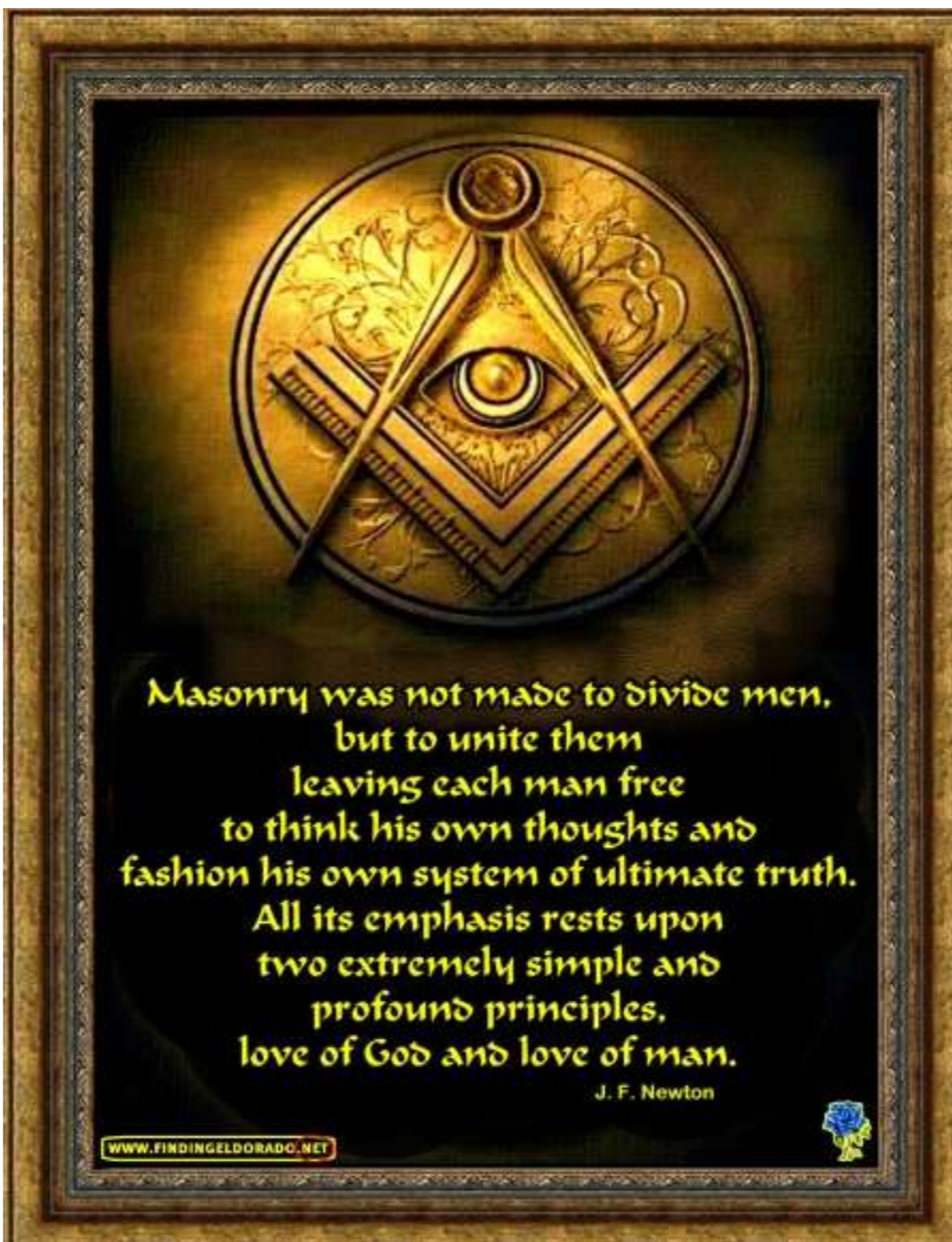
Masonic Ephemera



Masonic Cigars



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Masonic Word Play



—The Ohio and Erie Canalway is a national heritage site that stretches 110 miles. Visitors can drive it, hike it, or take the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, a three-hour trip with stops along the way.

—Carillon Historical Park in Dayton is a complex of historical buildings and museums that include a bell tower, a one-room schoolhouse, a covered bridge, a gristmill, a 1930s-style cafeteria, and a carousel celebrating Dayton factories and companies where visitors can ride on a giant bag of potato chips!

—At Cincinnati’s National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, visitors can learn about the Underground Railroad, a network of people who helped bring enslaved people to freedom in the early - to mid-1800s.

Healthy Bites

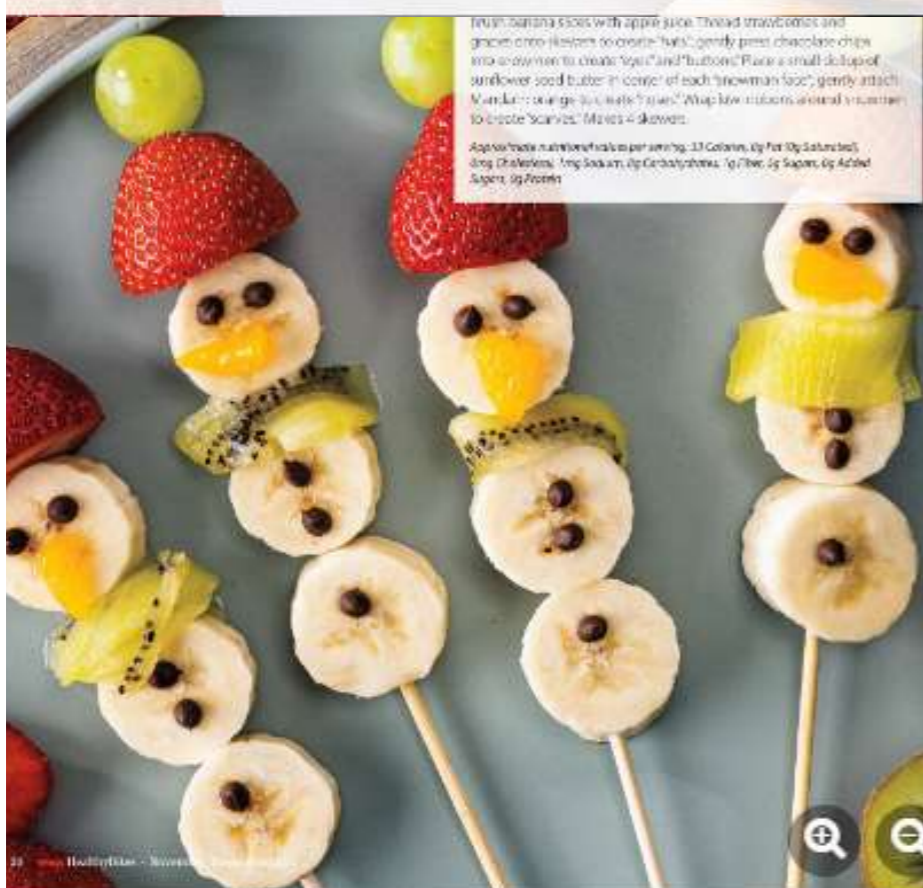
Banana Snowmen Skewers

Prep: 15 minutes plus soaking · Makes: 4 (1 skewer) servings

- 4 (10-inch) wooden skewers
- 2 small bananas, trimmed and cut crosswise into 3/4-inch-thick slices (12 slices)
- 1/2 tablespoon Weis Quality 100% Apple Juice
- 4 strawberries, hulled
- 4 green grapes
- 20 Weis Quality Mini Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips
- 1/8 teaspoon sunflower seed butter
- 1/2 Mandarin orange segment, quartered crosswise
- 4 thin kiwi ribbons (shaved with vegetable peeler)

- Soak skewers in water 20 minutes.
- Thread banana slices lengthwise onto skewers to create "snowmen"; brush banana slices with apple juice. Thread strawberries and grapes onto skewers to create "hats"; gently press chocolate chips into snowmen to create "eyes" and "buttons." Place a small dollop of sunflower seed butter in center of each "snowman face"; gently attach Mandarin orange to create "noses." Wrap kiwi ribbons around snowmen to create "scarves." Makes 4 skewers.

Approximate nutritional values per serving: 33 Calories, 0g Fat (0g Saturated), 0mg Cholesterol, 1mg Sodium, 8g Carbohydrates, 1g Fiber, 5g Sugars, 0g Added Sugars, 0g Protein



Masonry in the Movies



The first Hollywood film we will talk about is the 1975 version of *The Man Who Would Be King* which has been called "a perfect film, a perfect Masonic parable," by Midnight Freemason contributor Worshipful Kristoffer Tronerud. He informs us that "Most directors have one last great movie in their blood, one last statement that's been building in them for years; embodying their world view, their style, their attitude. Usually, it's not the last film, but somewhere around fourth or fifth from the end; that last great burst of energy and genius before the inspiration and skills begin to fade, and the soul gets a little bitter, a little brittle. Sometimes, though not very often, it's their best work, their masterpiece. For the immortal John Huston, that film was *The Man Who Would be King*."



Greeting from Mike Miller

Greetings Brethren,

I hope this message finds you all well. For those of you who don't know me or haven't met me my name is Michael A. Miller. I am a Past Master of Jefferson Lodge #90 in Middletown, Ohio. I am also currently the Butler County Representative for the 2nd Masonic District Officers Association. There are a total of 6 County Representatives for the 2nd DOA, 1 for Butler County, 1 for Preble County, 1 for Warren County, and 3 for Montgomery County.

For those of you who are unaware of what a County Representative does, please allow me to enlighten you. As a County Representative it is my duty to help with the organization and set up of district events such as the Grand Master's Reception, Grand Master's One Day Classes, and the Past Master's Convocation to name a few. We are also at each inspection keeping a tally of attendance for the DDGM.

