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Sat., Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
Wed., Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Tues., Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m. – Inspection Practice
Mon., Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tues., Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m. – Inspection Practice
Wed., Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Tues., Jan. 25, 7:00 p.m. – Inspection Practice

Brethren, I would like to take this time to wish all of you a Happy New Year with best wishes for a healthy and prosperous one as well!

The Holidays are behind us now and it's time for your new line of officers to get busy. Actually, we are already busy. We delivered about 77 poinsettias on December 18th, conferred the Fellow Craft Degree on two brethren December 22nd with the assistance of Right Worshipful Brother, Steve DeNayer from Trinity Lodge 710 and Worshipful Brother Richard Rorbaugh from Juilliard Lodge 460 (one of whom was his nephew) set up the Ballroom on the 24th of December for the Christmas Morning Breakfast, went in at 3:45 a.m. on the 25th, to help in the kitchen and stayed after to help clean up; and that is not just the officers. Many of the Canton Lodge's members volunteered for the "Remembrance Deliveries" and kitchen duty and had a great time doing it. They really deserve many thanks.

We will be getting ready for our annual inspection, which takes place Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Your lodge needs your help with our Fellow Craft Team, both speaking and non-speaking parts. Your officers have decided to practice every Tuesday until inspection day. Come on out and help us.

Those of you who haven't been to lodge in a while have been sorely missed! Come share in fellowship with your new line of lodge officers and brethren.

Remember our stated meetings this month are January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there at both!

Dan, Master

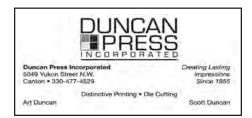
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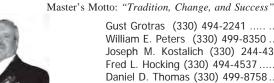
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Sat., Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

Fri., Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Memorial Service

Mon., Jan. 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Fri., Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m. - Fellow Craft Team Meeting, Master Mason Degree

Fri., Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m. - Pre Inspection for Lodge Officers

7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Masonic Jeopardy, Entered Apprentice Degree Fri., Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, "Masonic Presidents" D.D.G.M. James R. Yocum

Fri., Mar. 4, 7:00 p.m. - Special Meeting, Lodge Inspection, Fellow Craft Degree

Greetings brethren and Happy New Year to you and your families! On behalf of myself and the officers of Wm. McKinley Lodge, I extend our heartfelt wishes for a healthy and happy New Year. As is customary the New Year is always upon us before we realize and heralds in a very busy time.

Our first stated meeting for 2011 will be our lodge memorial service. Although not every deceased brother has the benefit of a Masonic funeral service, every deceased brother does have the benefit of the lodge memorial service. "Webster's New World Dictionary" defines "memorial" as; "serving to help people remember some person or event, commemorative, of memory." It is traditional in January for our lodge to remember our brethren who passed on to that celestial lodge above. The service is conducted in a tiled lodge and is extremely moving and inspiring. While many of our ceremonies and ritual are governed by the Code or By-laws, the memorial service is not. Most lodges have their own special way or tradition of honoring their deceased brethren. I have attended a memorial service given by another lodge. It was quite different than our lodges but was no less impressive and no less moving. Our memorial service is performed in low light analogous to candlelight. There is an empty chair draped in black cloth for each brother who has passed with a rose solemnly resting upon each chair. As the roll is called for the last time in our earthly lodge, a Scripture is read for the memory of the deceased brother. At that time another brother takes the rose and places it reverently upon the altar. All the brethren have an opportunity to partake or pensively observe. Many who place a rose do so because they were close to the deceased

and feel it their last sign of love and respect for them. It is a very moving event and worthy of being attended by those brethren who have never seen this memorial service. I invite you to attend. You will be moved; and for those brethren who have

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Sat., Jan. 1 – New Year's Day Thurs., Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting Mon., Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Thurs., Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

I hope everyone had a warm safe holiday. The Christmas breakfast was the usual success and well attended. It's now a new year and we are getting geared up a Fellow Craft Degree in the near future. Speaking of Fellow Crafts, we will be inspected on March 24th in the Master Mason degree. If you are part of the Fellow Craft Team or would like to give a helping hand, we could sure use you. In February we will be starting our practices, so check with next month Trestle Board. Bye the way, don't forget the Muskrat Dinner at Caldwell Lodge. I just remembered, for those who have served their lodge as an officer, especially as Master, we (past and present) would all like to give a heartfelt thanks to the real backbone of Trinity Lodge, Worshipful Brother Clyde Roberts. The work that he does, mostly behind the scenes, is huge. So as Master I am dedicating this year Wor. Bro. Roberts.

