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One Nation Under God . . .

November affords those of us in the Masonic fraternity the opportunity, however briefly, to turn away from the duties and responsibilities of the craft and to think about this land we have come to know as America. It stands out as a month that should have much somber significance to all of us as citizens who love this great country of ours. November, as it so happens, lacks the romance, lightness and poetry of happier months like May and June or the sun and fun months of July and August.

No, November does not make us smile very much. This is a month for reflection, for the preparation for the onslaught of the long, dark, cold days of winter. Setting aside the joyous feast day of Thanksgiving, these fall days become a time for reflection, a quiet contemplative pause before the stress and anxiousness leading up to the December holidays. These should be days devoted to remembering what went into making America the grand country that it is. Things don't just happen of their own free will and accord.

Prayer, love of country, respect for our nation's flag, gratitude for our freedom and a deep admiration for our service men and women, these are the values which certainly are reflected in our Scottish Rite fraternity and our Brothers' families. November – especially this November – brings with it Veteran's Day remembrances as well as a merciful ending of a long, drawn out electoral campaign. For all of the speeches, on air and off air comments and criticisms, negative remarks, etc., we must keep in mind that all this is possible because we live in a democracy with God-given rights and obligations.

On June 6, 1944, President and Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his D-Day radio broadcast to the nation, used this pivotal historic moment to offer a lengthy prayer for divine help at such a crucial moment in world history. The president asked for God's help while at the same time implored Him to watch over those in harm's way from the tyranny of those forces

which sought world domination and the end of our democracy. Lest we forget, let us consider a few lines of that prayer which still echo in our lives almost 70 years later. "Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But, because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise with each new day, and again when the day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help in our efforts . . . and, O Lord, give us faith in Thee; faith in our sons, faith in each other, faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogances. Lead us to the saving of our country . . . and a peace that will let ALL men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil. AMEN"

Through their selfless devotion to the call of duty, hundreds of thousands of young men and women answered the call in their country's direst times. It was our veterans who preserved for us our freedoms, especially our right to voice our opinions on how we are governed and to force changes, not from the so-called leaders but from the people who elected them to their high offices. This month we continue to show what the people can do in the free exercise of their God-given rights.

Not only during this month but on every day of the year, may we all continue to show respect for our country's flag, our history, our men and women in our Armed Forces, and the offices of those whom we freely elect to serve our United States of America, for our nation, united in the realization that we are, and will continue to be, "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

John Wm. McNaughton

Sovereign Grand Commander

ANNUAL MEETING highlights

For the 200th time the Active, Active Emeritus, and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met for their annual meeting. This year Cleveland played host to the gathering. New Deputies and Active Members were chosen, officers were elected, and deliberations were conducted among the various committees and bodies charged with the operation of the rite. At various points in the general session those in attendance were entertained and enlightened by the comedy juggling duo of Jon Wee and Owen Morse, known collectively as “The Passing Zone.” Although very entertaining, they also demonstrated quite forcefully the meaning and importance of teamwork.

The Southern Jurisdiction was represented by Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Curtis N. Lancaster, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander and S.G.I.G. in Utah, Ill. William R. Miller, 33°, Grand Minister of State and S.G.I.G. in Washington, Ill. James D. Cole, 33°, Grand Treasurer General and S.G.I.G. in Virginia, and Ill. William B. Brunk, 33°, Grand Secretary General and S.G.I.G. in North Carolina.

The Northern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation, was represented by Ill. Solomon Wallace, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Basil L. Sands, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, and Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°, Grand Minister of State.

Guests at the 2012 Annual Session included 12 Grand Masters of the states in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Nineteen other Supreme Councils were represented by present or past Sovereign Grand Commanders, or by personal representatives of their Sovereign Grand Commanders. There was one Grand Master of a foreign jurisdiction present. There were, in addition, the representatives of The Masonic Service Association, and appendant bodies, as well as The International Order of DeMolay.

New Active Members

Two new Active Members were elected to the Supreme Council.

Ill. Steven Ezra Prewitt, 33°, of Mosinee, WI, is a florist. He was Master of Mosinee Lodge, No. 318, in Mosinee, WI, and is member of the Valley of Eau Claire. He received the 33° in 1996.

Ill. Philip Robert Elliott Jr., 33°, of Newton Falls, OH, is president of Phillips Heating Co. He was Master of Newton Falls Lodge, No. 462, in Newton Falls, OH, and is a member of the Valley of Youngstown. He received the 33° in 1997.

New Deputy

Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, is the new Deputy for Massachusetts. He has been an Active Member of the Supreme Council since 2010.

Retiring

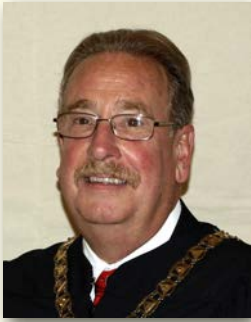
Ill. Donald G. Hicks Jr., 33°, retired as Deputy for Massachusetts and will remain an Active Member. Under the provisions of the Constitutions, Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, of New York and Ill. Norman L. Christensen, 33°, of Wisconsin became Active Emeritus Members.

Under the provisions of the Constitutions, Ill. Matthew P. Puskarich, 33°, of Ohio was elected a Past Active Member.

Valley Change

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutions, Laws, and Jurisprudence, the dispensation issued by the Sovereign Grand Commander on June 13, 2012, permitting the organization of a Lodge of Perfection in Gallipolis, OH, was ratified.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS



Steven E. Prewitt, 33°
Wisconsin



Philip R. Elliott Jr., 33°
Ohio

NEW DEPUTY

Donald M. Moran, 33°
Deputy for
Massachusetts



Class of 2012

There were 175 candidates who received the 33°, on Tuesday, August 28, in the Music Hall Theater in Cleveland's Public Hall Auditorium and Convention Center. Additionally, one member was coroneted in special session prior to the annual meeting. The exemplar was Ill. Michael Todd McIntosh, 33°, from the Valley of Cincinnati, OH. The charge to the class was given by Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33°.

Future Meeting

The 201st Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, celebrating 200 years of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, will take place in Washington, DC, Aug 18-20, 2013.

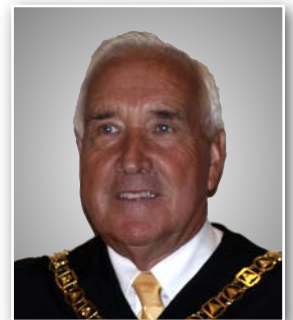
Valley Secretaries, Councils of Deliberation, candidates, and Active and Active Emeritus Members will receive information regarding hotel assignments, hospitality suites, and banquet menus in early January.

In late March, Honorary Members will receive their invitations to attend the Annual Meeting; a program outlining the session's agenda and meeting and hotel registration information.

A change takes place in the convening of the Supreme Council sessions following next year. They will be held every other year. Subsequently, there will be no meeting in 2014. In 2015, the Annual Meeting will be held in Indianapolis, IN, from Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

Medal of Honor

The Sovereign Grand Commander announced the selection of Ill. Jim S. Deyo, 33°, to receive the Medal of Honor. During his presentation Grand Commander McNaughton stated that Bro. Deyo's "constant dedication to Freemasonry as well as to our Scottish Rite reflect his deep and abiding belief in our beloved fraternity. His Supreme Council is pleased to honor him for his commitment to the financial stability of the rite. He is one of those talented Brothers personally responsible for watching over our investments and finances, the actions of several boards, as well as our membership committee. He has served proudly as a tireless worker. We commend him for his efforts, and I'm sure that all of us applaud him for his service to our Supreme Council and, especially, for his support and wise counsel to this and previous Sovereign Grand Commanders. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's Medal of Honor Award, according to Article 901 of our Constitutions, 'may be conferred by the Supreme Council or the Sovereign Grand Commander upon any person, whether or not a member of our jurisdiction or a member of any body of the rite, in recognition of distinguished service to Freemasonry, country or humanity.'"



Brother Franklin Awards

The 2012 Brother Franklin awards for outstanding Valley publications were announced. They are awarded on the basis of Valley size. The entries submitted were divided into five categories based on membership.

Category I (under 800 members)

Best Publication

Valley of Bridgeport, CT

Leo H. Lohrman, 33°, editor

Valley of Schenectady, NY

T. A. Riedinger, 32°, editor

Honorable Mention

Valley of Utica, NY

William R. Williams, 32°, editor

Category II (801 - 1,500 members)

Best Publication

Valley of Grand Rapids, MI

Richard A. Burrows, 33°, editor

Honorable Mention

Valley of Akron, OH

David S. Ferris, 32°, editor

Valley of Hartford, CT

A. J. Jenuska III, 32°, editor

Category III (1,501 - 2,500 members)

Best Publication

Valley of Central Jersey, NJ

Dennis R. Bator, 33°, editor

Honorable Mention

Valley of Freeport, IL

John A. Reining, 33°, editor

Valley of Williamsport, PA

Stephen M. Wertz, 32°, editor

Category IV (2,501 - 5,000 members)

Best Publication

Valley of Chicago, IL

Edward W. Witas III, 32°, editor

Honorable Mention

Valley of Allentown, PA

Larry G. Newhard, 33°, editor

Valley of Canton, OH

William A. Rodgers, 32°, editor

Valley of Detroit, MI

David R. Bedwell, 33°, editor

Category V (more than 5,000 members)

Best Publication

Valley of Cincinnati, OH

Benjamin P. Rosenfield, 32°, editor

Honorable Mention


Valley of Columbus, OH

Fred S. Kile, 33°, editor

Valley of Indianapolis, IN

Jerry B. Collins, 33°, editor

Class of 2013

There were 157 candidates elected to receive the 33°, next year in Washington, DC, plus two carry-overs from 2012. 



III. Robert B. Nienow, 33°

1921 - 2012

Bro. Nienow was an Active Emeritus Member of this Supreme Council for the state of Wisconsin. He was elected an Active Member in 1992, and he served as Deputy for Wisconsin from 1982-93. He assumed Active Emeritus status in 1996.

He was raised a Master Mason in Lafayette Lodge No. 265, in 1958. Bro. Nienow was a founding member of Freemasons Lodge No. 363, where he was Master in 1992.

He was united in marriage to Doreen B. Roiland, who survives her husband. He leaves two daughters, Linda and Joan, and four grandchildren.

For the complete balustrade on the life of III. Robert B. Nienow, visit the "Member's Center" at ScottishRiteNMJ.org.

TWO MEN *from Indiana*

Judge Surbeck Honored

Ill. John F. Surbeck Jr., 33°, a judge in the Indiana Superior Court Criminal Division, has been named as the recipient of the 2012 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence. This prestigious honor is presented by the National Center of State Courts to those who exemplify the highest level of excellence, fairness, integrity, and professional ethics.



Mary C. McQueen, president of the NCSC said the judge is “an inspiration and an example to everyone who works in the justice system. Those who work with him refer to Judge Surbeck as a pioneer and a trailblazer in the field of reentry courts.” McQueen also said he is a proven leader for the nation’s court community when it comes to innovation. With others he worked to design a system to help transition offenders back into their communities. The plan calls for counseling, mentoring, and aid with employment opportunities. Bro. Surbeck mapped the locations where released offenders lived and found that they were returning to neighborhoods where they were exposed to the same illegal activities that got them in trouble. He felt that, once released, many of the former prisoners had virtually no chance of success without a solid support system.