However, I feel my most important duty is to communicate upcoming events with you that the district may have, and to share upcoming events with the district that you may have! If any of you are on Facebook, I'm usually the guy sharing all the events on your lodge's Facebook Page. I do this frequently for a couple of reasons, one to help inform Brethren who do not regularly attend lodge so that they can be involved if their schedule allows. Secondly, I think we all know the importance of being visible within our communities for growth and to develop positive relationships. Most lodges consist of members that don't live in the same community as their lodge, for example at Jefferson Lodge in Middletown we have members that live in Middletown, Monroe, Hamilton, Trenton, etc.. If a neighboring lodge is holding or helping with a community event, a Brother who might live in that community may be more willing to be involved. In all, I hope that by communicating these events, I am providing an opportunity for Brethren to be involved, strengthen their fraternal bonds with one another, and strengthen the relationships between the best lodges (Butler County Lodges) in the 2nd District!

So if you see any of my posts on Facebook in the future, please give a like and share! Also, if you have any upcoming events please feel free to share with me so I can help spread the word! I hope to meet each of you in my travels whether it be at a district event, lodge meeting, or even a community event!

Fraternally yours,
WB Michael A. Miller, RSS
Butler County Representative for the 2nd DOA

"DAD" Jokes



While it arguably is not 'better', than, say, *The Maltese Falcon* (Huston may be the only Master Filmmaker whose best film was his first), *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, *Key Largo*, or *The Misfits*, it certainly stands proudly at their side, and it is his most fully, and broadly realized. It's an expansive and warm film—an enduring audience favorite. Gorgeously filmed, superbly acted and romantically exotic, it is also perhaps one of the last of the great 'movie movies'; even watching it today, you can almost smell the popcorn and imagine yourself in the plush red seat of your local neighborhood movie palace. Accounting for this richly imagined and impeccably realized tapestry may be the fact that Huston carried the film around in his heart for 25 years.

Originally conceived as a vehicle for Clark Gable and Humphrey Bogart, Huston was not able to get the project underway before Bogart's death. Though he retained the rights, the project lay dormant until 1975 when, with producer John Foreman and the star power of Michael Caine and Sean Connery behind him, Huston was finally able to realize his dream.

With all due respect to Gable and Bogart, it is hard to imagine the film without Caine and Connery; in career-defining roles as Peachy Carnehan and Daniel Dravot, the two lovable rogues who aim for the stars and end up in the dust, with only their courage and indomitable spirit as consolation. Dravot and Carnehan are veterans of the Indian campaigns, who, as veterans often are, have been left behind in the prosperity of peace. "They called us heroes then, but times are different now," says Carnehan "it's the bureaucrats what done it." Resentful but plucky, and tired of surviving on scams, they decide to set out for the mythical land of "Kafiristan", and use their soldiering talents to become kings in their own right, plunder their new subjects "four ways to Sunday", and retire as English gentlemen. For a time, they succeed beyond their wildest dreams, until overreaching, greed, and hubris bring them down.

Much has been made of the supposed racial and cultural insensitivity of the film, but a fairer reading of the film as a whole suggests that Huston is simply presenting his characters honestly, and without apology, as they would have been in their era; unflinchingly making it clear that the condescension, ignorance, and disrespect they show for the very people they seek to exploit is the source of their undoing. The fact that our heroes are so irresistibly engaging and, for all their faults, sympathetic, makes it easy to suppose that Huston (and by extension Kipling) are endorsing their casual indifference to the value of the native population they are have come to plunder.

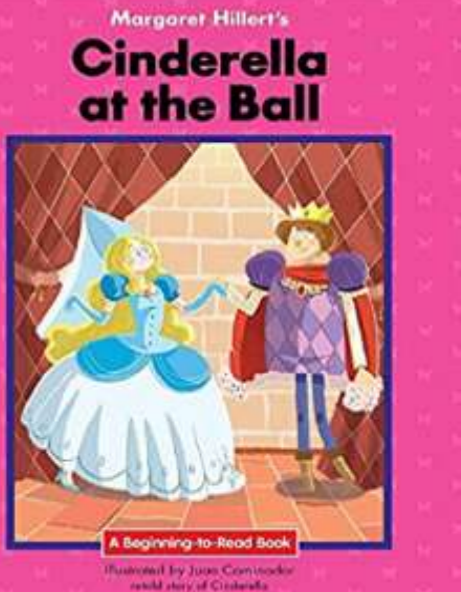
But while the Kafiristanis are, with the exception of the oafish chieftain Ootah and the centenarian high priest Kafu, largely faceless extras, the witty, courageous and oddly noble central character of Carnehan and Dravot's local guide and partner Billy Fish (played with abundant humor, intelligence, and humanity by the great Indian character actor Saeed Jaffrey) pretty convincingly puts aside the idea that *The Man Who Would Be King* is a racist film. Billy Fish is Gunga Din, only smarter, and without the patronizing aftertaste. In fact, it is easy to read *The Man Who Would Be King* as a wickedly satirical metaphor for the rise and fall of the British Empire in particular, and colonialism in general (and it almost most certainly is), but that is hardly the end of the story.

"*Brother to a Prince, and Fellow to a Beggar, if he be Worthy...*"

The first line of Rudyard Kipling's short story is not only one of the most oft-quoted lines in modern western literature, but it is also a nearly perfect one-sentence summary of the philosophical heart of Freemasonry. *The Man Who Would Be King* was among the first popular films to paint a picture of Masonry for the general public (far earlier than such

more recent, enjoyable, but decidedly inferior efforts as *National Treasure* and *The Da Vinci Code*), and it would be impossible to overestimate the importance of Freemasonry to the essential intent of *The Man Who Would Be King*.

Spoilers were ahead—if you don't care and want to finish reading what Brother Kristoffer reveals about *The Man who would be King* go to <http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2020/03/the-man-who-would-be-king.html> to continue reading.



Bro. Irving Berlin
#1 Christmas Song



I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the tree tops glisten
And children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow, oh, the snow
I said, I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmas' be white
(Let's go, sticks, let's go)
I said, I'm dreaming of a white, oh, Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the tree tops glisten
And the children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days, may your days, may your days
Be merry and bright
And may all your Christmas' be white
(Come on now, woo)
(J-man, up, up, up)
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmas' be white



Today in Masonic History it's Christmas Day (2014)

On this special day I am taking the opportunity to talk about Freemasonry and it's role in the world.

Freemasonry, as you probably know if you are reading this site, is not a religion. We welcome people of all different faiths and beliefs into our organization we only ask that you have a monotheistic belief in a supreme being.

This brings me to the time of year we are in, Christmas. At one time in the world this was the celebration of hope as we moved from the darkest day of the year and the days began to get brighter. We now celebrate with Christmas and the birth of Christ who taught very specific lessons when dealing with your fellow man. These lessons are taught in other religions as well.

The lessons Christ taught were of tolerance, justice, hope and kindness, to only name a few. These lessons are taught throughout Freemasonry. It is because of this that I believe Freemasonry truly embodies the idea of the Christmas season year round.

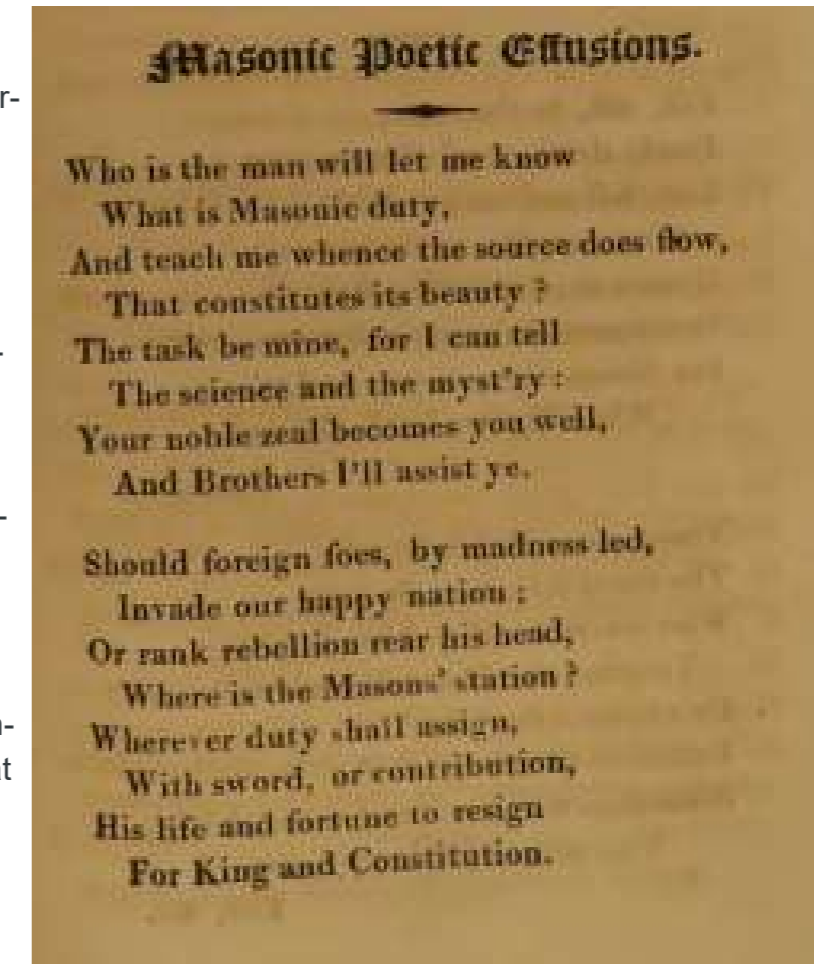
In our lodges and other Masonic organizations we daily, not just at this time of year, plan and perform acts to help the communities we are in. We teach our members, our brothers, to deal honestly and fairly with all whom we encounter. We stand on the level with our brothers whether we have known them for years or we are first meeting them on that day. We don't care what their religious affiliation is or their political affiliation we know that if they are standing there in that room with us, they believe that we have the right to our beliefs just as we believe they have the right to theirs.

The positive energy that is generated in our lodges hopefully makes it's way into the community through the acts of the individual masons. We learn the lessons of tolerance, justice and hope so well in our meetings and Masonic activities that we instinctively act in the same way when out in the world.

