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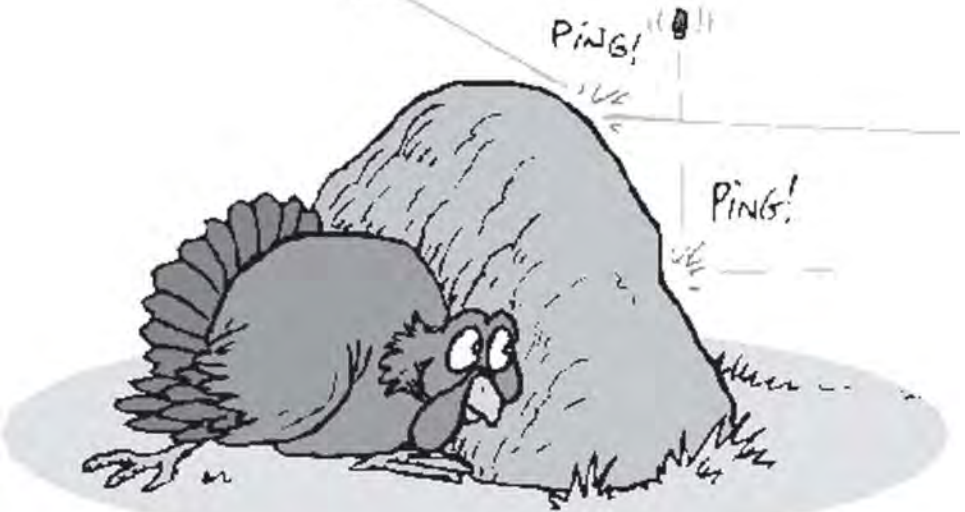
**Tuesday, November 2nd
Election Day**



**Sunday, November 7th
Daylight Saving Time Ends**



Thursday, November 11th, Veterans Day



**Thursday, November 25th
Thanksgiving Day - Hide You Turkey, Hide!**

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- Tues., Nov. 2 – Election Day
- Wed., Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. - Started Meeting, Annual Meeting and Election
- Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Sat., Nov. 13, 4:00 p.m. - Temple doors open
 5:00 p.m. - Installation of Lodge Officers with Trinity Lodge 710
 6:00 p.m. - Refreshments
- Wed., Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day
- Wed., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Thanks to each of you who supported Canton Lodge this year. You are the ones who made this past year most rewarding for me as Master. I've enjoyed working with each of you for the benefit of the lodge. I must extend a very special thanks to R. W. Bro. Earl Blazer for keeping me on the straight and narrow and making my year as Master an enjoyable one.

Your dues notice was sent out last month and must be paid before our annual meeting on Nov. 3rd. They are the same as last year; and that is \$50.00.

November also marks the end of the year for the 2010 corps of officers and the beginning for the new 2011 officers term. Come out and support them starting with the annual meeting and elections Wednesday, November 3rd, then again on Saturday, November 13th when the new officers will be installed. I'll take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this a special year for me and Canton Lodge. Robin, my wife, deserves special thanks also for all the help and support she gave me throughout the year. Again thank you for allowing me to serve as Worshipful Master of such a great lodge, Canton Lodge No. 60 F & A M.

Please brethren, join me in keeping R. W. Bro. Earl Blazer in your prayers as he recovers from heart surgery and from the officers and brethren of this lodge; have a great Thanksgiving celebration.

Al, Worshipful Master

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Fri., Nov. 5, 7:00 p.m. - Special Meeting, Degree Conferral
Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 a.m. - Daylight Savings Time Ends
Thurs., Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
Fri., Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. - Annual Stated Meeting, Election of Officers
Fri., Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m. - Fellow Craft Team & Officers Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day
Fri., Nov. 26, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner in the Ballroom
7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Awards Night
Fri., Dec. 3, 7:00 p.m. - Installation of 2011 Officers

As the weather begins to turn cold and another Masonic year comes to a close, I look back and think how fast it all went by. I want to start this article by giving a special thanks to Wor. Bro. Fred Hocking for everything he has done for me this year and for Wm. McKinley Lodge over his years as our lodge secretary. I also want to thank Bro. Gust Goutras for all his assistance and support over the years. I know Wm. McKinley Lodge is going to be in great hands for the 2011 year. A huge thank you goes to Wor. Bro. Terry Rundquist and our Fellow Craft Team, for all the hard work you've done for me and this lodge. You're truly the heart of McKinley Lodge! Finally, to the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be your Worshipful Master in 2010. It has been an honor and privilege to serve this great lodge and members.