This is just the latest recognition of his work. The former public defender for Allen County was named “Judge of the Year” by the Indiana Correctional Association and “Citizen of the Year” by the Fort

Wayne Journal Gazette. Ill. John F. Surbeck Jr., 33°, received his law degree from Indiana University. He has been a member of the Valley of Fort Wayne, IN since 1992, and he received his 33° in 2002.

Sammy Lee Davis Receives the 33°


Among this year’s class of candidates for the 33°, was Bro. (now, Illustrious) Sammy Lee Davis. As a private first class serving in Vietnam as a cannoneer with Battery C, his unit fell under heavy mortar



attack. Bro. Davis manned a machine gun to give his fellow soldiers cover until they could fire artillery in response. A direct hit was scored on his weapon, knocking him into a foxhole. Although injured, he returned to the howitzer, which was burning furiously and resumed

fire. Despite serious injuries he also made it across a river to rescue three wounded American soldiers. He later made his way back to a different howitzer and continued fighting the enemy until they fled.

For his bravery and his actions he received the Congressional Medal of Honor in November 1968.

At the Supreme Council annual meeting in August a video tribute was shown honoring this hero. It was followed by a personal appearance by Bro. Sammy Lee Davis on stage. Ill. Sammy Lee Davis is a member of the Valley of Indianapolis. 

Celebrating the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

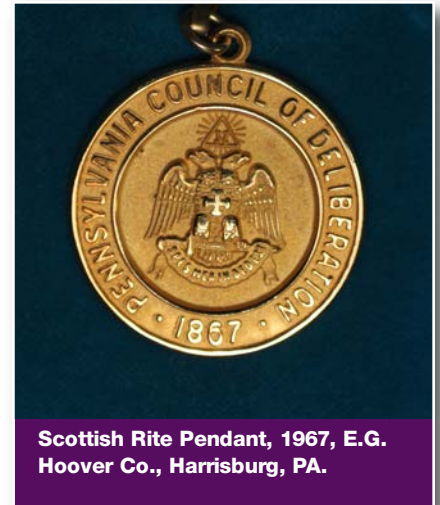
By AIMEE E. NEWELL, PhD

As the weather starts to cool down and flakes of snow start to fall, we wish each other holiday cheer and look forward to celebrating the end of another year with our friends and families. But, this year, the celebration will continue well into the new year as the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction marks its 200th anniversary. The 2013 anniversary will be celebrated with a special jewel; a new book about the fraternity's history; a special annual meeting in Washington, DC, and an exhibition about the NMJ's history at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library. But, how did Scottish Rite Brethren celebrate past anniversaries? Similarly to our plans for 2013? Or in different ways? Objects, documents and books in the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, in Lexington, MA, can help us to answer these questions.

The Scottish Rite seems to have started in Paris, France, around 1758. A few years later, in 1761, Etienne Morin received a patent from the Grand East in Paris authorizing him to establish the rite "in all four parts of the world." Morin left France for the West Indies where he authorized Henry Francken to perform the degrees. In turn, Francken brought the Scottish Rite to America. On Oct. 7, 1767, the Ineffable Lodge of Perfection was chartered in Albany, NY. Despite some fits and starts during the early period, the Scottish Rite formalized its existence in the United States on May 31, 1801, when Colonel John Mitchell and Reverend Dr. Frederick Dalcho met in Charleston, SC, and opened a meeting of the "Supreme Council 33° of Freemasonry."

In 1813, Mitchell and Dalcho's Supreme Council in Charleston, which considered itself to be properly established, decided to resolve the issue of multiple Supreme Councils then operating in New York. Emmanuel De La Motta,

Treasurer General of the Supreme Council in Charleston, was dispatched to examine the patents of each group and to determine which one was the "real" one. Upon his arrival, De La Motta asked each group to allow him to inspect their records. The Bideaud group was regularized, forming the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction on Aug. 5, 1813.



1913 - One Hundred Years

While reaching its 50th anniversary was an achievement for the jurisdiction, that anniversary fell in 1863, a turbulent year for both the jurisdiction and the country. That year marked the middle of the Civil War, and many Masonic bodies, particularly in the South and Midwest, had ceased to meet. The Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction continued to meet in Boston but did not pursue any kind of anniversary celebration. While celebrating in the midst of wartime may have seemed inappropriate, it was further complicated by a schism within the organization itself. In May 1860, Sovereign Grand Commander Edward Asa Raymond closed the meeting of the Supreme Council without calling for a vote by the council members, provoking dissension and leading to his ejection from the Supreme Council. While the history of this schism, including a detailed examination of the events and the two sides (which had apparently been brewing for some time) deserves further research, it did take place, splitting the Northern Jurisdiction throughout



150th ANNIVERSARY
1813-1963
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U.S.A.

150th Anniversary Logo, 1963.

the war years. Raymond formed a competing group, and the two continued to meet throughout the 1860s, until the Union of 1867.

While the 50th anniversary passed quietly, the 100th anniversary in 1913 was recognized during the jurisdiction's annual meeting. The Proceedings note that "it was considered appropriate to recall the forming of our Supreme Council by brief, unpretentious observance at the close of its first century of existence." On Sept. 15, in Philadelphia, a reception took place with music "rendered by skilled artists." After the reception, Sovereign Grand Commander Barton Smith spoke briefly, recalling the beginnings of the Scottish Rite: "this great university of Freemasonry has called together devoted masons of districts and states, and has united those qualified for its higher purposes and teachings." Smith also reminded the assembled members: "At such a time it is well for us who carry the burden of the present and the responsibilities of the future, to glance back over the small beginnings, the birth struggles, and the

pains of growth that we may learn the forces and the influences which have brought to our own Supreme Council such splendid results in harmony, strength and usefulness." He then introduced the evening's speaker, Grand Secretary General James H. Coddington, an attorney and former congressman, who spoke about the history of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.

In addition to the observance in Philadelphia in September 1913, the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, who were crowned in Boston on Oct. 1, 1912, were known as the "Centennial Class." A record of their biographies and photographs was published in 1913. The Van Gorden-Williams Library at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library holds two copies of this book in its collection. The museum also has an example of one of the jewels worn at the 1913 annual meeting. It has a purple ribbon, with the dates 1813 and 1913 at the top and a hanging pendant of the Teutonic cross and the double-headed eagle. Inscribed on the jewel is "Philadelphia Consistory." While this may indicate that this jewel was made for and worn by members of Philadelphia Consistory at the meeting, it seems more likely that the Consistory was recognized on the standard jewel for the meeting in their function as hosts.

1917 - The Celebration to End all Celebrations

In addition to remembering the formation of the NMJ in 1813, the Supreme Council also celebrates the anniversary of the Union of 1867. As mentioned above, the schism within the jurisdiction's leadership during the 1860s was healed in 1867 when the Raymond Council and the Van Rensselaer Council united. The 50th anniversary of the Union of 1867, may be the most festive anniversary that the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has celebrated to date. A history of the Scottish Rite, compiled by James Hodge Coddington and Robinson Locke, published in 1917, includes 80 pages at the end of volume two containing a full account of the anniversary celebration. This section of the book is titled "The Crowning Event," with a subtitle reading "The Supreme Council Celebrates Its Golden Jubilee in a Manner Befitting the Importance of the Occasion – A Brilliant Assemblage is Deeply



Scottish Rite Centennial Badge, 1913, American. Collection of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

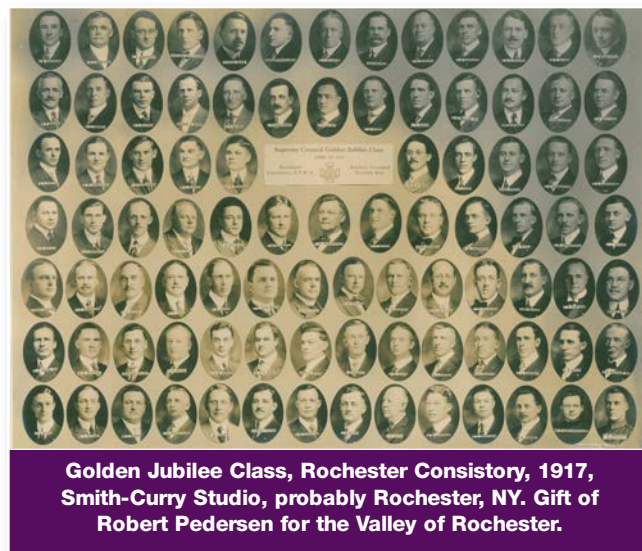


Scottish Rite Badge, 1917, American. Collection of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

Stirred by Eloquent Speakers – A Glorious Climax to the Jubilee Year.”

Held at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in September 1917, the meeting included special meals with many toasts and speeches, as well as music. The event was strongly intertwined with expressions of American patriotism. World War I had been raging in Europe for several years, and the United States finally declared war against Germany in April 1917. Even the published description of the stage at the Waldorf Astoria left no doubt about the fervent patriotism of the gathered audience: “In the East the great stage was flanked by a massive, yet splendidly harmonious massing of the colors of all the nations engaged in the titanic struggle to overwhelm and crush into oblivion the ruthless tyrant who is fighting to impose moral, mental and physical slavery upon all the world.” The banquet menu lists several courses, starting with oyster cocktails and chicken gumbo, continuing to the main course of medallion of filet of beef in Madeira sauce, with potatoes and string beans, and ending with fancy ice creams, assorted cakes, and coffee and liqueurs. The Scottish Rite Museum collection includes one of the badges worn by “official visitors” at the event. At the top, the pin section reads “Aurora Grata,” and it suspends a pendant with the Teutonic cross and the double-headed eagle.

In addition to the celebration at the annual meeting all Valleys were asked to join in the Jubilee Year by holding their reunions in May 1917. Valleys were encouraged to publish an account of the reunion. Examples of some of these publications are



Golden Jubilee Class, Rochester Consistory, 1917, Smith-Curry Studio, probably Rochester, NY. Gift of Robert Pedersen for the Valley of Rochester.

now in the Van Gorden-Williams Library and Archives collection. There are also some class photographs, such as the one showing the “Golden Jubilee class” for the Valley of Rochester, NY, which depicts busts of each candidate. These occasions were intended to promote growth of the Scottish Rite and to “knit more closely the bonds between the Supreme Council and the loyal, devoted Brethren of the Rite by more intimate acquaintanceship and broader knowledge of its purposes and needs.” The success of these gatherings was acknowledged in the final report of the Jubilee Committee, which remarked that “patriotism was the dominant note in all the meetings.” The Scottish Rite saw record-breaking growth and financial strength making the Jubilee year “a success far beyond the expectations of the most hopeful and optimistic.”

1963 - 150 Years of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

The next significant anniversary came in 1963, when the Supreme Council celebrated the 150th anniversary of the NMJ. Once again, the culmination came at the annual meeting held in Boston in September. According to the *Boston Herald*, 1,200 of the fraternity's 446,000 members attended the festivities. One hundred and sixty-three men received the 33° that year. Commemoration of the anniversary was kicked off in April 1963 when the Supreme Council ordered special foil seals showing the logo for the anniversary. Intended to be affixed to all outgoing correspondence, varying numbers of seals were sent to each Active Member, Deputy and Valley Secretary. In addition, the



Scottish Rite Eagle Statue, 1963, Garrard & Co., Ltd., London, England. Gift of the Supreme Council for England and Wales.

Supreme Council offered each Valley a postage meter plate with the 150th anniversary logo that they could use in their postage meters to call attention to the celebration on each envelope.