We have been accused of running the world, most certainly not the case. I do believe we are changing it everyday though, when we walk out into the world and display that Masonic Spirit, that Christmas Spirit and we make the world just that much better by being in it and sharing with the world the ideals that Freemasonry is founded on.

I say this in the most secular way possible Merry Christmas to all regardless of faith, may this season bring you joy, happiness and a better tomorrow!

I am a member of Washington Lodge No. 3 in Williston, Vermont. I am a member of York Rite, Scottish Rite and I am a 33° Mason. All opinions on this day (and any day) are my own and may not reflect those of the Jurisdiction I am a part of.



From 1819 Matthew Garland's 'Masonic Effusions' book



Today in Masonic History John Frederick Hartranft is born on Dec. 16, 1830.

John Frederick Hartranft was an American politician.

Hartranft was born on December 16th, 1830 Fagleysville, a village in New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The family moved to Norristown when he was young and he attended local schools there. He attended Marshall College before moving to Union College in Schenectady, New York graduating in 1853 with a degree in civil engineering. He then worked briefly for two railroads before returning to Norristown to assist his father in his real estate business.

In 1860, Hartranft passed the bar after reading law with a local firm. He also entered the Pennsylvania militia and was given the rank of colonel. When the American Civil War started Hartranft and his men were sent into action. They were only set to serve for one year though and at the start of the Battle of Bull run, gun fire was already being exchanged, his units time was up and all of his men returned to Pennsylvania. Hartranft was humiliated by the behavior of his men and stayed to fight in the battle. He eventually earned a medal of honor for his efforts in the battle.

Hartranft raised a three year regiment and with them he was assigned to various duties and fought in a variety of battles during the remainder of the Civil War. At the end of the war Hartranft was assigned as the Commander of Old Capitol Prison. There he was in charge of conspirators who assassinated Lincoln. It was noted he was very kind to Mary Surratt. On July 7th, 1865, after they had been convicted, Hartranft led Surratt and three others to gallows, gave them their last rites before they were hung.

His duties complete, Hartranft returned to Pennsylvania and switched his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican. In 1867 he was appointed Auditor General for Pennsylvania serving until 1873.

In 1872, Hartranft was elected to the first of two terms as the Governor of Pennsylvania. During his term he was a strong advocate of education, municipal reform, regulation of banking, improved industry and commerce, and the reorganization of the National Guard. Hartranft also supported suffrage for African Americans and championed the rights of the workingman.

During his second term unemployment and economic depression was widespread due to the industrial boom of the 1870's. Because of this he was forced to deal with the Molly Maguires, a secret society active in Ireland and parts of the United States. The Molly Maguires were largely made up of Irish-American coal workers and were a labor union of sorts. The Molly Maguires turned violent and Hartranft was forced to send out the National Guard and then the Regular Army to try to suppress the riots going on across the state. Later the District Attorney of Allegheny County tried to force Hartranft to appear in front of a grand jury to ease concerns about Hartranft's decisions to use military force against a civilian population. Hartranft refused to show up and a court backed him up. He did not have to answer any questions.

After leaving office Hartranft was appointed as the head of the Pennsylvania National Guard which he had helped improve as Governor.

Hartranft passed away on October 17th, 1889. Hartranft was a member of Charity Lodge No.190 in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

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MASONIC POEMS

MASONIC LIGHT

Hark ye, Masons, men of love,
Men of faith and men renowned!
Listen to the muffled cries
Of men in bondage, shamefully bound!

Oh, what ignorance rules supreme!
Oh, what darkness hides the light!
Oppose and fight all things unclean;
Be champions of the Right!

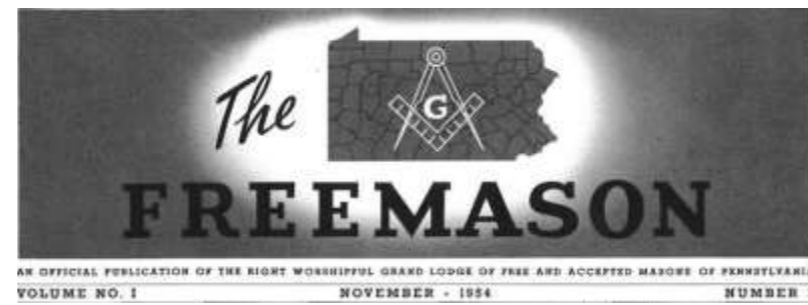
A glorious God rules all in sooth,
Watching over us with care;
He sends us wisdom, love and truth
With our fellow men to share.

Teach men how to see the light,
Not by word of mouth or pen,
But by works and deeds so bright
They illumine their paths. Amen!

Do make it be

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<https://pagrandlodge.org/masonic-education/freemason->

Encouragement from the East

W. B. Creighton Lovelace – Worshipful Master (2022), PM

Greetings and Salutations brethren! It is Sunday, the Lord's Day and I am sitting in my office writing my column the week of Thanksgiving. As I pause and reflect upon the services held this morning at Church and as I think about the upcoming holiday, I can say that I am thankful that I am a Mason.

Jonti Marks wrote in his book: 365 Level Steps in the entry for today, November 20th: "Everything about Freemasonry, is designed, not to undermine our sense of social responsibility, but to enhance it, making us 'respectable in life and useful to society.'"

The obligations we take are serious and solemn ones but they neither cut us off from society as a whole, nor do they deprive us of our individual freedom. Rather, they stand for us as a commitment to throw in our lot with that of the Order and like any such obligation such as marriage vows, or those for joining a religious Order, they provide a bedrock, a foundation, on which we may build the structure of our future selves.

By accepting the constraints of those obligations, we ourselves set the bounds of our daily lives, willingly stepping out on a path that may be narrow steep and sometimes rocky but which eventually will lead us to our true selves and, beyond, to God." How true this is. Our obligations were not words we were supposed to repeat in the lodge when we assumed it or to be rattled off by mere memory rote. These are part of our very foundations as Freemasons. Therefore, let us strive to recall them and execute them in our day-to-day lives. We are being reminded of these obligations at Western Star due to the ritual work taking place right and left.

I am thankful (again) for the Officer Team we had in place this year. At our last Stated Communication, we held our Elections and I was humbled to be re-elected to serve as Master. I am grateful and thankful for this opportunity to serve. I want to challenge you brother, if you've not been to lodge in a while, try to make it 4 times this year. It would be good to sit in lodge with you. As always, I hope to see you there! If you need me

Guest Columnist, Creighton Lovelace, Worshipful Master of Western Star Lodge #91, Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

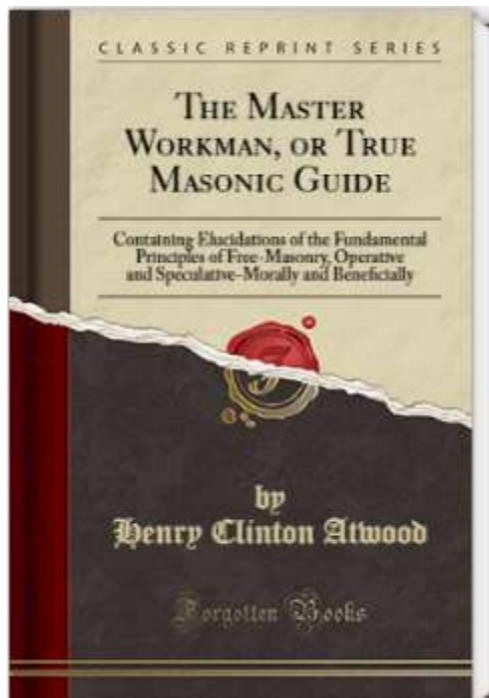
2023 SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sat, Jan 14	DEO Education Night	Haber Heights Lodge #777 9:00 AM
Wed, Jan 18	2nd Masonic District Officer's Association Winter Meeting	Minerva Lodge #98 7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 21	AASR Valley of Dayton Worshipful Master Recognition Night	Dayton Masonic Center 6:00 PM
Sat, Jan 21	8th Masonic District Education Day	Jeffersonville Lodge #468 8:00 AM
Wed, Feb 15	DEO Education Night	Mason Lodge #678 7:00 PM
Feb 27 - Mar 4	York Rite Week	Dayton Masonic Center
Sat, Mar 11	State Secretaries Meeting	University Lodge #631 8:30 AM
Sat, Mar 18	High L. Bates Lodge Reconsecration	High L. Bates Lodge #686 TBD
Sat, Mar 18	Waynesville Lodge Reconsecration	Waynesville Lodge #163 TBD
Sat, Mar 18	Grand Masters Reception	Dayton Masonic Center 6:00 PM
Apr 2 - Apr 9	Holy Week	No Meetings
Tue, Apr 4	AASR Valley of Dayton Chapter of Sorrows	Dayton Masonic Center 7:30 PM
Fri/Sat Apr 14-15	AASR Valley of Dayton Spring Reunion	Dayton Masonic Center 8:00 AM
Sat, Apr 22	Statewide Lodge Open Houses	Individual Lodges TBD
Wed, Apr 26	2nd Masonic District Officer's Association Spring Meeting	Vanalia Lodge #742 7:00 PM
Wed, May 17	DEO Education Night	Farmersville Lodge #482 7:00 PM
Sun, Jun 4	Ohio Masonic Home Day	Springfield Masonic Home 11A-5P
Sat, June 17	Bolivar Lodge Consecration (410 N. Baron St Eaton, OH)	Bolivar Lodge #92 TBD
Sat, June 17	Camden Lodge Reconsecration	Camden Lodge #139 TBD
Sat, June 17	Oxford Lodge Reconsecration	Oxford Lodge #67 TBD
Mon Aug 21	SW Dinner with DGM	Alpha Lodge #729 6:00 PM
Wed, Oct 25	2nd Masonic District Officer's Association Fall Meeting	West Carrollton #737 7:00 PM

Masonic Book Club



Robert Macoy was an enthusiastic Mason and was active not only in his mother lodge - Lebanon No. 13 (now 191) of New York, but in the Chapter, Council, Commandery, and Scottish Rite. He was given the 33rd degree, but he is remembered mostly as past Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and as Grand Recorder of the Commandery of New York, and as founder of the Chapter system of the Order of the Eastern Star. It is not strange then that he entered into a work whereby he could "help, aid and assist" his brethren in their work and knowledge of the Craft.