November 12th is our Annual Meeting and a special night for Wm. McKinley Lodge. We will have the annual reports given by the Trustees chairman, a report on the activities of Grand Lodge will be discussed and the Master and officers who will serve in 2011 will be elected. A paid 2011 dues card is a requisite to be present at the meeting. This is a very important night and your presence is vital in the selection of McKinley Lodge's officers.

November 26th is also a special night and will begin with a dinner in the Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. The awardees will be contacted and dinner will be provided for them. The cost is \$8.00 for anyone who wishes to join us for dinner but is not receiving an award. At 7:30 p.m., we will open lodge and honor these outstanding members.

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December 3rd marks an important night for the Master-elect and his officers. We will install them into their new offices at 7:30 p.m. in the Cryptic Room. Everyone is invited to join as this is an open installation. I encourage you to come out and show your

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- Tues., Nov. 2 – Election Day
- Thurs., Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. – Annual Meeting, Election of Officers
- Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Sat., Nov. 13, 4:00 p.m. - Temple doors open
5:00 p.m. - Installation of Lodge Officers with Canton Lodge 60
6:00 p.m. - Refreshments
- Thurs., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day
- Thurs., Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

It’s hard to believe that another Masonic year has come to an end. Our new officers will be elected on November 2nd and installed Saturday, November 13th. We will again have an open joint installation with Canton Lodge No. 60. The installation will be on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Cryptic Room. Refreshments will follow in the Ballroom.

I would like to thank the Lodge for the privilege of serving again as Master of Trinity Lodge. I would also like to thank the officers and brethren that served Trinity in any way during this past year. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Your help will be greatly needed in the coming year. Our inspection will be in the Master Mason Degree. I have great faith that with the dedication and hard work of some devoted brethren, we will be able to get the Fellow Craft Team back in shape.

Last month, I stated that we needed members to step forward to serve as officers. Although that’s still true, I know that not everyone has the time or ambition to serve in that capacity. I hope that all who are able will consider helping in some way. Serving on the Fellow Craft Team, planning and chairing an activity or presenting an interesting program at a meeting are just a few of the ways you can serve our Lodge.

Have a great Thanksgiving celebration.
Steve, Worshipful Master

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TRESTLE BOARD

- Tues., Nov. 2 – Election Day
- Thurs., Nov. 4, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner
- Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Mon., Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m. – Officers Board Meeting
- Wed., Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m. – Dinner Served
 7:15 p.m. – Nazirettes Meeting
 7:30 p.m. – Nazir Stated Meeting, Election of Officers
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day

Saturday Morning 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

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Monarchs Message

Thanks to all of the workers who help with the breakfasts and with the dinners. Also it is very important that we have your help. We would like to have more volunteers for these events, so if you can assist, please contact one of the stewards or myself.

Election of officers is coming up in November and we really need Prophets in the East! We have about three chairs to fill so if you can help at all please let us know. As always, your Blue Lodge's are calling, take the time, go back and attend your lodge.

I would also like to thank District Deputy, Slip and his lady Mary Jo, for all of the traveling they are doing in the name of Nazir Grotto. I will be attending other Grotto's with Slip this year as I have in the past. All are welcome to ride along, just let us know.

Gary R. Gruber, Monarch 2010

Chief Justice Message

I would like to thank all of those who have helped during the year, I am looking forward to being Monarch in 2011; however we do need assistance. We do not have the Prophets that we need to make the officers line a full one. As you know, there are a few Grottos that have all Past Monarchs in the line. This is alright but, where are the red tassels we really need? I think that we should work on getting some new Prophets to help.

My installation planned for Wednesday, December 8th 2010, will be open, so please try and attend.