Just as in 1917, a number of Valleys celebrated their own anniversaries in 1963. The Proceedings include a report on the Golden Anniversary of the Valley of Bloomington, IL, with a record-breaking class of 418 and a week-long series of degree work, as well as entertainment and social programs. The Valleys of Wilmington, DE, Danville, IL, (which included a headlining appearance by Bob Newhart), and Marquette, WI, also celebrated 50th anniversaries, while the Valley of Trenton, NJ, marked the 100th anniversary of Mercer Lodge of Perfection.


At the annual meeting itself, the Jurisdiction's achievement of reaching 150 years was recognized by many of the foreign Supreme Councils which sent representatives to congratulate the Sovereign Grand Commander. Several of these men also brought commemorative gifts, which are now in the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library collection. One of these gifts was a silver tray with green stone inserts along the sides, presented by the Supreme Council of Mexico. The Supreme Council of Belgium also presented a silver tray inscribed for the occasion, with the initials "ALGTADIU," which in French stand for "To the Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe." With the tray, the Supreme Council of Belgium conveyed its "best wishes and prosperity" and expressed its appreciation "of the moral support so generously given" by the NMJ "for the concern and understanding which it has always shown to the problems of others, even though very different from its own." The Supreme Council of France presented a Baccarat crystal vase,

while the Supreme Council for England and Wales presented a silver statue of the double-headed eagle, standing on a base with a plaque commemorating the 150th anniversary. This section of the annual meeting, with the presentation of these gifts, concluded with greetings and congratulations from the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, Luther A. Smith, who expressed love, admiration, and wishes for continued success and glory, on behalf of his Supreme Council.

1967 - 100th Anniversary of the Union of 1867

Just four years later was the 100th anniversary of the Union of 1867, which was linked with observances for the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United Grand Lodge of England and the 200th anniversary for the chartering of Ineffable Lodge of Perfection in Albany, NY. The Supreme Council designed special seals to use on letters and envelopes, as well as in Scottish Rite publications.

In addition, many Valleys planned their own celebrations and means of recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Union of 1867. The museum collection includes a pendant produced by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, commemorating its 100th anniversary in 1967. At the Supreme Council's annual meeting in September 1967, the Committee on Anniversary Observances reported that many Valleys had record classes and "a new spirit of enthusiasm." Indeed, membership in the NMJ would continue to climb into the 1970s.

Now, the 200th anniversary of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction stretches in front of us. We have a chance to celebrate the Scottish Rite's achievements and look back at its rich history. But, it also gives us a chance to think about the future and to plan new goals for the next 200 years. At the Museum & Library, we look forward to continuing to collect objects and documents to tell our story and to learn from the past in order to guide the future. 

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**150th Anniversary Tray, 1963, Mexican.
Gift of the Supreme Council of Mexico.**

RUNNING YOUR TURKEY OFF

By ALAN E. FOULDS, 32°

When coupling sports and Thanksgiving the first activity that might come to mind is football. Another sport, however, also has a deep connection with the late fall holiday, and it seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. Football certainly has its spectators, but what is the most popular sport that people actually take part in on Thanksgiving day? Undoubtedly it is running. Participation in 5K's, 5-milers, and 10Ks is on the rise with a new running boom in full swing. Thanksgiving morning seems to be the day to run – not only for seasoned veterans of the road but also for those who lace up the running shoes just once a year.

It might be a way to justify all that eating to be done later in the day. In fact, to drive home the point, there was once a race called the “Unstuffathon.” Maybe it's the cooler weather. Thanksgiving is neatly placed between the end of the summer heat and the oncoming winter. It could be that it is an activity for family members of almost any age.

The sport and the holiday have intertwined roots dating back to the 19th century. Although not technically a Thanksgiving run, one venerable competition, now in its 122nd year, is the Bemis Forslund Pie Race. It takes place toward the end of the fall term at Northfield Mount Hermon School, usually about a week before the holiday. The 4.3-mile foot race is named both for Henry Bemis and Gladys Hall Forslund. The first running was in 1891, but it wasn't until 1908 that Bemis began the awarding of prizes. Forslund, the wife of the longtime athletic director of the school, added to the festivities by giving pies to anyone finishing within a specified time limit. In the beginning the race was not very popular among students because it was compulsory. The pies changed all that. Today it is a family affair. The apple pies come from the school bakery, made that morning and are given to males finishing under 33 minutes and females under 40 minutes. The race is open to students, faculty, alumni, and parents.



Awaiting the starting gun in Salem, MA.

Photo: Doug Bollen

Another ancient Thanksgiving race – the oldest on the holiday – is the YMCA Turkey Trot in Buffalo, NY. Started in November 1896, its website advertises it as “even older than the Boston Marathon.” (The famous Boston race began five months later.) Kathy Romanowski, communications director for the “Y” says in her city the race is “a time-honored tradition.” With no pun intended she says “people flock to it.” It is very popular among people home for the holidays. “They like to start their day with friends and family.” It begins promptly at 9 a.m., giving everyone a head start to get home to prepare for the day's activities. It is a serious competition – a highlight of the northern New York race calendar – but also a festival. Some of the runners come decked out in turkey costumes or wearing pilgrim hats, adding to the holiday atmosphere. Romanowski says, “We have no problem getting volunteers. We have 300 people working traffic control, water stops, and stuffing race packets. Our volunteers are our VIPs. It is as much a tradition among volunteers as with the runners. We thank them with a reception.”

The Manchester Road Race in Connecticut measures 4.748 miles and begins at 10 a.m. every Thanksgiving morning. In 1927, as the race kicked off for the first time, 12 runners toed the starting line. Duke Haraburda, captain of the high school cross country team, came up with the idea and finished second in the inaugural race. He suggested the race to his coach because he thought the season ended too quickly. *The Manchester Herald* proclaimed it as a “big success.” The ninth place finisher, Bob Dougan, did not agree. It was a cold drizzly day, and the townspeople did not seem to care. There were very few people watching from the sidelines. He seriously doubted that it would survive to its second running. It did, however, and developed into a strong local tradition. In 1930, the crowds were estimated at 10,000 spectators. The Great Depression, and then World War II, nearly killed it, but it bounced back in 1945 and has been run every year since. In 1967, it was considered the second largest race in the country with 200 participants – very small by today’s standards, but enormous for the time. Just four years later the field mushroomed to 1,000 official entrants. Race director, Jim Balcone, says, “This, our 76th year, we have 15,000 runners and walkers and 625 volunteers.” Many notable athletes have taken part including Boston Marathon winners, John J. Kelley and Amby Burfoot. In fact, Burfoot will run his 50th consecutive Manchester Road Race in 2012. This year Olympic bronze medal winner, Deena Kastor, a two-time winner of

the race, is honorary chairperson. Balcone says the goal each year is to raise \$100,000 to donate to the community.

In Andover, MA, the “Feaster Five” is actually two races: a five-miler and a 5K. At 25, it is newer than some of the traditional turkey day races, but it has grown to enormous proportions and boasts many well-known racers. Among this year’s “VIPs,” are Bill Rodgers and Joan Benoit Samuelson. Rodgers is a four-time winner of both the Boston and New York City Marathons, and he set the American marathon record in 1975 and 1979. Samuelson is best known as the first female Olympic champion, taking the gold in 1984. When she won Boston in 1979, she was eight minutes faster than the course record and then set the world record in 1983. The race had humble roots, but the field today has about 10,000 runners, all starting in picturesque Shawsheen Square. Most volunteers come from the Merrimack Valley Striders, the race’s founding club.

What is it about Thanksgiving that makes it such a popular day for running? There are more than just the big name events. Cities and towns everywhere, seemingly, have joined the list. A quick look at coolrunning.com, a clearinghouse for road races, shows 33 in Massachusetts alone. In 2011, two of them drew more than 5,000 runners; another six topped 1,000, and 14 more hit at least 500 entrants. A little quick arithmetic shows that on that one day last year in just one state 112,568.7 miles were run, all before the first drumstick was carved from the turkey.

Simply amazing.

What causes people busy with cooking, traveling, visiting with old friends and relatives, and watching football, to take the time out and run through their neighborhood streets?

Dave McGillvray, director of the Feaster Five in Andover (and also director of the B.A.A. Boston Marathon), cites a few possibilities. “First, you always know when it is. You don’t have to check your calendar. That’s convenient.” Echoing the views of Kathy Romanowski he continues, “Thanksgiving is family oriented. In the past few years the walls of intimidation surrounding running have crumbled. Everyone from Grandpa to granddaughter can take part.” That’s especially true in the race he oversees. The event includes a five-miler, a 5K, and a



Starting line at the YMCA Turkey Trot.

Photo: YMCA Buffalo-Niagara

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By REBECCA CARLSON

The *Power* of the Written Word

Ben has been a student at the Peoria Dyslexia Center for the past year and he especially loves to learn about animals and science. During a lesson last spring, Ben was reading a book about animal senses, and he came across a sentence that seemed to have no end. He told me that half the sentence was missing.

We each reread the sentence, looked all over the page and the following page, but there truly was no end to the sentence; it just stopped before the thought was complete. At my suggestion, Ben decided to write the author a letter about this problem.

Over the course of the next two lessons, Ben composed, edited and carefully penned a polite letter to the author (via the publisher) about the mistake. Then the waiting began. Ben received no response through the summer session, and after more than two months, it seemed as though he wasn't ever going to get one.

On the day of his first session this September, however, Ben received a package at the center. The publishing company had responded to his letter in a particularly wonderful manner.


Their letter read: "Wow! Are we impressed! Good catch! Thank you so much for taking the time to write us and let us know about the error you found. This error will be corrected on all future reprints of this book. If you keep this up, some day you might become a very good editor yourself!"

To further express appreciation, the publisher sent a book about the "world's strangest animals." Ben was pleased to receive the letter and was eager to begin reading another book about one of his favorite subjects. "When I saw the letter from the publisher, I thought,

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“Wow!” said Ben. “I showed it to my class and to my teacher.”

As Ben's tutor, seeing his reaction was very gratifying for me. I remembered that as a mom I often helped my own children write letters to adults to express their questions or concerns. It is my belief that when adults respond to inquiries with respect and kindness, it sends a profound message about the power of written communication and the potential for children to influence their world.

During the very next lesson at the center, Ben discovered a possible factual error in the new book, so he and I are busy reading other sources to determine if there will be another letter needing to be written. 

Rebecca Carlson earned her Initial Teacher Certification from the Children's Dyslexia Center of Peoria and is happy to be tutoring Ben for another year.

freemasonry and the space within

By **WALTER M. MACDOUGALL, 33°**

How often we have gone to lodge raveled by the exigencies of daily life and then that old ritual begins, and it is as though a refreshing breeze blew around us. One of my favorite times in lodge is when it is lit only by three tapers and the altar light. Then one feels Masonic space around him, under him, and over him – a space filled with meaning, possibilities, and permanence.

We need to return to a Masonry which fills us with awe for that which is truly significant and which gives us hope for humanity.

Alan Alda, Hawkeye Pierce of the MASH television series, is organizing an international program to encourage and perpetuate the curiosity and awe which children naturally feel and which world-weary adults too often discourage. He tells a story from his own boyhood. He watched a candle flame and was amazed – what was going on? How did that spectral leaf of light maintain itself. How did a melted pool of wax around a wick become light. He asked an adult. The answer was: “Oh, that’s just oxidation.” Did the adult really understand oxidation, or had he or she replaced that wonderful phenomenon with a lifeless word? Had the awe leaked out? How alive is awe and the excitement of knowing in the lives of the Masons or in the daily perspective of the people you know?