In the 1845 New York Directory we find Robert Macoy listed as operating a printing office at 111 Nassau Street and residing at 26 Mulberry Street. In partnership with another famous Mason and author, John W. Simons, Robert Macoy began his Masonic publishing career in 1849 at 25 Pine Street. The first of his many Masonic books, THE MASTER WORKMAN, was published. The book was widely acclaimed and was subsequently reprinted in several editions.

In 1859, just one year after the first successful Trans-Atlantic Cable had been laid, Daniel Sickels, another well known Masonic author, and Robert Macoy decided to pool their resources and efforts and a partnership was formed with offices at 728 Broadway and later, in 1863, at 428 Broome Street. Simons apparently stepped out and continued in his soap business. The Civil War was on; men and business were sorely tried and only the best came through. More capital was needed and in 1865 William T. Anderson and A.S. Archer (who owned a bindery) joined Macoy and Sickels in the business.

Lincoln had been shot; the country was much in need of more brotherly love. Many books were published during this period. Freemasonry played an important part in the country. Fortunate it was that such strong men as these four were doing their part to bring about a better feeling among all men.

1867 saw the purchase of Alaska and America was going through the throes of reconstruction. The wilderness had been conquered, frontiers of business and industry were probed by pioneers and Robert Macoy, too, was forging ahead. His long time friend, Rob Morris of Kentucky, who had formed the system of Constellations and Families of Adoptive Masonry, announced his intention of confining his remaining years to Holy Land investigations. Robert Macoy took over from there and to quote Morris: "He had my full consent and endorsement, and thus became the instigator of a third and more successful system." Macoy reorganized Adoptive Masonry into Chapters and the ritual of THE ADOPTIVE RITE, published in 1868, remains the standard from which all Eastern Star rituals are taken today. (to view the rest of their first 100 year history go to <https://www.macoy.com/History.aspx>).

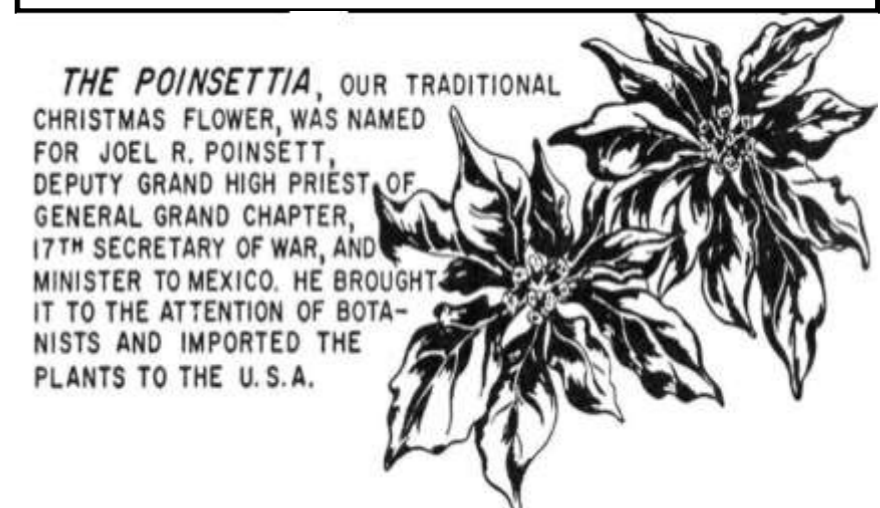
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

After a successful event on Sat. June 11 Washington Lodge now has a Dungeon and Dragons game chat. If you are interested in joining contact Worshipful Ryan Napier.

For the serious Dungeon and Dragons player that would like to include Freemasonry in his play see https://www.reddit.com/r/freemasonry/comments/pmt13a/lets_be_fraternal_im_looking_to_run_a_masonic/ where a brother is trying to create a group of Masons who would participate in an all Masonic group playing this game.

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Lafayette's First Visit to America

An acquaintance during the Frenchman's early days on American soil plays an intriguing role in later life

By Paul D. Fisher, 32°

June of 2027 will mark the 250th Anniversary of when the Marquis deLafayette first stepped foot on American soil to aide us in our fight against the British during the American Revolution. We are just a couple of years away from the 200th celebration of Lafayette's "Farewell tour" of America in which he visited all 24 states at the time. There is planned some big celebrations throughout America to celebrate this occasion. Over the next several months, we will be publishing an article that appeared in the May-June 1977 issue of The New York Masonic Stamp Club's magazine, the Masonic Philatelist, which actually reprinted the article from the June 1977, The Northern Light. For information on becoming a collector of Masonic Stamps see Brother Rocky Jackson, the President of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club.

This June marks the 200th Anniversary of the first visit to America by the Marquis de LaFayette, one of the most romantic figures of our revolutionary era. Although many fascinating anecdotes are attached to the Lafayette legend, none is so unusual or captivating as the story of Lafayette and Dr. Francis Kinlock Huger of Georgetown, S.C.

Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, became interested in the American cause soon after our revolution began. His father was killed by the British at the Battle of Minden. Upon the death of his mother when he was 13, Lafayette became a titled orphan possessing one of the largest fortunes in France. Following an arranged marriage when he was 16½ with Adrienne D'Ayen, daughter of the Duc D'Ayen of the powerful Noailles family, Lafayette was commissioned a captain in a dragoon regiment.

Why did he abandon the soft life of a courtier, assured advancement, and his young bride to antagonize both family and court by surreptitiously sailing to America? He was only 19, naive, and a product of his age and social class. With this in mind we can appreciate his original motives of avenging the death of his father by the English and escaping the all - powerful cloak of his in - laws, the Noailles, by earning personal renown in a romantic cause. Lafayette's adolescent reasons later matured into a genuine love of freedom and a belief in the equality of men.

So it was that Lafayette, opposed by official government policy, purchased a small merchant vessel of 200 tons, renamed it *Victoire*, and quietly sailed to America. He was accompanied by the self - styled Baron Johann DeKalb and about a dozen companions. After 54 days at sea, during which time Lafayette suffered greatly from seasickness, the *Victoire* ran the British naval blockade and landed on June 13, 1777, at Georgetown, north of Charleston, S.C.

Lafayette and DeKalb rowed ashore, where they met a few slaves who were harvesting oysters. They led the visitors to their master, a Major Benjamin Huger (pronounced Hugee). The Major was of French Huguenot stock, an officer in a South Carolina militia regiment, and a plantation owner in the immediate neighborhood. The French tongue had been kept alive for almost a century by the local Huguenot settlers, and Major Huger cordially invited Lafayette to spend his first night on American soil at his home. It was at a late meal that night that the Marquis de Lafayette met the Huger's son, Francis, a young lad of about three years of age. Years later young Huger was destined to play a role in one of the most unusual events of Lafayette's life.

At the beginning of the following week, Lafayette and Baron DeKalb rode to Charleston, S.C. From Charleston, they traveled to Philadelphia. There he presented his letter from Silas Deane, the American representative in Paris, who had promised him a commission as Major General, the highest rank in the Continental Army. Lafayette's timing could not have been worse, as Deane had sponsored several foreign adventures who had recently appeared and demanded commissions as General officers. Continental Congress rather abruptly dismissed his claim and offered his companions passage money to return to France.

Lafayette then sent his famous letter to Congress in which he stated: "After the sacrifices I have made in this cause I have the right to ask two favors at your hands: The one is to serve without pay, at my own expense; and the other that I be allowed to serve first as a volunteer."

Following some debate, Congress issued Lafayette's commission, as a good will gesture toward France. This was done with their understanding, but not his, that it was to be honorary in nature.

Quite briefly, the young nobleman rapidly earned the respect and admiration of George Washington by serving with distinction in the battles of Brandywine, Barren Hill, and Monmouth Court House. The bond was further strengthened by the Marquis' defense of Washington in the Conway Cabal, an unsuccessful attempt by jealous officers to have Washington replaced as Commander - in - chief. Lafayette crowned his service to the American military cause by leading the Virginia campaign of 1781.

The young Major General, although only 23 years of age and out - numbered by five to one, fought a three - month running engagement with Benedict Arnold and Lord Cornwallis. During that period he crisscrossed Virginia and marched his 1800 troops over 110 miles, saved Richmond from being burned, and frustrated his opponents' aim of destroying American supplies. The culmination of the campaign was the Battle of Yorktown, where Washington and Count de Rochambeau's troops met with the French West Indies fleet to force Lord Cornwallis' surrender on October 19, 1781.

Lafayette is mainly remembered in the United States for his youth, generosity, and friendship with Washington. His American experience, however, is only the opening chapter in a career that included involvement in three additional revolutions, a major part in the abdication of Napoleon, and declining the crown of France in 1830.

As he was trusted by the common people and was also a member of the nobility, he became the first commander of the National Guard of Paris in 1789 and de facto ruler of France. By nature, he possessed neither the calculating ruthlessness nor the political shrewdness to impose his liberal political philosophy on the French. Late in 1791 the National Assembly appointed him to lead one of three armies that were formed to protect the French frontiers. With the French Revolution about to enter its "Reign of Terror" period European monarchies such as Prussia and Austria were preparing an invasion to restore the nobility. When the Jacobins seized

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power, Lafayette was with his army in northern France and was faced with the decision of marching on Paris and attempting to restore the constitutional monarchy. He hesitated, was relieved of his command by the Jacobins, and was ordered to Paris, where he probably would have ended on the guillotine. Lafayette, realizing that he could no longer command the necessary loyalty of his troops to confront the revolutionary powers in Paris, slipped away over the Belgium border. His ultimate destination was the United States, but he was soon captured by the Austrians.