P.M. Kevin Sanders, Chief Justice

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- Tues., Nov. 2 - Election Day
District Meeting, Hiram Chapter
Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 a.m. - Daylight Saving Time Ends
Thurs., Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
Tues., Nov. 16, 7:00 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Sun., Nov. 21, 6:00 p.m. - Open Reception Dinner for William Stratton
Thurs., Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day
Mon., Nov. 29, 7:00 p.m. - Mark Master Degree

Greetings Companions! November will kick off with the district meeting at Hiram Chapter and continue on with the dinner reception for Bill Stratton on his appointment as Eminent Prior for the K.Y.C.H. This meeting is open for all so bring your lady and enjoy. We will confer the Mark Master Degree on November 29th at 7:00 p.m. so be prepared to do some degree work that evening. I also need the names of the cast members for the Most Excellent Master Degree. If you are one of them, please contact me at (330) 815-1119 and commit.

Have a great Thanksgiving celebration.
Steve, High Priest

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Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Saving Time Ends
Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Tues., Nov. 16, 7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day
Mon., Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. – Select Masters Degree, Inspection Coming Event
Tues., May 3, 7:00 p.m. – Super Excellent Masters Degree

Greetings Companions, as you can see from the Trestle Board we have a lot of work to do. We currently have three candidates ready to receive the Council Degrees, with the possibility of four more to come yet this year. The Royal Master Degree was conferred on October 25th at 7:00 p.m. and as always we needed more giblets; so come out and join in the fun. We will confer the Select Master Degree on December 13th that being our inspection date at 7:00 p.m. The Super Excellent Master Degree will be conferred on May 3rd, also at 7.00 p.m. Practices for this degree will be announced.

As always please remember our sick and shut-ins and the men and women of our armed forces who are risking life and limb for us.

From the companions of Canton Council, have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration.

Rick Memmer, Illustrious Master

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- Tues., Nov. 2 – Election Day
- Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 p.m. – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Mon., Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m. – Degree Practice
- Tues., Nov. 16, 8:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Sat., Nov. 20, 10:00 a.m. - East Sparta Christmas Parade
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day
- Tues., Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m. - Full Form Opening Practice
- Sat., Feb. 19 - Annual Inspection

Grand Commandery has passed and what an experience! It was a time of Masonic Brotherhood and renewal of acquaintances. Elected were: John R. Clime, K.C.T. to Grand Commander and August C. Holtzer, Jr. K.C.T. to Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander. Most Worshipful Terry W. Posey, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio was one of the guest speakers also two Sir Knights traveled from Romania to attend. We will update the eye foundation administrative changes later at a stated meeting.

November and December we will post colors for Blue Lodge installations. Sir Knights attend these events and represent your Commandery. The exposure to the public and Masonry affords an excellent opportunity to promote Knight Templar.

Canton Commandery once again will be marching in the East Sparta Christmas Parade on November 20th. The parade will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. from the East Sparta square and proceed to the viewing stand; approximately one mile in uniform. Sir Knight William McGuire P.C. will be forming up the Sir Knights at the square. Plan to be there prior to 10:00 a.m. Those choosing not to march may gather at the viewing stand.

There will be several degree practices this November and we will notify everyone as information of color postings become available.

“Happiness is good health and a poor memory.” Join us at the November 16th Stated Meeting. Fraternally yours,

William Dan Jones, Commander

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- Mon., Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. – Salem Chapter Installation
- Tues., Nov. 2 – Election Day
 10:00 a.m. – Auxiliary Meeting, Lunch served
- Thurs., Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. – Carroll Chapter Installation
- Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Wed., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. – Crystal Chapter Installation
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Fri., Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Long Form
- Sat., Nov. 13, 1:00 p.m. – W.G.M. School of Instruction, Columbus
- Sat., Nov. 20, 3:00 p.m. – Louisville Chapter Installation
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day
- Fri., Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

November is another big month for us. We have Installations throughout the district to attend. Please go to as many as you can to support your Eastern Star brothers and sisters. Thank you all for everything you did to make our installation special.

Delta’s theme this year is: Masonic Family: The Ties That Bind. We’re focusing on membership; not only for our chapter, but for the other Masonic bodies in Stark and Summit Counties. If someone asks you about Masonry, please tell them you will put them in touch with a Mason in their area; and follow through. We as a “Masonic Family” need to stick together to keep our great tradition alive. When you hear or see that someone is a Mason or in a Masonic organization; that immediately tells you something about that person’s character. I encourage each of us to think about that when we meet new friends, be it at church, at work or even the gym. Remember people in their 20’s are joiners. They want to belong to things; that’s why there are fraternities, sororities and honorary groups on college campuses. Ask them to join. Encourage them by telling them they’d be a good Master Mason, Eastern Star Sister or any of the other groups.