Let me share an incident of my own which shows that an increase in awe and the joy of discovery can be a life-long experience. I remember standing at the blackboard (that dates me doesn’t it?) in a physics class, employing Newton’s formulae to solve some problem involving acceleration due to gravity. Years of exposure had taught me to manipulate those mathematical relationships; but suddenly, as I was

standing chalk in hand, I understood for the first time why acceleration due to gravity is a constant. Rather late, but there it was. Understanding, even a small piece of the grandeur and reason which lies around us, brings new joy.

Masonry reminds us that there are: “Numberless worlds around us, all framed by that same Divine Artist, which roll through the vast expanse of space and are all ordered by that same unerring law of nature.” And science is now showing us a universe whose dimensions and wonders are beyond even the dreams of the old ritual writers.

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Masonic endeavor.

Recently Right Worshipful Donald McDougal has been sharing a program of photographs taken by NASA space telescopes of the gigantic splendor of nebulae and galaxies in outer space. The scope of Freemasonry likewise continually enlarges and our ritual finds new voice.

We should continually return to Masonry and to all life with the awareness that there is so

Masonry is always

much we do not yet fully understand, and that together there is so much to discover and to build. As we do so, we must be prepared for some very large questions.

For instance take this question: From whence comes Freemasonry's figure, strength and beauty? What gives it such lasting establishment and pertinence in our lives?

Part of the answer lies in the magnificent, intellectual and moral architecture which integrates and inspires the Masonic endeavor. Early in our Masonic experience we are told that the Masonic lodge is a symbolic representation of the heavens above and the floor of living experience below. And thus, from the first, the Masonic stage is set with cosmic, yet close to home, dimensions. Moreover, at the start of the Masonic experience, there is proclaimed an affirmation which makes all the difference: "In the beginning there was Light!" In the beginning there was God, the Logos, the Word, and, therefore, creative purpose and truth exist. Life and the cosmos are not "full of sound and fury and signifying nothing" as one Shakespearian character proclaims. The great Mason and clergyman, Joseph Fort Newton wrote that we and the world around us are not "...a flash of glory against a dark background." Thus both we and what we achieve do matter.

We need to return to a Freemasonry which truly believes this.

Masonic ritual tells us that it was an observation of nature and her beautiful proportions that gave rise to the human endeavor to enclose space with order and creative design. We should turn once again to a Masonry which is inspired by the glory of nature and which finds in that glory a moral inspiration as did the prophet when he proclaimed: "May justice roll down like the water and righteousness like the everlasting stream."

We need to return to that Masonry which believes that there is purpose in the universe and finer possibilities for human beings.

Ill. Bro. Wayne Adams, in a recent and most important paper, identifies seven dimensions of Masonic purpose (one might call them the seven

lamps of Masonic architecture). These dimensions demand our special attention if we are to respond to the needs of individuals and society in our era. One of these is the affirmation that improvement is possible. It is possible because we have the capacities for rationality and compassion. And by "we," Freemasonry means every human being regardless of race, or creed, or background.

Another dimension in Bro. Adams' list is inclusiveness. We hear charges of elitism within the present craft, and we see evidence of an anti-intellectualism. Both attitudes are divisive and destructive. We need to return to Masonry which remembers the lines of Bro. Edward Markham:

*He drew a circle that shut me out,
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout,
But care and I had wit to win
We drew a circle that took him in.*

Perhaps too many of us have failed to realize that Freemasonry not only talks about architecture; it has achieved a monumental and overarching architecture of its own – a philosophy whose dimensions are those of mind and heart and of the hand skilled in building. Here on Earth, in this business of human life, Freemasonry, impressed by the order and beauty above, seeks to build an inspirational and instructional space within its lodges and the surrounding community. It is a space of journey, of passages, of discovery and, finally, of duty. This Masonic effort has become one of the great, supporting columns of our civilization – a civilization which depends on the connective tissue of responsibility, unity, rationality, compassion and on a growing web of wisdom. It is a space which has among its expanding dimensions such essential concerns as temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice.

In the Masonic view, the majesty and order of the heavens inspires the building of society and the establishment of civilization, but the analogy does not end there. Freemasonry is concerned with the building and enhancing of an inner space – an architecture within each of us. In this

on the move . . .

space we conjure who we are, who are those other selves which exist around us, and what might we be together. It is a space which is large or small according to the presence or absence of such dimensions as caring, understanding and moral sense.

Right Worshipful Eric Kuntz, psychiatrist and humanitarian, describes how the inner spaces within human beings can and do implode and how they can be twisted into labyrinths of despair or anger. He can also tell us from his own practice how wonderfully powerful and beneficial are the dimensions which Masons share.

We need to return to a Masonry which does not see itself as just another fraternity but rather as the keeper of resplendent vision which functions on three levels: (and now let me repeat) first in inspiration from nature and her beautiful proportions, second in the tradition of the builder within civilization – the builders who construct “taller towns than Rome,” and third in opening significant spaces within the individual. We need to rededicate ourselves to a Masonry which is concerned with this larger vision in a time when a slouching society needs the backbone and the spirit of the craft.

Finally, we need to return to Freemasonry as a profession and as a calling.

And this is where our Freemasonry in the 21st century becomes exacting.

Masonry is always on the move: first, because it is a partner of the enlightenment which is always growing, and second, because it champions the liberal arts and sciences which are continually expanding and setting humankind free. Whether we like it or not, the scope of our calling is always taking on new challenges. As Masons, we can no longer be content in our fraternal seclusion; we can no longer be satisfied to fill bureau drawers with the ribbons of our organizational climbing. As in crucial times in the past, Freemasonry is called to larger concerns. For instance, as Masonic builders and as responsible citizens, we must be aware of the ideologies which compete for supremacy in our time; we must be cognizant of the economic and social forces shaping the

environment; we must make use of the lessons of history, and we must be truly aware that everywhere society needs our “good offices.”

We should return to Freemasonry knowing we have a tremendous undertaking awaiting us. Because we have answered the calling of being a Freemason, we will accept the challenge. We will put aside the little foibles of our personalities – the piques and quarrels, the habits of self aggrandizement along with the bids for personal power or recognition. We will grow above our fears of that which lies outside our comfort zone. With rejoicing, we will climb again the winding stairs with all our scenes alive and in the expectation that an enlarged wisdom and an increased fortitude await.

In those moments when Masonic space with its sense of awe and its sense of purpose and possibility surround us, we will hear once more the tenets of our profession as Masons:

“By the exercise of Brotherly (and Sisterly) love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family – the high and low, rich and poor...”

“To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who profess to be linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, sympathize with their misfortunes, compassionate their miseries, and restore peace to the troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view.”

“To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate and, by its dictates, endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while influenced by this principle; hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealings distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other’s welfare and rejoicing in each other’s Prosperity.”

Most of all we need to return to Masonry where the Brethren never tire of hearing these words and who leave their lodge committed to wisdom and caring, who leave knowing that they belong to a band of builders, knowing that they – each one of them – will make a difference. ■



The exhibit includes a portrait of the King in full 33° regalia and artifacts used in state celebrations during Kalakaua's reign.

The Masonic Legacy of Hawaii's Last King

A new permanent exhibit at 'Iolani Palace in Honolulu, Hawaii, prominently features the Masonic lifestyle of King Kalakaua. It is the result of a unique collaboration between Lodge *Le Progres de l'Océanie's* Archival & Conservation Committee and the curatorial staff of 'Iolani Palace. Though Masonic artifacts of Hawaiian kings and chiefs have been included in prior temporary public displays, never before has so much time, resources, or attention been devoted to educating the community at large about Hawaii's colorful Masonic history by any independent research institution.

Included in the installation are the ceremonial trowels, level, plumb, and square, which in 1879 commemorated the laying of the palace's cornerstone. These delicate instruments rest adjacent to the king's Past Master's Jewel, and, most prominently, a photograph of Kalakaua himself, proudly posing in full 33° regalia, watches over the exhibit in silent dignity.

—Mark Zane Mauikanehoalani
Lovell, 32°

MASONIC GEOCACHING

Searching for That Which Was Hidden

THE SCOTTISH RITE's WSB [Wisdom, Strength, Beauty] Club has had great success with its first membership program: Masonic geocaching. WSB held a geocaching event at the House of the Temple, which spawned the Masonic Geocaching Society. Bro. Val Finnell's son designed the Masonic Geocaching Society logo, and Bro. Jack Rucker, 32°, is now managing the Facebook page for the Masonic Geocaching Society as well as designing new geocaching trackable coins.

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure-hunting sport gaining popularity across America. Participants hide containers, known as geocaches, and treasure hunters then use GPS devices to locate geocaches. They exchange gifts and share their experiences online at www.geocaching.com.

Valleys can sign up to participate in the Masonic Geocaching Society, hide geocaches on their property, and enclose interesting items about Masonry. The Supreme Council has a number of items with a Masonic theme that can be used in geocaches. In addition, Valleys can sponsor geocaching teams to search for caches.

Where can you go and what will you find? Much like Freemasonry, it all depends on how much you want to do. There are geocaches everywhere (including the House of the Temple, GC1HAHK). Go to geocaching.com and type in your zip code, pull up the map, and you'll be surprised. They come in all sizes and types, are hidden in all types of terrain, and there will always be surprises along the way. For more information, you can visit freemasonnetwork.org/mgs or write to jpatterson@scottishrite.org.



Bro. Jack Rucker, 32°, and his daughter examine a geocache.

—Jack Patterson, 32°, and Jack Rucker, 32°

Gentle reader, before you go further I must advise you that this column contains rants that may hit close to home. Now that you've been duly warned, proceed if you dare.

I had just begun my presentation on Abraham Lincoln and the famous Almanac Trial. Then came a noise decidedly more offensive than fingernails being dragged across a blackboard. Yes, a cell phone made its presence known.

Pausing, I managed a weak smile while the owner of the device fumbled around before finally quieting that icon of 21st century civilization. I was ready to resume my talk, but instead hesitated and then asked those in the audience with cell phones to turn them off or at least switch to silent mode. Surprisingly, nearly every person in that room pulled a phone out of a pocket or a purse.

I say "surprisingly," because this was not a gathering of students or even 20- or 30-somethings. No, this was an audience of mature adults.

While the annoying bray of the cell phone was not heard again that evening, I did notice those who periodically glanced at their now muted phones to check the call log or read a text.

The ubiquitous cell phone has become an umbilical cord. Without it life is not possible, or so it would seem.

While I abhor the idea of perpetual connectivity, I understand this view is in the decided minority. "You just don't understand," I am often told. OK, but can't people turn it off or at least mute it when at the theater, attending a presentation, dining out or shopping? I don't mean to offend anyone, but let's give it a rest.

Ah, but I am not yet finished. S. Shyam Sundar is a Pennsylvania State University professor of communications and the co-director of the school's Media Effects Research Laboratory. Well, the good professor and his associate, Drew Cinge, conducted a study to determine the impact of mobile communications on the grammar skills of young people.

The pair wrote: "Routine use of textual adaptations by current and future generations of 13- to-17-year-olds may serve to create the impression that this is normal and accepted use of the language and rob this age group of a fundamental understanding of standard English grammar."

You think?

As regular readers know, I've been harping on this subject for many years. And this problem goes well beyond children and teens.

The growing disregard for our language goes well beyond the two-, three- and four-letter ciphers used in

texting. It goes right to the heart of our ability to read, to comprehend what we've read, to learn, to grow and to effectively communicate our thoughts.

What is being lost is the ability to slow read; that is, to read for comprehension. There is an increasing body of evidence that suggests many if not most people lack the ability to read a newspaper or magazine article from

beginning to end. If that is so (and I believe it to be true), the outlook for books is not good.