Although Lafayette was actually a deserter from the French army, both Prussia and Austria viewed him as one of the prime movers of the French Revolution and responsible for the destruction of their fellow monarch, King Louis XVI. He was held prisoner in several different Prussian fortresses and in May, 1794, was transferred to the Austrian fortress - prison of Olmutz, located about 110 miles north of Vienna in what is now Czechoslovakia. Conditions were harsh. Beneath his window ran an open sewer that permeated his room with its odor. He was held in-cognito and was not permitted to send or receive letters or to read any newspapers. The American consul at Vienna was unable to learn where he was imprisoned, only that he was "alive and well."

Next issue we will resume this story with what happened to Lafayette after being imprisoned by the Prussians.



The Rob Morris Home, located in the east end of the [Central La Grange Historic District of La Grange, Kentucky](#) on 102 Washington Street, is the historic home of [Rob Morris](#), the second and last [poet laureate of Freemasonry](#) and the founder of the [Order of the Eastern Star](#).

Rob Morris came to La Grange initially to serve on the faculty of the [Masonic University](#) in 1860, after serving as the Grand Master of the [Grand Lodge of Kentucky](#) from 1858 to 1859. His first house in La Grange was burned on November 7, 1861, due to Morris' pro-Union stance, although his books regarding Freemasonry were saved (but mangled) by nearby Federal troops.^[1] Morris was lecturing at [Crown Point, Indiana](#) at the time of the fire for the [Grand Lodge of Indiana](#). Morris considered moving away from La Grange to the state of [New York](#), but decided against it as Kentucky would maintain a state government loyal to the federal government. He bought the house at the corner of Washington and Cedar Streets in 1862 for \$1,400; the house had been built in 1840. It was here that he died in 1888, and his wife died at the home in 1893.^{[1][2]}

The Rob Morris Home is considered "one of the most architecturally and historically important houses" within the Central La Grange Historic District. Among the highlights of the architecture of the house are the front doors flanked by overlights and sidelights, a [chimney](#) on its west side that is typical of coastal [North Carolina](#) chimneys but extremely rare in Kentucky, and a side hall plan. Non-historic additions to the house include a [carport](#).^[3]

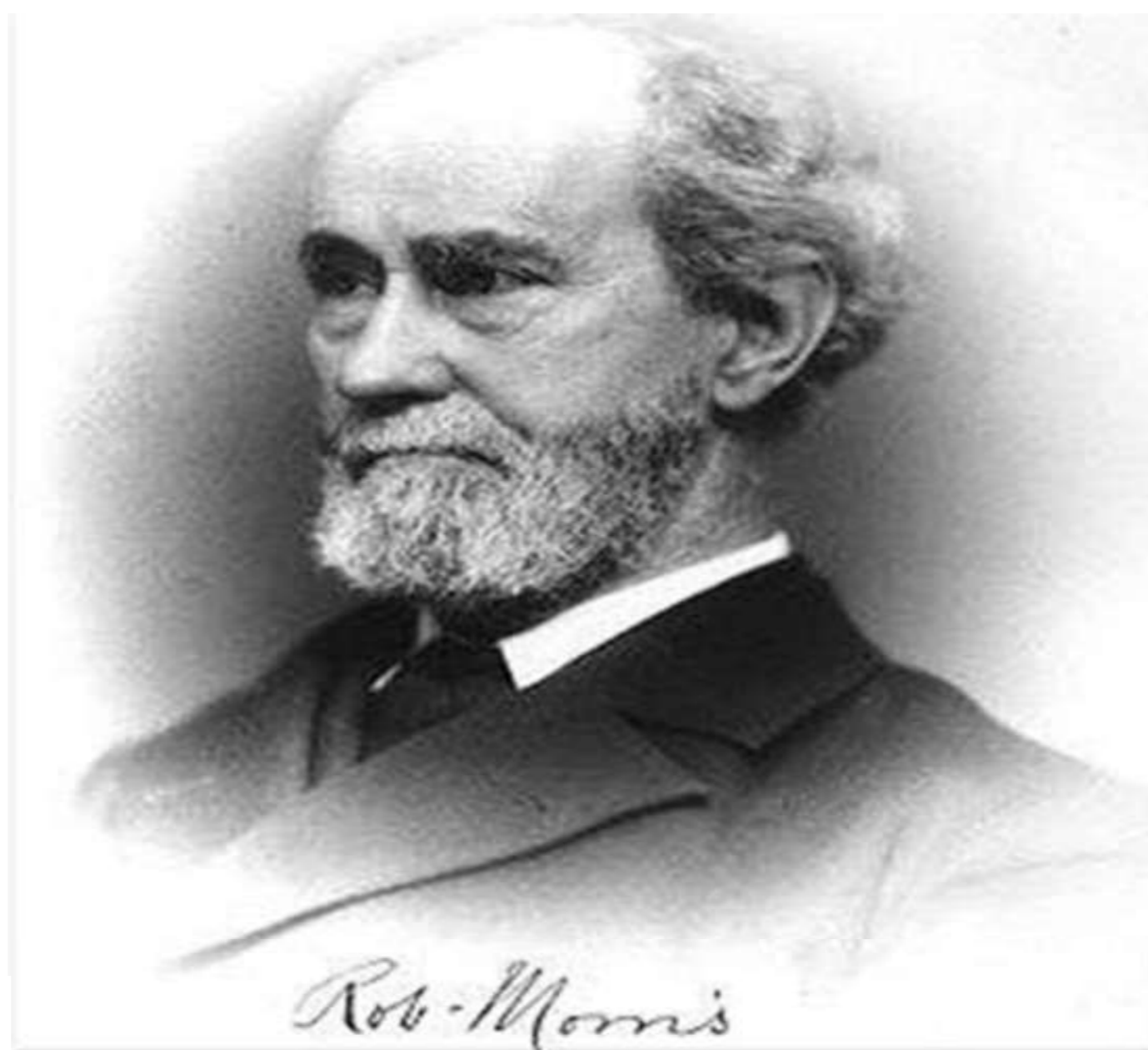
In 1918 the Kentucky Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star purchased the home, and has since kept it as a shrine/museum to Morris.^[4] The furnishings within date from the time Rob Morris lived in the home, and some were actually owned by Morris.^[2]

This article is from Wikipedia



I'm not positive, but I believe the hours for the museum are Wed-Fri 10-3, and Sat 10-1.

I have even more reason to visit LaGrange. I was planning to see its street running railroad and now I want to visit Rob Morris's home as well.



Rob Morris



SEASON 4 SCHEDULE

EPISODE 1

[JOIN THE RITE NIGHT](#)

Thursday, Jan 19, 2023
8:00 PM ET

[+ Add to Calendar](#)

The premiere of the NMJ's new major cinematic production of the 20th Degree.

Master Ad Vitam.

Benedict Arnold seeks pardon for his treason. Treason is a crime over which Masonry casts no mantle of charity. Core values explored are Devotion to Country and Integrity.



20TH DEGREE

EPISODE 2

[JOIN THE RITE NIGHT](#)

Thursday, Feb 2, 2023
8:00 PM ET

[+ Add to Calendar](#)

Knights of the Sun.

Masonry's transformation from an operative guild to speculative moral fraternity. The working tools of the builders' art are used to express unique qualities of moral instruction. Core value explored is Integrity.

Presented by Valley of Bridgeport



28TH DEGREE

EPISODE 3

[JOIN THE RITE NIGHT](#)

Thursday, Feb 16, 2023
8:00 PM ET

[+ Add to Calendar](#)

Perfect Master.

Two sons of Aaron, corrupted by greed and ambition, allow the sacred flame to extinguish. Trustworthiness is more valuable than life and is the basis for Masonic honor. Core values explored are Reverence for God, Justice, and Integrity.

Presented by Valley of Portland



5TH DEGREE

EPISODE 4

[JOIN THE RITE NIGHT](#)

Thursday, Mar 2, 2023
8:00 PM ET

[+ Add to Calendar](#)

Master of the Temple.

The Temple of King Solomon is dedicated by priests of many religions. We should not be too zealous in executing justice. Core values explored are Reverence for God and Service.

Presented by Valley of Rochester



9TH DEGREE

EPISODE 5

[JOIN THE RITE NIGHT](#)

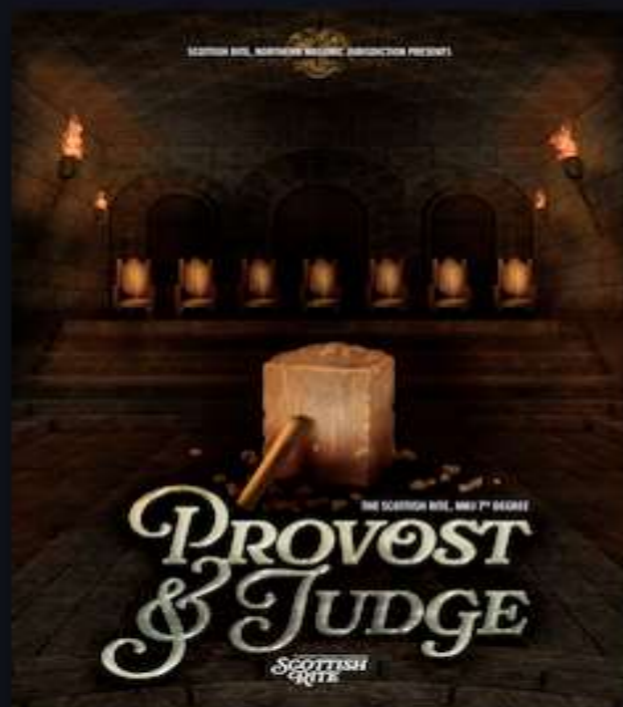
Thursday, Mar 16, 2023
8:00 PM ET

[+ Add to Calendar](#)

Provost and Judge.

A dispute among the workmen where honesty and justice prevail. We should render justice to all mankind. Core values explored are Justice and Integrity.

Presented by Valley of Boston



7TH DEGREE

EPISODE 6

[JOIN THE RITE NIGHT](#)

Thursday, Mar 30, 2023
8:00 PM ET

[+ Add to Calendar](#)

Grand Elect Mason.

The essence of Symbolic Masonry is compiled in lessons of the Lodge of Perfection. Members are encouraged to worship God at the altar of their choice. Core value explored is Reverence for God.