Mike, Master

## **Casper Student Loan Advisory Committee**

One of the duties a new Master must consider is who will represent his lodge on the Advisory Committee for the Casper Trust. This committee is made up of members of the lodges in the Canton Masonic Temple and the DeMolay Board of Advisors. This committee meets no less than four times a year in late May and early June to interview applicants for loans from the Casper Trust and to determine the amount of these loans. The

new Master's appointments should be presented to the Casper Committee Chairman or Secretary early in his new term by placing their names and telephone numbers in the Casper mail box in the rear lobby of the Canton Masonic Temple. This is an important appointment and needs a person who understands and is interested in the education of our most important commodity today, our young people.

Robert Martelet, Secretary Casper Advisory Committee



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Sat., Jan. 1 - New Tear's Day

Thurs., Jan. 4, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner

Mon., Jan. 10, 7:00 p.m. - Nazir Grotto Board Meeting

Wed., Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner Server

7:15 p.m. - Nazirettes Meeting

7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Mon., Jan. 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Saturday Morning Breakfast at the Grotto

Pancakes, Waffles, Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Complimentary Coffee and Juice

#### Monarchs Message

I would like to thank all of the people who made my Installation the success it was. There are just too many to mention and the Chorus from Yusef-Khan did one great job. Thanks Guys! And to the O.G.A. President, Woody Sibley, thank you for being there. Thanks also to all the out of town visitors. My deepest thanks! Thank you also to the installing team, R.G.(Slip) Krabill P.M., Dave MCintyre P.M. and Sarge Hicks P.M., you guys were great.

We have a few irons in the fire for this year and it will take the cooperation of all of our prophets and ladies to make them work.

In the plans will be something for Valentines Day, so watch the Bulletin for further information. I am looking forward to working with the other officers and the Nazirettes of Nazir Grotto to make this year a success. If any Prophet has an idea for me to help things go right, please let me know? Hope to see you at the Grotto sometime.

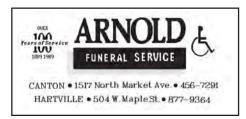
#### Kevin Sanders, P.M., Monarch 2011

#### **Chief Justice**

Well here it is another year and I am still hanging in there. I would like to start by thanking all of the prophets and Nazirettes who made my year as Monarch a success and not forgetting the stewards of Nazir Grotto who whipped up some fine meals. Also, all of the people who pitched in on work nights to keep the Grotto clean and also Slip and M.J. who

every Friday evening set up the Grotto for the "Saturday Morning Breakfasts." Sarge, who usually sets up the tables, I really believe a good thanks means a lot to all who pitched in. I am looking forward to working with Monarch, Kevin this year.

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Mon., Jan. 1 – New Year's Day Mon., Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Tues., Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Hello Companions, we need all the officers at the next meeting to open in the Royal Arch Degree, full form. We need the practice and if at all possible to make sure we have all the parts covered for the degrees. We are being inspected in the Most Excellent Master Degree.

Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday and a great beginning for the New Year.

Steve, High Priest

## Freemasonry: Then, Now and in the Future.

By: Chad Simpson, P.M., York Lodge No. 563

Every active Mason has within himself the ability to improve his Lodge and to move it forward. Our fraternity is a society of friends and brothers. Our ritual and ceremonies are intended to provide a shared, common experience that is the beginning of a lifetime of friendship. Too often, Freemasons focus on the "problems" of Freemasonry rather then on the true glory of it; the making and keeping of friends among those who otherwise would have remained at a perpetual distance. Our rules, like our ritual, are fairly straightforward. However, like our ritual, our rules often become an unfortunate stumbling block for those who are not willing to familiarize themselves with them. Yet within the basic framework established by our ritual and rules, there is much work left to be done to make a lodge complete. Its adornments, be they successful or failures, are left to the brethren of a lodge to create.

Like our operative forefathers who actively sought the skills and new techniques developed at other successful building sites, so should the Masons of today look to successful lodges to learn how to do things a little differently or a little better. The desire to get back to the basics of the good old days is a classic desire of mankind. Whenever the

road becomes difficult, mankind looks back to what it believes was the utopia of a bygone day.

Freemasonry has been able to pass on its gift of friendship from one generation to the next, not because it has held onto a

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Seasons greetings Companions! By the time that you read this our inspection in the Select Master Degree will be over. Thank you to all who have been so helpful in making it a real success. Especially, Illustrious Companion Steve DeNayer, who shouldered so much of the burden. We conferred the Select Master Degree upon three candidates and are now looking forward to the Super Excellent Master Degree. We will have more information on that degree later in the year. Please remember our sick and shut-ins and also those who have chosen to protect and serve us all, wherever they may be.