In his book *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains*, Nicholas Carr writes: "The development of a well-rounded mind requires both an ability to find and quickly parse a wide range of information and a capacity for open-ended reflection. There needs to be time for efficient data collection and time for inefficient contemplation, time to operate the machine and time to sit idly in the garden. We need to work in Google's 'world of numbers,' but we also need to be able to retreat to Sleepy Hollow. The problem today is that we're losing our ability to strike a balance between those two very different states of mind. Mentally, we're in perpetual locomotion."

Against seemingly insurmountable odds, author Maura Kelly is leading a crusade to reverse the trend. In her "A

Slow-Reading Manifesto" (*The Atlantic*, March 2012), Kelly writes: "Meantime, if you're not reading slowly, you're doing yourself – and your community – a great wrong. As poet Joseph Brodsky said in his 1987 Nobel Prize acceptance speech, 'Though we can condemn . . . the persecution of writers, acts of censorship, the burning of books, we are powerless when it comes to [the worst crime against literature]: that of not reading the books. For that . . . a person pays with his whole life; . . . a nation . . . pays with its history.'"

Computers, the Internet, Web, smart phones and so forth are modern marvels. When used properly, they are indispensable tools. I agree with Carr's observation that ". . . promoting the rapid discovery and retrieval of information is bad. It's not."

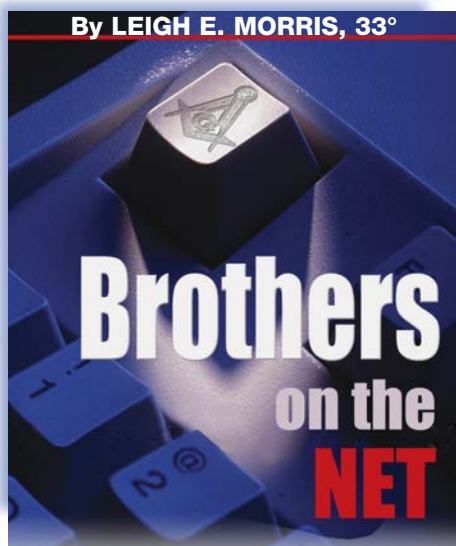
The problem is when we no longer take the time to contemplate, to reflect – to just sit back and think.

In a letter to John Adams, Thomas Jefferson wrote: "I cannot live without books."

None of us can.

drop me a line.

As always, I welcome your questions and comments. Just fire an email to me at studebaker055@yahoo.com.



Of cell phones and slow reading

Two Centuries of Enlightenment and Relief

We are witnesses to an extraordinary time. In a little more than a month we will enter the bicentennial year of our fraternity. What a joy and rare honor it is to be a Scottish Rite Brother and be counted among those present to celebrate this occasion.

It bears wondering upon anniversaries such as this what those to whom we owe our founding would

when he signed the documents that established the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It is my belief, however, that he would quickly add that the hearts of Masons – their attention to their fellow Brothers and their love of the craft – is unchanged over 200 years. *And those are the things that matter most.*

Year in and year out the Scottish Rite has remained true to its principles of inspiring men to be more

Honoring our Past- Inspiring our Future

{ The Bicentennial Campaign for the Scottish Rite

think of the Scottish Rite if they were here to see it. Would Daniel Tompkins, our first Sovereign Grand Commander, recognize the Scottish Rite?

Clearly, so much has changed from 1813 until now. Our ranks, though fewer than during our peak, are so much more substantial than they would have been in his time.

The magnificent Scottish Rite cathedrals and Valley buildings, most dating from the early 20th century, would undoubtedly be an amazement to Grand Commander Tompkins.

In his day, there were few freestanding Masonic buildings; surely none in his world to match the scale of Indianapolis, Philadelphia or Cincinnati, to name a few.

Also, the degrees we present are quite different from the ones represented in the great *Francken Manuscript*, a copy of which is held by the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library.

Increasingly, the way our Brothers experience the degrees would seem miraculous to him. In just the past few years, the idea of employing professionally directed videos to convey the messages of our degrees has expanded in scope.

I would bet that if Daniel Tompkins were here today, he might say the trappings of our fraternity would be jarringly different from the day in New York City

enlightened and to support their fraternal Brothers if they ever are in need. These timeless values define us.

To honor our two centuries of upholding these values, we have established a special campaign. It is called "Honoring our Past – Inspiring our Future, the Bicentennial Campaign for the Scottish Rite." For this uniquely Masonic occasion, the objectives of the campaign are intended to reach our fellow Brothers. Its goal is to raise \$4 to \$6 million to expand our Almoner's Fund and to increase the modernization of our Masonic degree and education programs.

Our current Sovereign Grand Commander, III. John William McNaughton, 33°, addressed the business meeting of the 200th Supreme Council in Cleveland, OH, to announce the campaign.

"Brethren, there is no higher calling for us than to look after [the needs of] a fellow Mason. When the time comes, please contribute as you are able and keep us in your thoughts and prayers."

Over the coming months, you may be asked to help support the Bicentennial Campaign by making a once in a lifetime gift to this project. However you can, please be generous. Your support is the inspiration for another century of Brotherhood.

If you would like more information, please call the Benevolent Foundation office at 781-465-3326 or visit ScottishRiteNMJ.org/Philanthropy.aspx.



The Stamp Act

By **ROBERT A. DOMINGUE**



Grover Cleveland Alexander was honored on a postage stamp issued by Grenada in November 1988. Bro. Alexander was a member of Saint Paul Lodge, No. 82, Saint Paul, NE. He was known for his smooth, effortless delivery and amazing control and won 373 games over his 20 year career. He pitched 90 shutouts including 16 in 1916 when his ERA was 1.55. He is best remembered for striking out Tony Lazzeri with the bases loaded to preserve a World Series win for the Cardinals in 1926. He also pitched for the Phillies and the Cubs.



Everett Dirksen attended the University of Minnesota Law School and following graduation joined the U.S. Army in 1917. He returned to Pekin, IL, in 1919, following his discharge and



entered business. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1932, and was in office for seven terms. After two terms out of public office he was elected to the Senate in 1950 serving several terms as Republican Minority Whip or Minority Leader. He supported the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The U.S. recognized Bro. Dirksen with a stamp issued in January 1981.

He received his degrees in Pekin Lodge, No. 29, Pekin, IL, in 1931. He served as Grand Orator of Illinois in 1953 and 1954. He became a member of the Scottish Rite in 1931-32, the York Rite in 1967, and Mohammed Shrine Temple at Peoria. The 33° was conferred on him at Boston on Sept. 29, 1954.



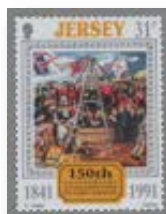
John Doyle is pictured on a stamp issued by Guernsey on Nov. 20, 1984. He was initiated on May 2, 1792, in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, and in 1822, was appointed Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Sir John Doyle graduated from Trinity College and entered the British Army. He served with distinction in the American War of Independence fighting at

Long Island, Germantown, Charlestown, Camden, and Hobkirk's Hill. He was elected Member of Parliament for Mullingar in the Irish House of Commons in 1783 and went on to serve as Secretary of War in Irish politics. He raised his own regiment, the 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers, Regiment of Foot, for the French Revolutionary Wars in 1793, and served in Holland, Gibraltar, and Egypt. The latter part of his career included his appointment as private secretary to George IV, the Prince of Wales. He was also appointed Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey in 1803, serving until 1813.



Jersey issued a stamp on May 16, 1991, which pictures the stone laying ceremony as part of the set to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Victoria Harbor. This ceremony was performed by Mechanics Lodge, No. 306, the local Masonic lodge and **William Hinchliffe** is the individual in the center of the area, wearing a collar and apron and carries a cushion supported by a sash around his neck. William Hinchliffe was the Master of Mechanics Lodge, No. 306, now the Duke of



Normandy Lodge, No. 245. Unfortunately, the details of Bro. William Hinchliffe's life remain undocumented.



Malcolm Campbell

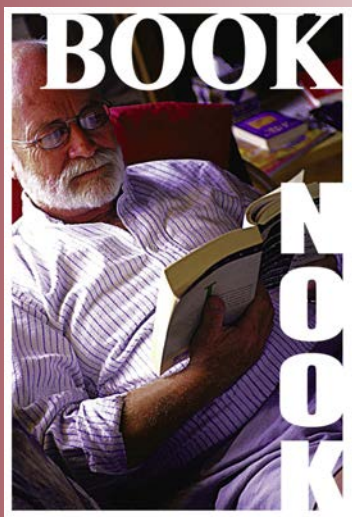
won all three London to Lakes End Trails (motorbike races) 1906-08. In 1910, he began racing cars at Brooklands and christened his car Blue Bird. He served in World War I in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment and in the RAF. He competed in Grand Prix motor racing, winning the 1927 and 1928 Grand Prix de Boulogne in France driving a Bugatti T37A. He broke the land speed record in 1924, at 146.16 mph at Pendine Sands near Carmarthen Bay in a 350HP V12 Sunbeam.



He broke nine land speed records between 1924 and 1935, with three at Pendine Sands and five at Daytona Beach. In 1931, following his return from Daytona Beach where he again had set a land speed record of 245.736 mph, he was knighted by King George V.

He set his final land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah on Sept. 3, 1935, and was the first person to drive an automobile over 300 miles per hour.

Malcolm Campbell was a member of Old Uppingham Lodge, No. 4227. He is pictured in his racing car on a stamp issued by Great Britain on Sept. 29, 1988.



Reviewed by Thomas W. Jackson, 33°

What Do You Know About Ritual? The Complete Masons Commentary

by Revd Neville Barker Cryer. Published in 2008 by Louis
Masonic – an imprint of Ian Allen Publishing Ltd.,
Hersham, Surrey KT12 4RG, England.

The Reverend Neville Barker Cryer is a well-known and respected Freemason who has written several informative books on the subject of Freemasonry.

Being a British Freemason, his writings tend to relate to a style of Freemasonry found in that environment, but much of it applies to universal Freemasonry. From his past writings, I have never failed to gain knowledge on specific subjects that I'd not really thought about or questioned until I read it. This book proved to be no different.

Cryer's stimulus for writing this book was his realization that even though the lectures explained much of the meaning of the degree ceremonies, there was also much more that the lectures did not explain. This text, therefore, expands upon the explanation of the lectures, and therein is the value of the book. It is composed of his commentaries following specific actions during the three degrees of craft Masonry including the installation ceremony along with commentaries on the Mark Degrees, Holy Royal Arch ceremony and the officers, banners, ensigns and implements of the Royal Arch.

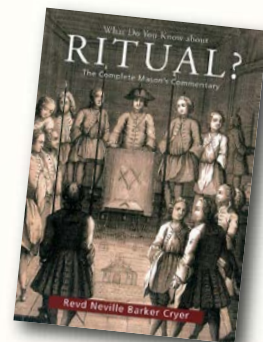
Even though I am familiar with what we do in the conferral of the rituals his commentaries explained more fully why we do it, much of it dating back in antiquity.

The reader of this book will become aware of the more significant connection of the Mark Degree with craft Masonry in British Freemasonry that does not exist in

American Freemasonry. Indeed it is only when one becomes a Mark Master Mason that he is qualified to rule over a craft lodge and that a "complete Master Mason is one who has passed through the chair of a lodge."

The book also covers information on the Royal Arch Mason degree including why members are referred to as Companions rather than Brothers.