Presented by Valley of Michigan



14TH DEGREE

EPISODE 7

[JOIN THE RITE NIGHT](#)

Thursday, Apr 13, 2023
8:00 PM ET

[+ Add to Calendar](#)

Patriarch Noachite.

Knights and Nobles come together to punish crime, reward virtue, protect the innocent, and provide aid to the needy. Freemasonry is not a shield for evildoing. Core value explored is Justice.

Presented by Valley of Harrisburg



21ST DEGREE

JOIN THE CREW
Recruitment Night
January 25, 2023 7:00PM

- *Stage
- *Sound
- *Makeup
- *Robe Room

ALL MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY OF DAYTON ARE INVITED - IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

Questions? Contact Randy Clark
 randy.clark@daytonaasr.org

Dayton Masonic Center
 525 W. Riverview Ave, Dayton
 (Candidates Room next to auditorium)

Light Refreshments will be served



Winter Degree Day
 Amelia Lodge No. 590
 Saturday, January 14, 2023
 4°, 8°, 19°
 Registration - 9:00 a.m. Lunch - 11:30 a.m.

Feast of the Purim
 Cincinnati Masonic Center
 Saturday, March 4, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Spring Degree Day - 4°, 18°
 Cincinnati Masonic Center
 Saturday, April 15, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Spring Reunion - 4°, 14°, 32°
 Cincinnati Masonic Center
 Saturday, May 20, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.



**Ancient Accepted
 Scottish Rite**



Valley of Canton

SIX VALLEY DEGREE DAY

Brethren, mark your calendars for a momentous experience on Saturday, January 28, 2023! On that date, Scottish Rite Brethren from the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions and Canada will gather together at the Masonic Temple in Canton, Ohio to share fellowship and view outstanding portrayals by six Northeast Ohio Valleys of Degrees seldom seen by the Brethren.

The Sovereign Grand Commander III, Peter J. Samiec, 33° will be in attendance that day. To accommodate Candidates, the 4° Video will be shown.

Brethren seeking to get their Passports stamped will view live portrayals of the following

- 20° - Master of VitamValley of Akron & Canton
- 13° - Master of the Ninth ArchValley of Cambridge
- 7° - Provost and JudgeValley of Steubenville
- 27° - Knight of JerusalemValley of Cleveland
- 21° - Patriarch NoachiteValley of Youngstown
- 19° - Brother of the TrailValley of Canton & Akron

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2023
WHERE: Canton Masonic Temple
 836 Market Ave. N
 Canton, OH 44702
TIME: 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM
 Lunch: Noon until 1:30 PM

Ohio Brethren should make reservations through their respective Valley Secretaries
 All other Brethren can make reservations via the following:

E-Mail: valleyofcanton78@gmail.com
 Office Phone: 330-455-2321
 Mail Request To: AASR - Valley of Canton
 836 Market Ave N
 Canton, OH 44702

When you register AT THE DOOR a lunch ticket will be issued

Our deadline for registration in the Valley of Dayton office is JANUARY 19th.

Valley of Covington



May Reunion -
 Covington - May 20th,
 21st

**Eminent and
 Illustrious
 S. Brent Morris,**
 33rd
 June 24, 2022
 Covington Scottish
 Rite

Mid-Winter Reunion
Three Valley Degree Day
Saturday, February 18

9° Valley of Dayton, 10° Valley of Cincinnati, 23° Valley of Columbus

Make lunch reservations by Friday, February 10th.



Saturday, April 22

At Circleville
 4°, 5°, 17°, & 20°

GTG PRESENTS

TRACY LAWRENCE

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH
DAYTON MASONIC CENTER

Upcoming Events

SYRIAN SHRINE UNITS



Mardi Gras Party
Saturday, February 13th, 2021
Antioch Shrine Presents...

Lenten Fish Fries
Friday, February 19th, 2021
Antioch Shrine Presents...

I was unable to find a similar directory for the various units for Antioch. If any of the brothers at Washington Lodge are Nobles at either Antioch or Syrian Shriners and would like to report on upcoming events, please contact the editor. It would be greatly appreciated to receive assistance in covering this appendant body. As soon as the parade schedules come out I will post them in our next newsletter.

ANTIQUÉ CARAVAN

Last Sunday - 3pm
Director: Alex Steidle
asteidle7474@gmail.com

CINCY DRIFTERS

Thirld Sunday - 1pm
Syrian Shrine Center
Director: Tim Redrow, PP (Linda)
redrowreddog@zoomtown.com

CLOWNS

Second Thursday & Fourth Tuesday - 7pm
Syrian Shrine Center
Director: Robert "Barrels" Nealan (Charlotte)
bethelbarrels@yahoo.com

CORVETTES

First Wednesday - 7pm
Syrian Shrine Center
Director: Joe Hancock (Toni)
hancock233@fuse.net

DESERT RIDERS

Thirld Thursday - 7pm
Various Locations
Director: Paul Connor (Megan)
connorsclan@gmail.com

DIRECTOR'S STAFF

Fourth Tuesday or Wednesday - 7pm • TBD
Director: Albert "Bucky" Walter
awalter1060@gmail.com

ESCORT UNIT

First Tuesday - 7pm
at Directors Call
Director: Mike Bradford (Janet)
cableman57@yahoo.com

LEGION OF HONOR

Thirld Tuesday - 7:30p
Syrian Shrine Center
Director: Joe Hancock (Toni)
hancock233@fuse.net

MINI RACERS

First Wednesday - 7:30p
Director: Mike Redrow
redrowmike@yahoo.com

MOTOR PATROL

First Wednesday - 7:30p
Various Locations
Director: Kent Rieger
krieger@cincl.rr.com

ORIENTAL BAND

Every Wednesday - 7p
Syrian Shrine Center
Director: Denny Lovell
dennis.m.lovell@gmail.com

ROADSTERS

Fourth Tuesday - 7p
Syrian Shrine Center
Director: Don Meinzen (Jeanne)
dmeinzen@aol.com



Middletown

Chapter 87

Jan. 4 Stated Convocation 6P/7P

Council 136

Jan. 4 Stated Convocation 6P/8P

Commandery 71

Jan. 13 Stated Conclave 6:30P/7:30P



Washington #195

Meets Hamilton Temple

2nd & 4th Fridays

7:30 PM



Ann Morey

Retiring Mother Advisor

Like the DeMolay this is not a very busy month.

January 28th there will be a joint installation of officers with Middletown Assembly



Sean Carr, Chapter Advisor, aka "Dad Advisor"

January is a very light month for the DeMolay at Hamilton Temple.

January 7th 11A-12P Stated Meeting

January 21st 11A-12P Stated Meeting

HAMILTON FREEMASONS

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, April 22

HAMILTON MASONIC TEMPLE
724 High Street
Hamilton, Ohio

BUILDING TOURS
HISTORICAL DISPLAYS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Jeremy.Spangenberg@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 18TH - 21ST, 2023

Round Trip Bus Tour to Washington D.C.

4 Days / 3 Nights with Accommodations with Meals / Tours / Parade / Ceremony

Join MWB Steven M. Grindle, the Grand Lodge Officers, 100's of Ohio Masons and guests as we celebrate the 100 Year Re-enactment of the Cornerstone Dedication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Our Brothers at Greenwood Cemetery



In previous editions we have featured Brothers Charles E. Miller and his father Brother Edward M. Miller. Nobody came forth with any information regarding these brothers so I contacted the Grand Lodge of Ohio for assistance. Upon hearing back from them I will update the brothers of the Lodge.

Ty Cobb's career lifetime batting average was 0.366, but against Brother Carl E. Weilenmann it was only 0.23-. Fellow Brother Ty Cobb said that Weilenmann was the pitcher that gave him the most trouble. I haven't been able to find any information about Weilenmann's Masonic journey.



Born: November 29, 1889 in Hamilton
Graduate: Hamilton High School
1912 Maysville, KY Rivermen of the Class D Blue Grass League
Aug. 24, 1912 major league debut with St. Louis Browns
1913 record 10-19; 1914 record 17-2
Married Oct. 5, 1915 to Lucy Owens Dresel of Marysville (he met her when he played on the Rivermen)
1915 record 18-19; 1916 record 17-18
1917 season cut short; kidney removed eight days after his daughter Mary Louise was born.
1919 record 10-6; 1920 record 9-13
Career: 85-95; ERA of 2.67
Retired; became a scout
Died May 25, 1924 at Mercy Hospital





The historic B&O Depot (originally Cincinnati, Hamilton, & Dayton Railroad) depot is depicted in the photo above (1965). It began as a single story structure in the 1870s. The two story addition was added in 1885. B&O ran its last passenger train out of here in 1971. Amtrak had limited service here until 2005. Since then, it has fallen into a state of disrepair. CSX donated the depot to the city of Hamilton as long as they agreed to move it. This will be done in two stages. The first stage is set to move the two-story portion on Tuesday, December 19, 2022 two blocks North where it is will be preserved. The one story portion is set to move towards the end of January (at the time this went to press). The hope is after the initial restoration and rehabilitation work takes place on the exterior that a business or another entity will move in and complete the insides to their needs and specifications and open for business. This depot is where hundreds of service members left Hamilton for the War.



NORTHWARD.