**Star Love, Jodi & Jim
 Auxiliary**

The 2011 officers of Delight Auxiliary were installed at the October 8th Stated Meeting of Delta Chapter. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Auxiliary Dining Room. Everyone is welcome to

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- Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day

It is hard to believe that one year of chapter is over and we are now heading into another. I wish to thank all the daughters of Nazir for supporting me this past year and for taking an office when asked. I will again be serving as your M.C.O. and look forward to serving our Caldron again. Nazir Caldron will be having its installation of the 2011 officers at our stated meeting in November. If you have not been to a meeting recently, we look forward to maybe seeing you out this coming year.

The Caldron must do some fund raising this year. We are facing the same financial hardships that we face personally each day. Funds are tight so please try and support our Caldron when asked. We are looking into having a candy sale at Christmas and maybe do another candy sale again at Easter.

After our meeting in October we held a practice for a drill that we hope to perform at the 2011 Supreme Session in September. Daughter Sharon Snowden has worked up a program and she will be directing us this year. I am working on some ideas for an outfit that we will all be wearing and will be presenting them to the daughters in December. If you plan on attending the session next year, please attend the practices. If for anything else, it is great exercise.

Please keep our daughters who are ill in your prayers; we miss them at the meetings and hope to see them soon.

Fraternally,
Kate Oesch, M.C.O.

Sunshine

Visitations were made to P.M.C.O.
 Millie Thompson and Norma Singleton.

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support to the new Master and officers who will be taking Wm. McKinley Lodge into 2011.

Finally, on behalf of the Past Masters, officers and brethren of Wm. McKinley Lodge, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and may the blessings of God rest upon us through this holiday season.

Thank you once again, Brethren.

Rick, Worshipful Master

Nazir Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.

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District Deputy's Message

Well here it is November already and the leaves are falling and my lady Mary Jo and I are still traveling. We attended the Monarchs Ball at Khana Shahar Grotto in Springfield, Ohio on October 1st and 2nd with a joint Ceremonial in the afternoon with the ball in the evening. This Grotto only has 92 members but had 58 attending the Monarch's Ball. I wish we knew their secret. We will also be going to Aut-Mori's Monarch's Ball and a few others that are coming up. We do all this in the name of Nazir Grotto.

Yours in Goodfellowship

R.G.(Slip) Krabill P.M. S.C.D.D.

Prophets please keep the sick and shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers and from the officers and helpers of Nazir Grotto, have a glorious Thanksgiving celebration.

Delta Chapter No. 539, Order of the Eastern Star

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join us. Lunch is around noon. In December we have our annual Christmas party. This year the party will be at the Golden Corral on Dressler road. We have reserved the private room. The date is Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. Non members are also welcome.

Sunshine

Carnation bowl was sent to Millie Thompson at Aultman.

Encouragement card was sent to Marlan "Shorty" Sanor.

Thinking of you cards sent to: Marion Buckmaster, Dorothy Jane Best, Millie Thompson and Nancy Vickers.

Sympathy card sent to Mary Pace.

Jane Erickson, Sunshine Chairman

Daughters of Mokanna

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Get well cards were sent to M.C.O. Kate Oesch and Daughter Nancy Vickers.

Resolutions of respect were sent to the families of Daughters Mary Welch, Freda Dunn and Evelyn Bardash.

Please keep all of these daughters in your prayers.

Lori, Sunshine

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Most Worshipful Bradford A. Goebel

Civil Record:

Bradford Allen Goebel was born on February 10, 1952 in Cleveland, Ohio. He is the oldest child of Arlene and Robert E. Goebel. He has a brother, Kenneth, and a step-brother, Douglas Winstead. Brad was raised in Euclid, Ohio where he attended Euclid Public Schools, graduating from Euclid Senior High School in June, 1970. He continued his education at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1974. While at Ohio Northern, Brad was a member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and President of the Inter-fraternity Council.