Perhaps I found the book so informative because I knew less than I should have known. The knowledge that I gained tended to smooth over and unite in my mind a greater meaning of the symbology of the ritual. I do feel confident in recommending this small book of 90 pages for those who might also benefit from a greater understanding of the substance of why we do what we do in our ritual.



Observing the Craft: The Pursuit of Excellence in Masonic Labour and Observance

by Andrew Hammer.

Published in 2010 by Mindhive Books.

The author has chosen to write a book that perhaps has been a long time coming. Will it create an impact upon the thinking of concerned Freemason? Quite possibly. He has chosen to confront head-on what he perceives to be the greatest distractions facing today's craft Freemasonry. In doing so, he will undoubtedly irritate many members who will take his writings as a personal affront to them. And yet, he has simply put in writing what many have been saying for a considerably long time; that the bodies appendant to Freemasonry have become a distraction to craft Freemasonry along with a number of other pertinent observations impacting our influence in society.

It is important to be aware, however, that he is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, the Allied Masonic Degrees and the Scottish Rite in addition to several prominent research societies. He also sits on the executive committee of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. His writings are not a condemnation but rather an observation of what we are today and why.

Andrew Hammer is a relatively young Freemason – in his mid-40s – and, therefore, writes as neither a young, new inexperienced Freemason nor an older long tenured and somewhat inflexible but experienced Freemason.

Hammer defines *Observing the Craft* as maintaining

the definition of Freemasonry as a “Philosophical Society which demands of its members the highest standards in all areas of its labor.” This position qualifies his observations relative to appendant organizations that he discusses individually, and, therefore, is not in any way a condemnation of them nor a criticism of those who participate in them.

It is Hammer's contention that an observant lodge is one that is committed to the essential tenets of the philosophy of the craft and that the succeeding generations descended from them were responsible for producing the men who constructed Freemasonry and eased into the period of the Enlightenment. An observant lodge is a lodge that seeks to uphold the highest standards of the craft. “The observant lodge is not looking for members, because it understands that quality is not defined by quantity and never has been.”

A significant observation he makes in regarding an initiatory organization is that “the nature of the individual far outweighs the number of men knocking at our doors; quality of character far outweighs the quantity of candidates.” Also, “the craft must not change its principles, methods or techniques to descend and take all men at all costs.”

Hammer confronts very well the present-day tendency of Freemasonry to surrender to the demands of a society that does not understand us. He states that this has “caused us to do things which diminish ourselves and dishonor the Brethren who gave us these mysteries.”

There are so many significant points made in this book that stimulate thinking that I have hesitated in including many quotes taken from it.

Is this writing a reflection of the idealism of the author? Absolutely. Is it an unattainable idealism? Perhaps. It should, however, cause some to pause and to analyze the value of attempting to do so. This idealism is far more characteristic of the Freemasonry at its pinnacle of influence and may stimulate a re-examination on the road we are traveling.

There are certainly those aspects of the book that I would not find myself fully in accord. Indeed, my 50-year journey through the craft definitely does not fit well into many of the author's recommendations and my journey cannot be unique to Freemasonry. The greatest value of this book is that it stimulates thinking along lines that I have found nowhere else in writing and reinforces much of my thinking that has been stimulated by Masonic philosophy over those 50 years.

I encourage its reading especially by newly made Master Masons so that their journey through the craft be

not clouded by the extemporaneous and with a greater gained understanding of what is and why. Even though it is not dealing with the history of the craft, it is a defining explanation of what we are and why we are today.

The Power and Passion of Freemasonry

by George Peter with William J. Edwards and Lawrence J. Hammell assisting for publication. Published in 2012 by Cornerstone Book Publishers

The Power and Passion of Freemasonry represents a compilation of papers written and presented by the author, a Freemason for 59 years, for over a period of 30 years. Regretfully, Bro. George Peter passed to his reward prior to this book being finished. Bro. William Edwards, who was in collaboration with the author and, at his request during his final days, agreed to complete the organization and editing of the book and to see it published.

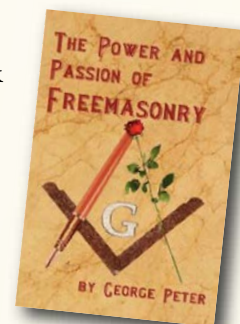
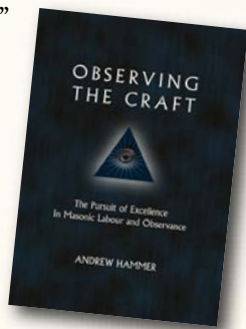
Bro. Edwards requested that I read the manuscript and make any suggestions that I might have. Although I did not agree with everything he wrote, when reading the manuscript, I found that he was expressing very much what I've been saying for years. Indeed, I found myself making notes to reread some parts that I wanted to remember.

There can be little doubt when reading this book concerning the passion that he himself had it for Freemasonry. He was a consummate educator and dedicated Freemason and this book reveals his commitment to both.

He constantly emphasizes throughout his writings that Freemasonry is an “educational institution.” His early thinking reflects upon relationships to current issues causing much of the difficulties that we deal with today in the craft. He observed that energies and efforts had been diverted to less than the original design of Masonry and that “social and charitable purposes are important in their own right, but carried to an extreme they detract from the real mission of the craft.”

He makes what amounts to the very astute observation that “leadership potential is related to the number and caliber of the membership and that Freemasonry began to collapse from the top down.”

To the credit of the author, this book will remain a great instructional text and educational tool for generations and will preserve his memory and his commitment to this “educational institution” of Freemasonry.



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Nuts to you

We mean walnuts, of course. When it comes to antioxidant quality, walnuts are at the top of the ground and tree nut category regarding health benefits, according to *Food & Function*. They rank them above all other nuts.

Joe Vinson of the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania says, "A handful of walnuts contains almost twice as much antioxidant as an equivalent amount of any other commonly consumed nut. But unfortunately, people don't eat a lot of them."

All nuts contain high-quality protein that can substitute for meat. They also have vitamins, minerals and dietary fiber. They are dairy- and gluten-free.

Studies link regular eating of nuts or peanut butter with decreased risk of heart disease, certain cancers, gallstones, type 2 diabetes and other conditions. About seven walnuts a day deliver the health benefits.

Walk in the park

Whether you are feeling depressed or actually have clinical depression, nature walks or a walk in the park can help.

A study published in the *Journal of Affective Disorders* found that walking in a wooded area boosted performance on memory and attention tests by an average of 20 percent. The cognitive improvements were much better when compared to results from those who took walks in busy, city environments.

The reason for the improvement was not entirely clear, though it suggests that a walk in a peaceful setting allows the brain to restore and refresh its capabilities by eliminating external distractions that can tax memory and attention.



Activities reduce Alzheimer's risk

An important new study shows that any physical activity, not just exercising, is linked to a reduced risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

The finding should be considered by people in middle age, since the disease develops for years before any symptoms occur. Protective activities included cooking, cleaning, gardening and even playing cards.

Study subjects had no signs of dementia at the start of the study, which is part of the ongoing Memory and Aging Project at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

This is the first study to use an objective measure of physical activity in addition to self-reports. Participants wore an actigraph on their wrists to assess levels of activity. Those in the bottom ten percent for physical activity were almost twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's.

Quoted in *USA Today*, study leader, physician Aron Buchman says, "The implication of this study is really astounding. Exercise is good, without

a doubt, but his study is about more than exercise. People who might not be able to exercise can tailor activities that are right for them."

More applause for raisins

Research reported in Duke University *HealthNews* shows that high potassium levels in raisins can help to lower blood pressure, but raisins can do more.

They are high in the antioxidants that help protect body cells. They contain the mineral boron, which is associated with increased bone health and prevention of osteoporosis.

Raisins are rich in iron and copper, both of which are necessary in the formation of red blood cells.

Raisins help correct iron deficiency anemia, and they promote blood clotting during wound healing. Other components in raisins protect vision.

Doctors ask a new question

Today, doctors are asking a new question: How is your health affecting your quality of life?

They could follow up with: "Is your condition changing your life" or, "Does it make it harder to cope day to day?"

Researchers have found that people are more likely to manage chronic conditions, such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease, if they have immediate goals.

That leads to better health. Studies show that when people have a higher sense of well-being, they have fewer hospitalizations and emergency room visits, miss fewer days at work and use less medication. They are also more productive at work and more involved in the community.

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children's fun run. He also says "They are organically grown. Most runners come from the neighborhood." His race boasts participants from 41 states, but he says that is a little misleading. Most are home to visit family and friends in their hometown. Another explanation – especially for those who run only on Thanksgiving – is that it is a race with little pressure. Except for the handful of people up front, most are not worried about their finishing times. They are out on the road for a good time and, probably, for a good cause. "Maybe the most important explanation," he says, "Running in the morning justifies all that eating in the afternoon."

Just up the road in Salem is a five-miler called the "Wild Turkey." Doug Bollen, the race director, was on the board of directors for the local Boys & Girls Club when he started it. "I used to run the Feaster Five. While driving home after the race one year I began thinking, I could attract at least 200 runners from the Salem area for our own race the following year. It would be a nice fundraiser for the B&G Club." Last year, the race's eighth edition, 1,620 runners – an appropriate number for Thanksgiving – signed up. It has also spawned a running club, and the city now hosts 20 races. The Road Runners

Club of America designated Salem a "Runner Friendly Community." Bollen concludes, "I knew that Thanksgiving was the single largest race day in the country, but I never expected the Wild Turkey Race to become such a big event in Salem and Boston's North Shore."

Thanksgiving is about tradition, about spending time with old friends, family, revisiting your roots and, of course, about giving thanks. For some, running in a local race on the fourth Thursday in November is something they have done for a long time. For others it is a new tradition, a way to stay in shape and to contribute to a worthy cause. In all these instances the local turkey trot, wild turkey run, gasping gobbler 10K, gobble wobble five miler, or whatever it may be called in your back yard, has become another way to connect the generations and the years. **IN**



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Start with the first word. Add to it the letters of the second word. Then add or subtract the letters of the following words. Total the remaining letters and unscramble them to find a word associated with Masonry.

MASONIC WORD MATH

(TREMENDOUS) + (OPPORTUNITY) –
(PORTION) + (OFTEN) – (MOOD) +
(FAMILY) – (EMPTY) + (CARTOONS) –
(NESTLE) + (MINSTREL) – (STONE) –
(MUSIC) + (TIME) – (TRULY) – (RENT)

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Clue for this puzzle appears on page 16.
Answer from previous issue: ALL-SEEING EYE

GRAND LODGE OF DC HONORS

HARRY S. TRUMAN



VIEWS FROM THE PAST



Cliques

Is yours one of those lodges which some of the Brethren think is run by a clique? If so, you will appreciate the following which we have adapted from a church publication because we are convinced it is just as applicable to one institution as to the other.

“Word has been received that the lodge is run by a clique. Upon investigation we find that this statement is true.

Furthermore, we find that this clique is composed of faithful members who are present at each meeting; who willingly accept appointment to committees; who freely give of their time to master the ritual; to call upon the sick and to serve in a wide variety of ways.

They are those who sincerely believe that the more one puts into his lodge, the more he gets out of it.

The strange thing about this clique is that it is very easy to get into.

All one needs to do is demonstrate a lively interest in the fraternity, make constructive suggestions and accept responsibilities when asked to do so.

Show a continued interest in all the affairs of the lodge and before you realize it, you will be a member of the clique. . . . And you will be surprised how very happy they will be to have you!”