FIRST CLASS

1st SUB-DIVISION
TIME TABLE No. 31
June 10, 1917

Distance from Cincinnati	Train Order Stations	First Class	FIRST CLASS											
			Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton R.R.											
			52	72	172	56	38	30	54	676	64	66	60	760
0.8	DPN	CINCINNATI	2.55	6.00	7.00	8.10	8.25	12.25	12.45	12.47	1.10	3.00	6.15	6.30
0.8	DN	CINCINNATI JCT.	2.57	6.03	7.03	8.13	8.28	12.28	12.48	12.50	1.13	3.03	6.18	6.33
1.8		GEST STREET	3.00	6.06	7.06	8.16	8.30	12.30	12.50	12.52	1.16	3.06	6.20	6.36
2.8		BRIGHTON	3.02	6.09	7.08	8.17	8.32	12.32	12.52	12.55	1.17	3.07	6.22	6.37
3.4		FAIRMOUNT	3.04	6.12	7.10	8.18	8.34	12.34	12.53	12.57	1.18	3.09	6.24	6.39
4.9		SOUTHSIDE	3.07	6.15	7.13	8.21	8.37	12.37	12.56	1.01	1.21	3.12	6.27	6.42
5.5		NORTHSIDE	3.09	6.17	7.15	8.23	8.39	12.39	12.58	1.04	1.23	3.14	6.29	6.44
6.1		DANE STREET	3.11	6.19	7.17	8.25	8.41	12.41	1.00	1.08	1.25	3.16	6.31	6.46
6.7	D	WINTON PLACE	3.13	6.21	7.19	8.27	8.43	12.43	1.02	1.08	1.27	3.18	6.33	6.48
7.3		IVORYDALE	3.15	6.23	7.21	8.29	8.45	12.45	1.04	1.10	1.29	3.20	6.35	6.50
7.9	DN	ELMWOOD PLACE	3.17	6.25	7.23	8.31	8.47	12.47	1.06	1.12	1.31	3.22	6.37	6.52
8.4		GARTHAGE	3.20	6.28	7.26	8.34	8.50	12.50	1.09	1.15	1.34	3.25	6.40	6.55
9.0		RENSSELAER	3.22	6.30	7.28	8.36	8.52	12.52	1.11	1.17	1.36	3.27	6.42	6.57
10.6		HAINWELL	3.24	6.32	7.30	8.38	8.54	12.54	1.13	1.19	1.38	3.29	6.44	6.59
11.2		MAPLEWOOD	3.26	6.34	7.32	8.40	8.56	12.56	1.15	1.21	1.40	3.31	6.46	7.01
11.8	DPN	WYOMING	3.28	6.36	7.34	8.42	8.58	12.58	1.17	1.23	1.42	3.33	6.48	7.03
12.4		PARK PLACE	3.30	6.38	7.36	8.44	9.00	1.00	1.19	1.25	1.44	3.35	6.50	7.05
13.0		WOODLAWN	3.32	6.40	7.38	8.46	9.02	1.02	1.21	1.27	1.46	3.37	6.52	7.07
13.6	DPN	GLENDALE	3.34	6.42	7.40	8.48	9.04	1.04	1.23	1.29	1.48	3.39	6.54	7.09
17.0		CRESTVIEW	3.38	6.46	7.44	8.52	9.08	1.08	1.27	1.33	1.52	3.43	6.58	7.13
18.6		MUHLHAUSER	3.40	6.48	7.46	8.54	9.10	1.10	1.29	1.35	1.54	3.45	6.60	7.15
19.2	D	STOCKTON	3.42	6.50	7.48	8.56	9.12	1.12	1.31	1.37	1.56	3.47	6.62	7.17
20.8		SCHAECK	3.44	6.52	7.50	8.58	9.14	1.14	1.33	1.39	1.58	3.49	6.64	7.19
21.4		LINDENWALD	3.46	6.54	7.52	9.00	9.16	1.16	1.35	1.41	1.60	3.51	6.66	7.21
22.0	DN	HAMILTON	3.48	6.56	7.54	9.02	9.18	1.18	1.37	1.43	1.62	3.53	6.68	7.23
25.8		OLD RIVER JCT.	3.50	6.58	7.56	9.04	9.20	1.20	1.39	1.45	1.64	3.55	6.70	7.25
26.4	DN	NEW RIVER JCT.	3.52	7.00	7.58	9.06	9.22	1.22	1.41	1.47	1.66	3.57	6.72	7.27
30.1		OVERPECK	3.54	7.02	8.00	9.08	9.24	1.24	1.43	1.49	1.68	3.59	6.74	7.29
32.9	DN	AX. CABIN	3.56	7.04	8.02	9.10	9.26	1.26	1.45	1.51	1.70	3.61	6.76	7.31
35.8		TRENTON	3.58	7.06	8.04	9.12	9.28	1.28	1.47	1.53	1.72	3.63	6.78	7.33
37.4	DN	MIDDLETOWN	4.00	7.08	8.06	9.14	9.30	1.30	1.49	1.55	1.74	3.65	6.80	7.35
40.5		POAST TOWN	4.02	7.10	8.08	9.16	9.32	1.32	1.51	1.57	1.76	3.67	6.82	7.37
44.0		CARLISLE	4.04	7.12	8.10	9.18	9.34	1.34	1.53	1.59	1.78	3.69	6.84	7.39
48.9	DN	MIAMISBURG	4.06	7.14	8.12	9.20	9.36	1.36	1.55	1.61	1.80	3.71	6.86	7.41
51.4		WHITEFIELD	4.08	7.16	8.14	9.22	9.38	1.38	1.57	1.63	1.82	3.73	6.88	7.43
55.8	DN	MIAMI CITY JCT.	4.10	7.18	8.16	9.24	9.40	1.40	1.59	1.65	1.84	3.75	6.90	7.45
59.8	DN	DAYTON	4.12	7.20	8.18	9.26	9.42	1.42	1.61	1.67	1.86	3.77	6.92	7.47

PULLMAN
Compartment Cars

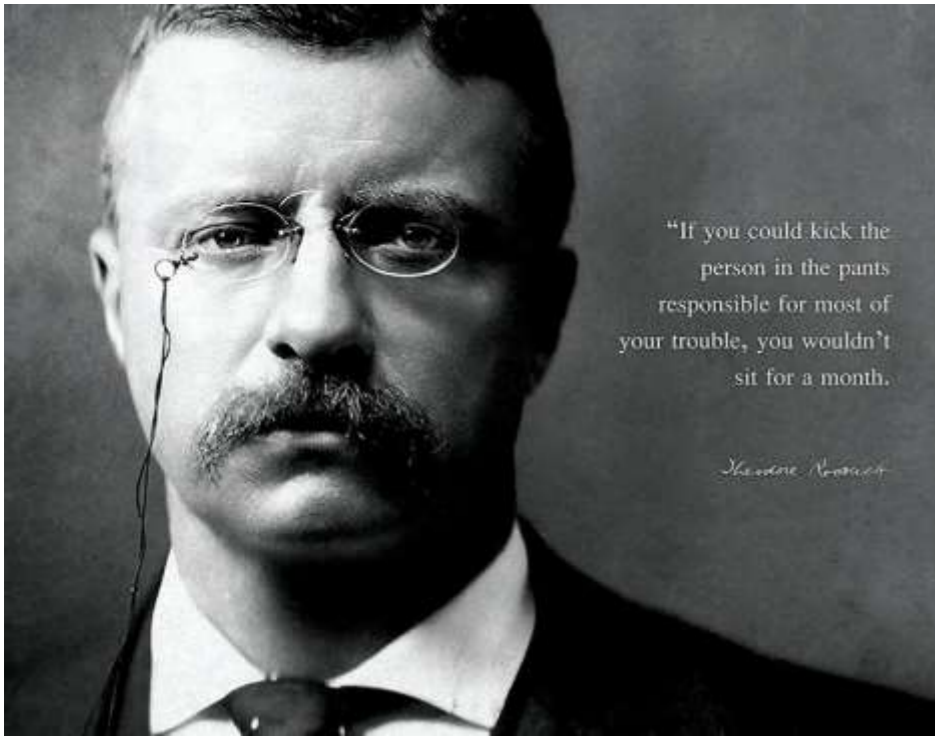
THROUGH TRAINS
GINGINNATI,
DAYTON,
TOLEDO,
DETROIT.

CH&D
CINCINNATI, HAMILTON & DAYTON R.R.
CINCINNATI
INDIANAPOLIS, CHICAGO, DAYTON, TOLEDO, DETROIT

INTERIOR OF DINING CARS ON THE
GINGINNATI, HAMILTON & DAYTON R.R.

Postcards from
Around Hamilton





"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."

Mark Twain



From The Newsroom

In Ohio

The Freemason #Network is an online social networking platform that connects Freemasons worldwide. Free membership includes access to educational resources, Masonic news and events, and the ability to meet men of our craft from all over the world. <https://bit.ly/3eHzMTh>



Templars Now

Relics of the Knights Templar - character and objective. <https://buff.ly/3HyREM2>



Cheshire PGL

We are pleased to announce the release of the second #cheshirefreemasons podcast entitled "Father Christmas a Freemason?" which is now available at <https://fb.watch/htjXyx3BbA/>. So make sure to head over to listen and enjoy.



Bedfordshire

What's the Future of Freemasonry? Available at <https://www.bedfordshirefreemasons.org/whats-the-future-of-freemasonry-on-solomonlive/>



Templars Now

Templars in Art: The Ordination of Jacques de Molay <https://buff.ly/3hdnBPo>



Scottish Rite NMJ

Looking for some Christmas spirit? We invite those who celebrate to read about the @masonmuseum's festive panoramic document - a 1924 Christmas program created by the Al Malaikah Temple Shriners: https://nationalheritagemuseum.typepad.com/library_and_archives/2017/12/in-the-



In previous editions we have seen postcards depicting both the Dayton and Cincinnati Masonic Temples. In this edition we take a look at the Masonic Temple in Athens (circa 1910) and Kenton (circa 1920s)



Logic Puzzle

Answer from Page 4

Name	Soup	Meat	Dessert
Rose	French Onion	Beef Steak	Apple Pie
Tom	Minestrone	Chicken Breas	Fruit Cake
Sam	Navy Bean	Fish Fillet	Ice Cream