Rick Memmer, Master

## The Lighter Side of Freemasonry

Who's the boss?

A wife heard her husband come back into the house not too long after he had left for the night. She said, "Honey, I thought you were going to your lodge meeting." "It was postponed." He replied. "The wife of the Generalisimo Grand Exalted Invincible Supreme Potentate wouldn't let him attend tonight.



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Sat., Jan. 8, 2:00 p.m. - Order of Temple, Barberton Temple C.T.A.

Sat., Jan. 15, 2:00 p.m. - Inspection Akron Commandery No. 25

Mon., Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tues., Jan. 18, 8:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Tues., Jan. 25, 7:00 p.m. - Special Meeting, Order Of Temple Degree with Candidate Fri., Feb. 4, 2:00 p.m. - Inspection. Massillon Commandery No. 4

Sir Knights, the holidays are past and I hope all of you experienced very happy ones with your families. The New Year brings opportunities for fresh starts and new directions and to that end I have several resolutions to present:

Try to participate in the Commandrey events and inspections. Your presence is always appreciated.

Support the eye foundation fund by obtaining a membership. It's only \$30.00 and applications are on the sentinel's desk.

Invite your lady to inspections and other events. Enough cannot be said in the role they play and sacrifices they make in our cause of knighthood.

Canton Commandery was informed in December that we took first place in the East Sparta annual Christmas Parade. This is one of the ways we have of exposing knighthood to the public.

Sir Knight, Bill Stratton is also Commander of Kent Commandery which is having their inspection on Saturday, January 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Your support for him will be greatly appreciated.

Have a happy New Year!

Dan, Commander



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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas celebration with family and friends. After all, that's one of the many blessings of the holiday season. Now that we've stuffed ourselves, been with family, spread some holiday cheer and gotten gifts, let's not forget the biggest gift of the season, God's only Son. We all have many blessings for which to be thankful.

We're starting the New Year with two new members: Jessica Pettinger and Sherryl Dudek. Welcome to the Delta family. We hope you'll join us on the sidelines for our meetings. We're focusing on the Masonic Family this year. I know you realize the importance of this, because you filled out a petition recognizing your Masonic Family ties.

Delta Chapter is preparing for a very busy spring. As the home of the Worthy Grand Patron, we have a reception for him as well as the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sue, in March; and a Grand Inspection by our Worthy Grand Matron in April. Keep working on that ritual work so we can make Trevor proud of Delta Chapter come inspection time.

#### Jim & Jodi

#### Auxiliary

Happy New Year! We are starting the New Year with much anticipation for the year ahead. We look forward to serving Delta Chapter and plan on trying some new projects to support the Chapter. We will meet on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> in the Auxiliary Dining Room. We are a small group but enjoy working together. Lunch is at noon. If you have a couple of hours on the first Tuesday of the month, we would love to have you join us.

#### Carol

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and are now ready for the New Year. Nazir Caldron would again like to welcome our newest Daughters, Anita and Trish. They were initiated at the December meeting and we look forward to having them in our caldron and seeing them at the meetings.

Illness has been putting its touches on our daughters and we hope that those who have not been able to attend, that you are getting better and remember that our prayers are always with you.

We have been practicing our drill for supreme session and so far so good. I just hope I am able to remember all the moves shown to us and when it comes time to put it all together, it goes as smooth as Sharon hopes it will. We will continue to have a practice after each meeting and more as we get closer to session. At least we all seem to have fun doing it.

At the January meeting we will have a pound auction after the meeting. In February we again will have the Valentine boxes, so start thinking about how you are going to decorate your box. Keep warm and hope to see your

your box. Keep warm and hope to see you at the meetings.

#### Kate Oesch, M.C.O.

#### Sunshine

Christmas cards were sent to our Shut-Ins and Holiday visits were made. Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Lora Givler, P.S.M.C.O.





## Wm. McKinley Lodge No. 431, F. & A. M.

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lost a close brother in the past year, I invite you to attend and honor that brother's memory. After the memorial service, our Lodge Education Officer, Brother Rundquist, will present a program on Masonic Funerals including an informative video. There will be a number of educational programs this year with the goal being to have fun while learning.

In past we have incorporated the memorial service with the William McKinley observance and wreath laying ceremony at the William McKinley Museum and Presidential Library. We will again do this in 2011 but not as part of the lodge memorial service. The McKinley observance will be held in September, the month of Brother McKinley's death. Hopefully, this should allow us better weather where we can hold the ceremony out doors and have greater participation.