— *The Master Mason*, Aug. 1962

On May 7, the day before his 80th birthday, former President and Past Grand Master Harry S. Truman (Missouri) was the honored guest of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia at a testimonial dinner held at the Twin Bridges Motel near the nation's capital. More than 800 Brethren crowded into the Persian Room of that hostelry to honor “Harry.”

The 1964 Grand Master's Award of the D. C. Grand Lodge was presented to Brother Truman by M.W. Harry B. Savage, Grand Master. It is a handsome plaque adorned with bronze plates naming the award and picturing President Truman in the center of a map of the United States.

In addition P. G. M. Renah F. Camalier (D. C.), a former District

Commissioner appointed by President Truman, presented him with another special plaque to which is affixed one of the “White House stones bearing a Mason's mark” which Brother Truman saved from the rubble during the reconstruction of the Executive Mansion in 1950.

This, the last of the stones committed to the care of the Grand Lodge of D. C. by Mr. Truman in 1950 is accompanied by a bronze plate telling the history of the stone.

In accepting the presentations, M. W. Brother Truman expressed his thanks in gracious style and added a few of his delightful comments which “brought down the house” with laughter.

— *John Temple, The Freemason*,
June 1964

The Sustaining Pillars

The great moral temple of Freemasonry is supported by wisdom, strength and beauty. Its foundation was laid in wisdom, and its strength and beauty are derived from the moral lessons which it teaches. It was suited to the times in which it was founded, and its wisdom is displayed in the fact that it has been suited to the times through which it has subsequently passed. Within its sacred precincts no lesson is taught which is inconsistent with the precepts of the Volume of Inspiration; no doctrine is inculcated which is at variance with good government, or submission to the laws; no duty or service is required which may not be performed. When a proper disposition is united with a determination of purpose to carry out the principles of the order, its beauties will be displayed in adorning the characters of its professors.

— *Robert Morris, The American Freemason*, Jan. 15, 1855

Put Masonry to Work

Recently I wrote to the superintendent of the Masonic home requesting a list of the people in the home who had no visitors, no one to send them cards, etc. I was astonished at the number. Out of 104 women, only 28 are “adopted.” They sent me no list of males, but I imagine the percentage would be quite as high there.

Now, if all these people have no one at all to remember them during the year — on their birthdays, at Christmas and other special holidays doesn't this suggest that something should be done by our Eastern Star chapters and Masonic lodges throughout the state?

It takes so little to make people feel loved and appreciated. Just a card or a little gift on birthdays, anniversaries and the Christmas holidays. Can't you use the great influence of *The Indiana Freemason* to “put this over” in our lodges?

— *Mrs. Basil Bailey, The Indiana Freemason*, Dec. 1965

Craftsman Comment

An interesting pamphlet has just been published and will doubtless be read with much interest by members of the fraternity.

This subject of service to a Brother Mason as outlined by Wor. Bro. Burleigh treats with a very important subject in a practical way, and it is fitting and proper that the Masonic Service Association, of which Bro. Burleigh is state secretary, should bring the subject to the attention of the craft in the widest possible manner.

Too often Masonry is treated as an academic subject and the substance is overlooked for the form.

Fundamental Freemasonry, while not a panacea for all human ills, can be made to relieve distressed conditions, social and economic, to a very large degree; but only can it be done by intelligent action.

Practical questions which will at once suggest themselves to the thoughtful can be answered with satisfaction if a proper appreciation of Freemasonry's true function is recognized.

The particular subject of Brother Burleigh's discourse is that of the relationship between individual members of the craft and their direct responsibility to each other.

Among other things, unemployment while fortunately not general in this country at the present time, is a subject to which the writer gives enlightening thought and while, of course, his proposals to aid distressed worthy

Brothers will not be received with unanimity and some cynical souls will question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" in the larger sense, and if a man is to measure up to the true stature of a man, he is in great degree precisely this.

Most of us are too prone to think only of our own interests, to seek to climb the social or business ladder to success (?) by most any means which do not violate the ethics of the so-called conventions or the laws of the state. A glance through history, however, will show that those men who have left the brightest mark on its pages have invariably been the men to whom convention was a restraining force, and who followed rather the truer instincts of a naturally kind and sympathetic heart and intelligent head.

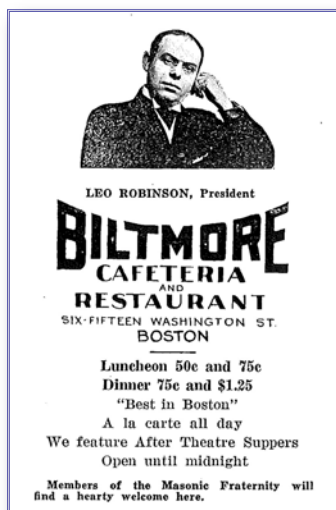
The few years of our earthly existence are at best a brief period during which to put into effect all that we might desire to accomplish, but the satisfaction at the end of a life, part of which has been worthily devoted to the service of our fellow men, cannot fail to prove a far greater reward than the attainment of wealth and position. No man who thinks seriously on the present status of our society, but can read Bro. Burleigh's very interesting booklet with profit and a better knowledge of how to go about the practical matters of Masonic charity.

— Alfred Hampden Moorhouse,
New England Craftsman, Nov. 1922

FREEDOM OF THOUGHT

Some day, when the cloud of prejudice has been dispelled by the searchlight of Truth, the world will honor Masonry for its heroic service to freedom of thought and of faith. No part of its mainstay has been more noble, no principles of its teaching have been more precious than its agelong and unwavering demand for the right and duty of every soul to seek that light by which no man ever injured, and that truth which makes him free.

— Joseph Fort Newton, *California Freemason*, Spring 1968



— *New England Craftsman*,
Oct. 1922

QUOTABLES

When we forget to use visualization and imagination, it is like not using our minds.

— Jose Silva

You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.

— Mahatma Gandhi

The start is what stops most people.

— Don Shula

The pessimist worries about the wind; the optimist thinks it will change; the realist adjusts the sails.

— William Arthur Ward

Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.

— Paul Boese

Love is what we were born with. Fear is what we learned here."

— Marianne Williamson

You don't get paid for the hour. You get paid for the value you bring to the hour.

— Jim Rohn

In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just the first step.

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

If you go as far as you can see, you will then see enough to go even farther.

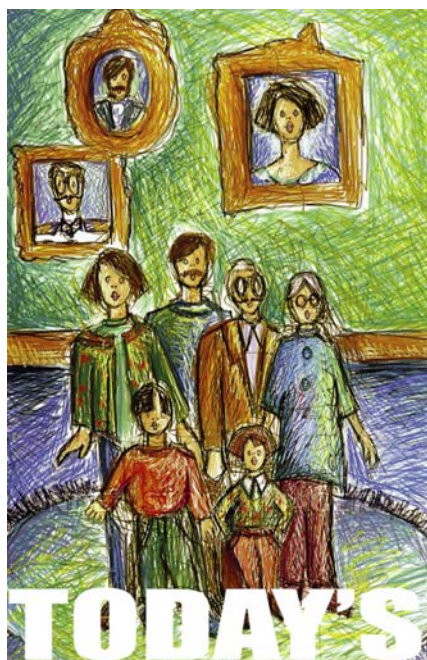
— John Wooden

Your own soul is nourished when you are kind; it is destroyed when you are cruel.

— King Solomon

As I grow older, I pay less attention to what people say. I just watch what they do.

— Andrew Carnegie



TODAY'S Family

Tutors help car owners

You don't have to be a senior citizen to be stumped by today's technologically advanced car systems, including the navigation system, voice-controlled hands-free phone system, and even how to set the clock.

Dealerships are now hiring specialists to close the skills gap that prevents many customers from appreciating the sophisticated digital system in their new cars.

Last year, Ford was shocked when *Consumer Reports* said its MyFord system was frustrating to operate. Ford is now telling dealers to offer hands-on technology training. They urge people who are buying a new car to get a proper orientation, which usually lasts about half an hour.

Industry executives are also worried that failing to educate customers will eventually hurt profits, say experts at *The Wall Street Journal*.

Are they lonely?

To employed caregivers, an anxious call from their loved one at home during the workday is a dilemma.

When they call you need to decide if it is a real emergency. Are they injured, sick, or just lonely? Paula Spencer of Caring.com advises caregivers to have backup people; a

neighbor or relative, who can do a physical check.

If you think the problem is loneliness or boredom find ways to help the person self-calm. Some people can be encouraged to pet a dog or cat or to hold a blanket.

If your charge is calling over and over to ask a basic question, such as "What time are you coming home?" the problem could be increasing dementia. An elder companion or respite program can break up the hours and provide a watchful eye.

Button batteries can be deadly for children

Batteries that are about the size of a shirt button are sending more than 5,000 kids a year to hospital emergency rooms. Swallowing the small battery can cause injuries varying from esophagus burns to fatal aorta damage.

Introduction of the 3-volt 20-milimeter lithium battery has caused more hospital visits. It's more powerful and can cause tissue damage much more quickly, say doctors at the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

When a battery is swallowed, it usually is eliminated in the stool. If it lands with its negative pole in contact with tissue fluids in the lining of the esophagus, a microcurrent can generate hydroxide, resulting in burns and perforations in the esophagus in less than two hours.

Researchers say 27.3 percent of ingested batteries came from toys and games; 17 percent from hearing aids;

13.9 percent from watches; 13.6 percent from flashlights; 9.8 percent from remote controls; 7 percent from calculators, and 11.4 percent from miscellaneous sources.

Always keep extra batteries on a high shelf or in a high drawer where little ones won't see them. Keep an eye on children handling battery-operated devices.

Schools to focus on science

The federal government has created new standards for science.

Studies show that eighth-graders' science scores were nearly flat from 2009-11. One international study shows that 15-year-olds ranked average among industrial nations in science and just below Hungary.

The National Teachers Association hopes families will start talking at home about science and about science and technology careers.

Retirement planning

At age 65, a man's average life expectancy is 20 additional years; at the same age, a woman has an estimated 22 additional years.

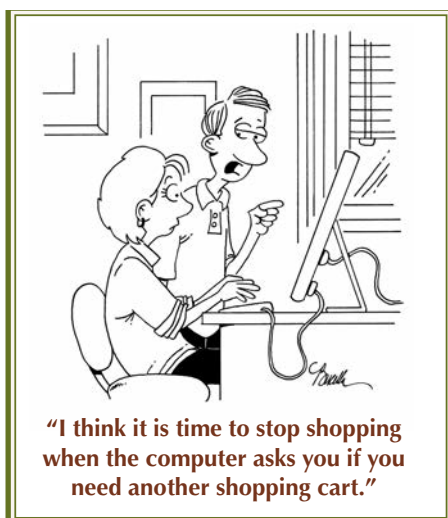
Planning your life on averages, however, is risky. Using average life expectancy to estimate how long your savings will last could leave you with no savings and a lot of living left to do. About 40 percent of women and 30 percent of men will live to age 90.

If you think you've already saved enough to retire, don't stop. Save some more. Another consideration: the chance that at least one member of a 65-year-old couple will reach age 90 is 60 percent.

Providing for a longer life could save you from skimping near the end or living on the kindness of others, say financial planners quoted on CNNMoney.com.

Unless you have a family history of dying young or a condition that's bound to shorten your life, it's best to plan on living into your mid-nineties.

Online life-expectancy tools could help, such as one by Northwestern Mutual (Google "Longevity Game"). It calculates life expectancy based on your health, behavior and family history. It takes just 2 or 3 minutes and it's entertaining.