Sudoku

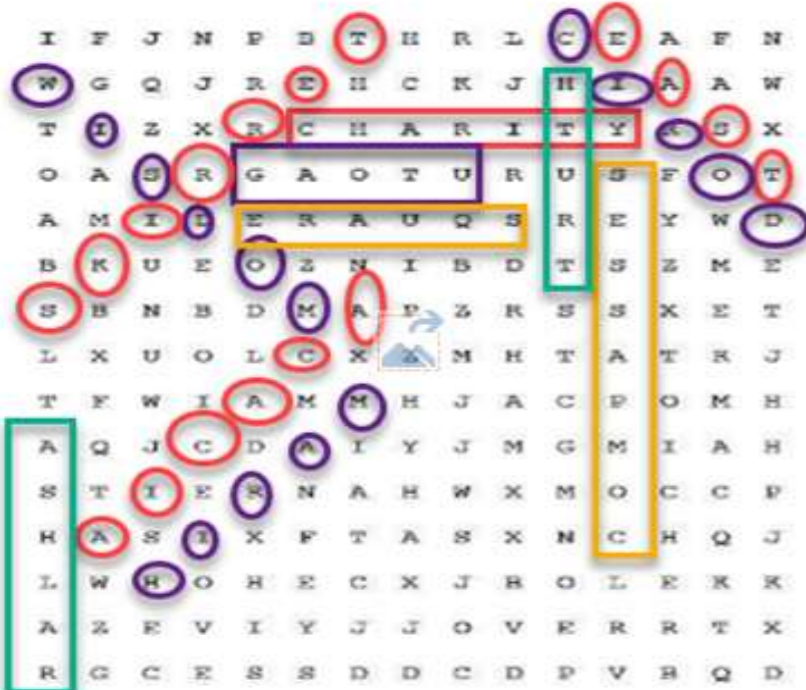
Answer from Page 15

9	1	8	7	6	2	3	5	4
6	7	3	5	1	4	8	9	2
5	2	4	8	9	3	1	6	7
1	3	5	9	7	8	4	2	6
4	8	7	2	5	6	9	3	1
2	6	9	3	4	1	5	7	8
7	5	2	1	8	9	6	4	3
8	9	6	4	3	7	2	1	5
3	4	1	6	2	5	7	8	9

Masonic Word Puzzle

Answer from Page 2

Masonic Word Search No. 3



Fidbits from A



Right around Halloween I took a trip to Pennsylvania. My ancestors were of a persecuted religious group called Schwenckfelders. They were protected by Count Zinzendorf (of Moravian fame—mentioned in a book review and the connection I have with Brother Jeremy Spangenberg because of them). When he could no longer protect them, he paid for their passage across Europe and Mennonites paid for their way to America.

A historic society along with a museum was created in Pennsburg, which is right down the road from where my grandmother grew-up in East Greenville. The museum periodically has seminars about various Schwenckfelders and life in the Pennsylvania Dutch community in that area. They were having a seminar about the life of Hartranft, a Schwenckfelder, who was a former Civil War General and Pennsylvania Governor. Brother Hartranft was a Mason in Norristown lodge. He was extremely involved in several Masonic bodies even riding his horse in regalia at a Masonic gathering in Harrisburg.

On display they had many of his Masonic belongings including the Bible he kissed at Lodge, his hat.

Sometimes one has to look outside Lodge to find Masonic related discussions. I've been to a history group in the area that had a Masonic discussion regarding the Civil War and some of the generals. Be creative in your journeys and you too can find talks and items related to Masonry in which they aren't tied to any lodge or Masonic group.



Rocky Jackson
A Traveling Man
@Washington

Tidbits from A



In the last edition of the Washington Post we had an article about the Moonlight Lodges of Ohio. In the Fall 2002 (Vol. 29, Issue 4) edition of The Ohio Beacon, they ran an article discussing the Masonic Moonlight Journey. Thus we have included their article here along with a reprinting of last issues article on this very same topic. Hopefully some brothers from Washington Lodge will begin this journey together.

On a recent trip to Kentucky, I went a way that I had not previously gone before. I was exploring a couple of towns that had old railroad depots. Whenever I go through towns, I try to find the Masonic Lodge just to stop and see what their facility looks like. I discovered an interesting lodge in Leesburg. It is one of Ohio's "Moonlight" Lodges. I had just read an article about these lodges just a couple of days prior. One brother booked over 52 hours of drive time and traversed 2,600 miles in order to attend lodge at each of the then 13 Ohio moonlight lodges. So what makes a lodge a moonlight lodge? Back in the day before you had paved roads and automobiles, travel was treacherous. So....for the protection of its members, some lodges would only meet when there was a full moon so that its members could utilize the light of the moon to travel safely. The Grand Secretary's office issues a certificate for those brothers who go to all of the moonlight lodges in Ohio. These include Clermont Social No. 29; Doric Lodge No. 172 in Beaverton; Leesburg No. 78; Lockbourne No. 232; Masterton No. 429; Montgomery No. 94; Portland No. 366; Snow No. 193; Stafford No. 300; Thrall No. 170; Unionport No. 333; Waterloo No. 532; Western Sun Lodge No. 91 in Wheelersburg.



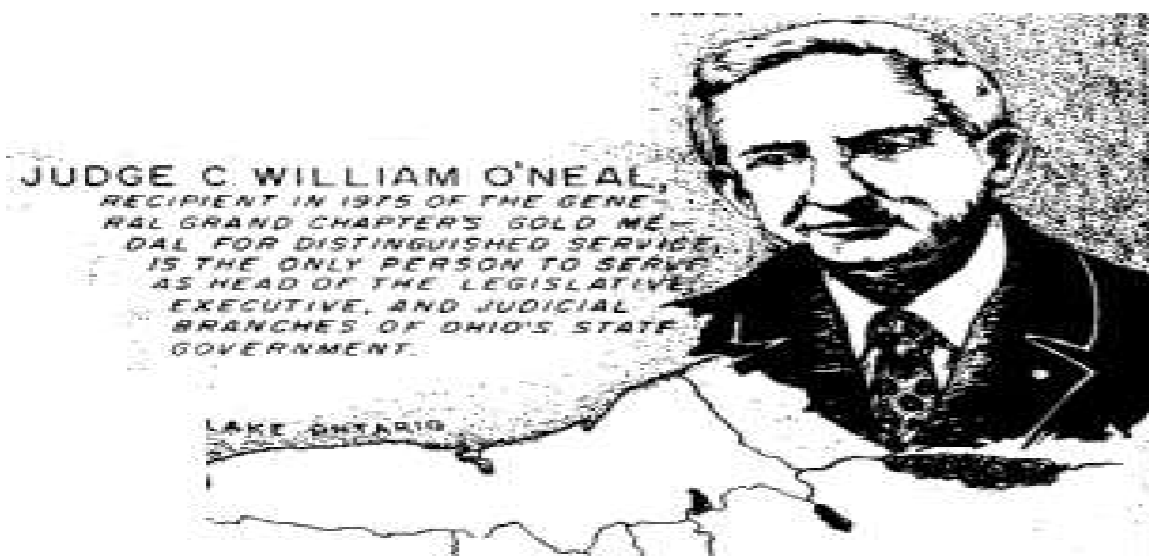
Rocky Jackson
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Washington Post Editorial Board

The new masonic year is upon us and thus, the Washington Post has a new editorial board. The board consists of the Worshipful Master, Tim Miracle, the LEO, Mo Webb, the immediate past master, Jason Baynum, and agreeing to continue on from the initial editorial board, our current Secretary, Jeremy Spangenberg.

The Washington Post gratefully acknowledges that contributions of its authors. The articles are for the betterment of the brothers of Washington Lodge. The authors retain the rights to their articles such that they can be published in any other publication of their choosing.

The chief editor of the Washington Post is Brother Rocky Jackson. We are always looking for contributions from the brothers of the lodge. The deadline to guarantee your article will be included is the 15th of the month. Although the Washington Post will accept articles after this deadline, they might not be included until the following issue is released. To send an article to Rocky email him at rockynaa70@yahoo.com and message him too.



As the Washington Post was going to press, Worshipful Jason Baynum on behalf of our lodge accepted the Grand Masters Award from District Deputy Grand Master Jamie Kilburn for the 2022-2023 year.



MASONIC MOONLIGHT JOURNEY

Have you completed your Masonic Moonlight Journey? Have you ever heard of the Masonic Moonlight Journey? wonderful Lodges that hold true to this lunar tradition. Once you've visited a Lodge, the Secretary affixes their Lodge seal and date of your visit on the certificate. This repeats until you've visited all twelve of the Lodges.

In days of old, when streetlights were few and headlights had not yet been invented, many rural Lodges met according to the light of the moon so that members traveling at night could safely see their way home.

Twelve Lodges still hold the lunar tradition of meeting by the light of the moon! This is your opportunity to visit them.

Several years ago, the Grand Lodge office began issuing the Masonic Moonlight Journey Certificate. The premise is to encourage Brothers to travel all across the state of Ohio visiting these

The miles are many and the hours are long to complete this journey. When you're finished, the Brothers you've met and the places you've seen make it well worth it!

Here are the full moon dates for 2023: January 6th, February 5th, March 7th, April 6th, May 5th, June 3rd, July 3rd, August 1st, August 30th, September 29th, October 28th, November 27th, and December 26th.

Region	Dist.	Lodge	Address	City	Meeting
SW	1	Montgomery #94	7790 Cooper Road	Cincinnati	Tuesday on or before
SW	1	Snow #193	213 George Street	Harrison	Saturday on or before
SW	6	Clermont Social #29	136 N. Third Street	Williamsburg	Friday on or before
SW	7	Leesburg #78	364 W. Main Street	Leesburg	Monday on the week
SW	7	Western Sun #91	11800 Gallia Street	Wheelersburg	Tuesday on or before
SE	12	Portland #366	113 E. Main Street	Oak Hill	Thursday on the week
SE	12	Waterloo #532	St. Rt. 141 in Village	Waterloo	Wednesday on the week
SE	17	Doric #172	SR 555, 1 Block South of SR 669	Beavertown	1st Tuesday on or before
SE	18	Masterton #429	30635 Lebanon Road	Lebanon	Saturday on or before
SE	18	Stafford #300	30237 St. Rt. 145	Stafford	First Monday on or before
CEN	19	Thrall #170	16 E. Sandusky	Fredericktown	Tuesday on or before
NE	24	Unionport #333	3451 County Hwy 39	Bloomington	Saturday on or before

Please contact the Grand Lodge office at 614-885-5318 to start your Masonic Moonlight Journey today!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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