In November 1974, Brad married Kathleen Renee Alexander of Piqua, Ohio. The Goebel's have two sons, Michael, born 1980 and David, born 1983. Michael, an Admissions and Recruiting Counselor at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania and a member of Lyndhurst Masonic Lodge No. 508. David, with Disney Leadership program manager's training, is presently working for Disney World in Orlando, Florida, serving in a marketing / sales manager's position. The Goebel's live in Willoughby, Ohio where Kathy is an Elementary School Teacher in the Willoughby-Eastlake Public School District.

Brad began his professional career as a Design Engineer with The STAMCO Division of The Monarch Machine Tool Company in New Bremen, Ohio. In 1977, he accepted a job with The Horsburgh and Scott Company of Cleveland, Ohio and continues to work for that company as a Mechanical Design Engineer.

Brad and Kathy are members of Fellowship United Church of Christ in Wickliffe, Ohio, where Brad served as Council member and Vice-Moderator. Brad is also a member of The Willoughby South High Boosters where he was named their “Booster of the Year” in 2002. Brad has served the Boosters as a member of their Scholarship Committee. For several years Brad worked as an official in Y.M.C.A. and community swimming events where his children were participants. He was a certified N.C.A.A. swimming official and worked as an official and starter at many local, league and district swimming events.

Masonic Record:

As a member of Euclid City Chapter of the Order of DeMolay, he served as Scribe for several years before leaving to pursue his college education. He is a recipient of the DeMolay Chevalier award, charter member of Senior DeMolay Mark Master Lodge No. 2 and a DeMolay Legion of Honor member where he served as Dean of the Northeast Ohio Preceptory. He has been an active degree participant in the annual Legion of Honor investiture ceremonies for both the 2nd DeMolay District and the State of Ohio ceremonies.

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Brad's first interest in DeMolay and Masonry were the result of his step-father, Robert E. (Gene) Winstead's involvement as a member of East Shore Lodge. It was his step-father and his Masonic Grandfather, W.B. Harold Panke, who signed his petition to join East Shore Lodge when he reached his majority in Euclid City Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

In 1974, Brad joined East Shore Masonic Lodge No. 709 in Cleveland, Ohio. He served as Worshipful Master in 1981-82 and later as Treasurer for many years. Because of a series of Lodge mergers, Brad is now a member of Lyndhurst Lodge No. 508.

Brad served the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the 22nd District as a District Education Officer from 1987-1991 and as a District Deputy Grand Master from 1992-1994. Brad was Secretary/Treasurer of the 22nd District Past District Deputy Grand Masters Association for many years before being elected and serving as its president in 2003.

In April 1979, Brad joined the Scottish Rite, Valley of Cleveland. He was installed as Commander-in-Chief in May 2000. His greatest joy as a presiding officer was being Commander-in-Chief for the conferral of the 32nd Degree to over 330 members of the one day Scottish Rite Class of 2002 including his son, Michael. As a presiding officer, Brad served on the Valley of Cleveland Board of Trustees from 2000-2002, and from 2004-2007. Brad was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd Degree in Boston, Massachusetts on September 3, 2002. In June 2007, Brad was appointed the Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Cleveland and was selected as the honoree for the Scottish Rite Fall Reunion in October, 2010.

Brad is a member of Al Koran Temple Shrine in Cleveland and served as President of the Patrol Club in 1985. In January 2007, he became a member of Ohio College of the M.S.R.F.C. In May 2008, Brad was made a Grotto Profit at Sight at Archbar Grotto in Columbus, Ohio. By virtue of this honor, he became a life-member of Caliph Grotto located in Mentor, Ohio.

Brad has received honorary memberships in Forest City Masonic Lodge No. 388 in Lyndhurst, Ohio; Lakewood Masonic Lodge No. 601 in Lakewood, Ohio; Halcyon Masonic Lodge No. 498 in Cleveland, Ohio and Proctorville Masonic Lodge No. 550 in Proctorville, Ohio.

Brad and Kathy are members of Willoughby Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Brad is also a member of The Cleveland Library Board where he served as second vice-president from 2007 to 2009. He is presently serving as the First Vice-President of this organization. Brad is also a life-member of The Cuyahoga County Memorial Lodge.

Brad is a member of Heights Chapter No. 206 Royal Arch Masons, Windermere Council No. 113 Royal & Select Masons, and Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 64 Knights Templar. In 2009 he was constituted a Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Most Worshipful Brother Steven J. Krekus appointed him to the office of Junior Grand Deacon in October 2003, and he was subsequently appointed Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Marshal and Grand Orator. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 2007, Senior Grand Warden in 2008 and Deputy Grand Master in 2009. On October 16, 2010, he was installed as Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio at the 201st annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio held in Dayton, Ohio.