More than Just Books...

Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives at the National Heritage Museum

By JEFFREY CROTEAU

Pronouncing “Zerubbabel” in 1914

Scottish Rite ritual abounds with names that might trip up even the most well-read Mason. A number of Hebrew, Latin, and Greek names and phrases show up in the rituals of the Scottish Rite’s Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. What’s a man to do when faced with memorizing lines that might contain Biblical names like Adoniram, Nebuchadnezzar, and Zerubbabel?

How about a handy reference book?

In 1914, the Scottish Rite’s Northern Masonic Jurisdiction saw a pressing need for providing guidance on the pronunciation of a number of words that show up in the staged productions that are the Scottish Rite degrees. The Supreme Council published a *Hand-Book of Pronunciation of Words Used in the Ritualistic Ceremonies and Work of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.*, “for the purpose of securing uniformity in the pronunciation of words used in the rituals, ceremonies, and work of the various degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America,” according to the book’s introduction. The introduction continues:

It is not intended to indicate the classical pronunciation or to supply the frequently obsolete forms of the languages from which the words may be derived. The work of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in this Jurisdiction is rendered in the English tongue, and where Hebrew, Latin, Greek, or other proper names and words have been authoritatively represented by English substitutes or by English forms it appears pedantic and unwise to adhere to original forms or to attempt pronunciation often impossible to English utterance.

For the same reason compromise has been sought between conflicting schools of pronunciation of Latin words and phrases, and the pronunciation here given, it is believed, will avoid the extremes of the classical scholar while being in full accord with polite usage.

Today, there isn’t a single book that contains a pronunciation guide for all of the Scottish Rite degrees. Instead, the introductory material to each of the individual degree rituals includes a pronunciation guide for the difficult words found in that particular degree.

As for Zerubbabel, he is, of course, the central character in the Scottish Rite’s 15° and 16°, the two degrees which

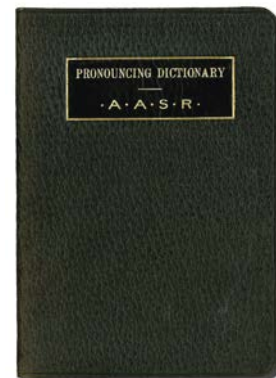
comprise the Council, Princes of Jerusalem. These two (often called the “Historical Degrees”) focus on the period of the building of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in the late 6th century BCE. The 15° and 16° are a continuation of the story that begins in blue lodge and which was traditionally continued in the Lodge of Perfection degrees which culminate with the revelation of the Lost Word and which, in earlier versions of the ritual, narrated the destruction of King Solomon’s Temple by the Babylonians.

In the Hebrew Bible (Christian Old Testament) and in the Scottish Rite degrees, Zerubbabel leads Jewish exiles out of Babylonian captivity under the decree of King Cyrus of Persia in 538 BCE. Once back in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel plays a key role in the building of the Second Temple which was built on the site where King Solomon’s Temple stood until its destruction.

At least one Masonic scholar made clear the importance of Zerubbabel to the Scottish Rite degrees by comparing his importance to that of Solomon’s to the craft degrees. Writing in the late nineteenth-century, Masonic scholar Albert Mackey wrote that “with the traditions of the Royal Arch and some of the other high degrees [e.g. Scottish Rite], Zerubbabel is not less intimately connected than is Solomon with those of symbolic or ancient craft Masonry.”

So, how did they pronounce Zerubbabel in 1914? It was pronounced the same way in 1914 as it is today: accent on the second syllable.


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Hand-Book of Pronunciation of Words Used in the Ritualistic Ceremonies and Work of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Published by the Supreme Council, 1914.

The Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives is located just off the main lobby of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library and is open to the public 10-4:30, Wednesday-Saturday. Reference assistance is provided in person, by phone, or by e-mail. You may contact us at 781-457-4109 or library@monh.org.

READERS RESPOND



Obligation

I write today after reading "Obligation" (*TNL*, Aug. 2012). You truly hit the nail on the head when you reminded us that our most essential obligation as Master Masons is to each other.

I joined Freemasonry because I wanted to be part of a true society of friends and Brothers who consider the welfare of one another equal with that of their own. I wanted to be a better person and to be the Brother of other men who shared that common objective - to be good and true. When I put my Masonic ring on every morning before leaving my house I am reminded that no matter what difficulties I may face that day as I go about my usual vocations, I will be able to face them secure in the knowledge that I will always have the support of my Masonic brothers who will help, aid and assist me as needed and who will allow me to do the same for them when and if they are in need. I know that, as a Mason, I have friends in whose fidelity I may safely confide. This knowledge gives me the confidence to face whatever difficulties may be ahead of me each day.

I have been truly fortunate so far, in that I have never needed financial assistance from anyone. I am even more fortunate in that I have been privileged with the opportunity to share my resources with Brothers in my lodge who have been in need. Of all the experiences I have had in my life, standing poor and penniless when receiving my first degree formed my character and my understanding of how to be a good man.

I have called upon my Brothers to help me in other (equally important) ways, though. When I have been very ill, the members of my lodge prayed for me and sent me communications letting me know they had. A Brother of my lodge had gone through a similar illness, and during my worst days he contacted me every afternoon to ask how I was doing that day. I could talk with him about what I was suffering in ways I could not with anyone else because he had been through it himself so he understood what I was dealing with, and I knew I could trust him completely because of our mutual obligation. I could confide my deepest feelings and fears with him freely because I knew they would be safe as a Brother's secret whispered low.

When, in the course of my business, I need professional advice or to hire an honest tradesman, I turn first to the Brothers of my lodge because I know I can trust them to be honest and plain dealing. I have hired attorneys, accountants and heating repairmen in this way because I know I can trust them because I know their character as Masons.

I love our ancient ritual, and served as Worshipful Master of my lodge. I love the grand buildings our fraternity owns. As a member of the Indianapolis Valley, I may be biased, but I find our cathedral in Indianapolis is the most beautiful building in the United States. But even these important manifestations of Masonry's strength pale in comparison to what truly makes us a Mason - our obligation.

*Carl W. Davis, 32°
Valley of Indianapolis*

From Another Frog Man

The article "Bro. Boyton, Fearless frog Man" (*TNL*, Aug. 2012) truly brought back some memories. During my younger years I was a member of our Mount Union Fire Company's original scuba diving team. I could not help but marvel at Bro. Boyton's early version of what we now know as the "wet suit." I found it interesting, also, to learn that Buffalo Bill Cody and P. T. Barnum were both Masonic Brothers.

*Harold A. "Gus" Grissinger, 32°
Valley of Harrisburg*

Kudos

I simply had to send kudos to the Sovereign Grand Commander for his most excellent "Obligation" article (*TNL*, Aug. 2012). It certainly hit the spot, and just let me say that I am one of the 'choir' that he is preaching to. Although I reside in Florida now and am a perpetual member down here, I am yet a perpetual member of the NMJ Scottish Rite, Valley of Ft. Wayne. Thanks for your insightful write-up, my Illustrious Brother.

*Nat Smith, Jr., 33°
Valley of Lake Worth, Florida*

Surprise

What a wonderful surprise I received when I saw the article in the "Etcetera" section (*TNL*, Aug. 2012) regarding my appearance in "Ripley's Believe it or Not." Thank you very much for the nice article. I appreciate it very much.

*Thomas C. Eakin, 32°
Valley of Cambridge*

we welcome letters and emails from our readers in response to articles appearing in *The Northern Light* and will reprint them as space permits. Letters must be signed, should be brief, and are subject to editing.

Photo Digitization Project

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library has over 1,000 photographs from the 1800s and 1900s. Several show men and women in their Masonic and fraternal regalia.

Museum staff members are currently working to digitize the entire collection of these photos. You can see the current selection at the museum's website:

NationalHeritageMuseum.org.

Click on "Collections" and then click on "start a search of our online collection." You will be taken to a new window and can search for all of the photographs by typing "photo." You can search for specific subjects, such as photographers or places. Currently 600 photos have been scanned, but watch as more are being added as the project progresses.

Magazine Archive Online

Looking for a story that once appeared in *The Northern Light*? It is now easy to take a trip back in time. Every issue of *The Northern Light*, from its beginnings in 1970, is online. The latest issue is usually put on the site about a month after you receive your printed copy at home. To access this archive head to ScottishRiteNMJ.org/TheNorthernLight.aspx.

Why Scottish Rite?

One year from now, in August 2013, *The Northern Light* will honor our jurisdiction's 200th anniversary. We need you to help with this very special edition. In 200 words or more, describe what the Scottish Rite means to you, why you chose to join Scottish Rite, or tell us about a special moment experienced by you as a Scottish Rite Mason. We will publish the very best

essays. We also want you to use your photographic skills to show us your feelings toward the fraternity. Using the same criteria spelled out above, create an image that best depicts Scottish Rite to you. *The Northern Light* will publish the best photo from each state in the jurisdiction. Get working now, and send your essays (in MS Word format) or photographs to editor@supemecouncil.org by April 1, 2013.

The Jewels Are In

The long-awaited 200th anniversary jewels have cleared customs and are now available. To purchase a jewel send a check to Supreme Council, P.O. Box 519, Lexington, MA 02420 for \$25. Make sure to include your shipping address. All those who have previously ordered the medal do not have to re-order. They will receive their medals soon. Additionally, the anniversary jewels will be presented to all candidates receiving the 32° during 2012 and the anniversary year of 2013.

Change of Address and Dues Questions

Members are reminded that the most efficient way to change your address or to get questions answered regarding dues is to call your Valley Secretary. A list can be found on the jurisdiction's website: ScottishRiteNMJ.org/ContactUs/LocateaValley.aspx.

Sign Up for Rite Now, Right Now

A new addition to the publications of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is an "e-newsletter" called *Rite Now*. It is published 12 times a year and shows up in your email inbasket on the first Friday of every month. It is an easy and paperless way to stay on top of

the happenings within the Scottish Rite. The items are short and easy to read, and they are timely. Best of all, it's free. To get on the mailing list simply go to the NMJ website, scroll down until you see the title "Stay Connected" in the left column, and click on the purple "Rite Now" button. Follow the instructions, and you're on the list.

To continue being green, while at the site you can also sign up for a paperless version of *The Northern Light*. To take advantage of this new era in publication, go to "Member's Center," and then "The Northern Light." Rest assured, the printed version will still be available.

Anniversary Incentives

All are reminded that there are several incentives encouraging every member to participate in the 200th anniversary celebration. As all candidates must have a sponsor, each member that sponsors a candidate in 2012 and 2013 will be eligible to participate in the various incentive programs allowed within his particular state. Help someone you know unlock the journey into Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Join the membership team and share the light by bringing that new lodge member into Scottish Rite.

Alan E. Foulds, 32°
editor



going my way?

When was the last time you were at a Valley meeting?

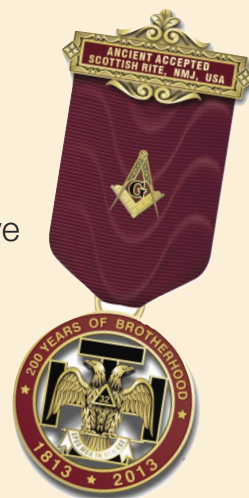
When was the last time you saw your Brothers and friends?

When was the last time you were inspired?

Now is the time to get involved, enjoy yourself, and make a difference.

Join during our 200th anniversary and receive a pocket jewel.

Call your local Valley for details or visit us at ScottishRiteNMJ.org for meeting dates.



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