What about allegations that Freemasonry is Satanic or pagan?



From: Difficult Questions about Freemasonry

Most fabrications; the rest are misunderstandings of the institution and its rituals. A number of forgeries and alleged exposes of Masonry were created during the last century. The claims of “Satanism” in Masonry can be traced to one or two of these fraudulent sources and other allegations are made-up about what various Masonic emblems and symbols stand for.

For example, it is sometimes claimed that the letter “G” found in the Master Mason’s jewel, is a substitute for a phallic symbol. But there is nothing in Masonry to support such a statement; it is complete fiction. The letter “G” stands for God. It is used by Masons who speak other languages due to the modern origins of Masonry in English-speaking countries. In the Scottish Rite, the Hebrew letter yodh, which is the first letter of the Tetragrammaton, or Ineffable Name, plays the same role.

Another example that came up recently was a discussion of the Blazing Star, one of the “ornaments” of a lodge, introduced in the Entered Apprentice degree. A non-Mason insisted that Masons worship the Blazing Star because it is identified with Lucifer (based on the verse Isaiah 14:12) the Blazing Star is the “false dawn” that can then be identified with a false light (in competition with the true Light of Jesus) and therefore Masons engage in devil worship.

The facts are: Isaiah 14 is a chapter with a prophecy against the kings of Babylon, specifically Nebuchadnezzar. The verse as rendered in my Bible is, “Day-star, son of the morning, how hast thou fallen?” In this passage, the prophet alleges that the arrogant king of Babylon has thought himself as a celestial body, but that the destruction of the kingdom shall bring him back to earth. The word here translated as “day-star” is in Hebrew, “heyleyl,” and refers to the planet Venus. The ancient Greeks and Romans both used different words for this planet as it appeared in the morning sky from in the evening. The Greeks called it Hesperus in the evening and Phosphorus in the morning; the Romans, Venus in the evening and Lucifer in the morning. Hence, the translation of the Hebrew, via Greek, into Latin naturally would introduce the word “Lucifer” as the correct Latin translation of the Hebrew.

The term “Lucifer” a name for the Devil or Satan, cannot be traced farther back than the Middle Ages, and was only popularized by Milton’s poem, “Paradise Lost.”

The Blazing Star is mentioned for about 3 seconds in a 30 minute lecture in the first degree only, an amount of attention that could scarcely be described as “worship.”

The “false dawn” is not heralded by Venus, but is a phenomenon produced by a band of dust lying in the plane of the Earth’s orbit, which most prominently appears as a sky glow before sunrise in the fall and after sunset in the spring.

In other words, the allegation about Masonry in this case combines many errors: Taking a portion of a single verse of the Bible out of context, misinterpreting its translation, misunderstanding an astronomical term, misidentifying a Masonic emblem and mischaracterizing the importance of that symbol in the ritual.

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Masters, Wardens & Deacons Association of Stark County

TRESTLE BOARD

Mon., Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Canton Temple Blue Lodge Room

Brethren, fall is here and it is time to be thinking of a new slate of officers for the coming year. As of this writing we still have not ratified or rejected changes in our by-laws. I hope we have enough representation from our Stark County lodges to accomplish this in November. It has been “on the burner” for quite some time. Again, I am requesting representation from the officers of each Stark County lodge to be present at our stated meetings. This organization exists to assist the officers of all the lodges in Stark County, not only to better serve their lodge, but to assist in events that occur that require a combined effort from all eight lodges.

Sincerely, Gordon L. Broome

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In fact, many of the early teachings of the Church depended heavily on the works of such “pagan” philosophers as Plato and Aristotle. Christianity has absorbed such pagan elements as the Christmas tree, the actual date of Christmas (pre-empting the Roman’s pagan winter solstice festival), the name Easter (from a pagan fertility goddess) and the mythos about the fall of Lucifer from heaven to the underworld, derived from (Vulcan) who fell from Mt. Olympus to the nether regions and in ancient art is depicted as lame from the fall. There have been many thinkers and learned men in cultures other than that of the West in the Judaeo-Christian era, and it is not “paganism” to study them.

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