Lastly brethren, I encourage each of you to attend lodge. If you are rusty on signs, that's "O-Kay", we all are. If you have not attended lodge for a while and feel uneasy about returning, please do not let that stop you. Remember that we are all brothers and it is the internal qualifications we care about. I guarantee you will be made to feel welcome; and on March 4th there will be a special meeting for our lodge inspection in the Fellow Craft Degree. I'm reminding you of this early because I want you to have an opportunity to make arrangements to attend.

See you in lodge. You will feel better about yourself and glad you returned.

Fraternally, Gust Goutras, Master

# Nazir Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. Continued from page 5

He has some good ideas and all we need to do is help him make them happen. Our spaghetti dinners will be going on the first Thursday of each month during the year, so please try and attend them. You will not be sorry! Also support your blue lodge they really need you.

Gary Gruber, P.M., Chief Justice

#### **Nazirettes Message**

Thank you P.M. Gary Gruber and your corps of officers for a good year of 2010. We enjoyed working with you and thank you for your support us in our many endeavors. We are also looking forward to working with our new Monarch, Kevin Sanders in his year. Remember Kevin, all you have to do is ask.

Thanks again. Nazirettes

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## **Editor's Comment on Today's Lodge or Chapter**

This article is presented to the member who wonders: "where did everyone go?"

Observing the sparse number of brethren sitting in lodge while two young men were being initiated into the ranks of the Entered Apprentice Degree, I could not help myself from reminiscing back to the days when I knelt at the altar of Masonry. Upon the introduction of light I observed a virtual army of well dressed brethren smiling and standing at near attention while further instructions were given to me. During a brief period while the Master was traveling east and the brethren were seating themselves, the thought flashed through my mind that there must be every vocation and profession known to mankind represented here around me. What an opportunity to learn about practically anything of interest. A free education looming before me just for the asking, if one chooses to ask; and to be sure as I later learned, many brethren did seek the assistance of other brethren. Each lodge or chapter seems to be an army of helping brothers and sisters willing to go on foot and out of their way to assist, teach and support another in need. From auto mechanics to bookkeeping, they are all there. Any lodge or chapter contains a myriad of different professions and vocations among its members. Each different skill has its unique tasks, arts and short cuts. Watching a brother or sister demonstrate their skill, no matter how simple of small, is and always will be of interest to other members of that lodge or chapter; and having this demonstration in an open meeting would be something of outstanding value sparking the inquisitive nature of any person. Each member would learn something that evening and their interest will be aroused. Have those programs recorded in the minutes and notes taken for articles to be written for publication in the news letter sent to all. If the absentee read what they have missed, well the point is well founded. There is nothing wrong with having an outside speaker come in for a talk a couple times a year to demonstrate other skills and professions. Book binding, lithograph, tool making, baking and cake decorating, plumbing, wood carving, home decorating, air conditioning and even basic computer skills are among thousands of working trades that may be represented in a single community; and there are several lodges and communities to choose from in the area. Degree work loved by all members is very important and exciting for all members to witness or participate in and a necessity for growth, but "variety is the spice of life." The meetings must supply something more. If the organization can get each member to ask themselves, "well! I wonder what is planned for us tonight?" they will see to it that they are in the meeting room to find out. If a planned program is not available, the East could spring a debate on some mute simple subject and try and spark some apposing viewpoints among the brethrens or sisters. Masonic members are in general well educated, intelligent and opinionated. They do have command of the English language and will not be afraid to express themselves if prodded into doing so. The lodge or chapter is a refuge away from the world and a second home for most members. This is the Mason's castle and they have strong ties to the rules and traditions of Masonry, therefore they will have strong feelings and open minds towards others who would like to debate or discuss a subject without it ending in a quarrel or donnybrook where most walk away irritated that they even got involved. All organizations understand that if they do not change, they will die. The

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organized meeting with its opening, reading of the minutes, treasurers report, paying the bills and closing in prefect harmony is very important and necessary but very, very boring to the brother or sister on the sidelines who is seeking something exciting and out of the ordinary on possibly their only night out. The older member could snooze through the meeting and probably, other then for the report on the sick and distressed, feel as if they saw it all before and never missed a thing say, for the refreshments afterword; so why bother coming at all? Sometimes the members have greater enjoyment before the meeting as they mill around talking with old friends and joking with each other even if there is degree work to be conferred. Now there is another term that should be scrutinized carefully. "Degree work" Hum, why work? How about degree conferral, degree time or candidate advancement or some other term other than work? Who wants to come and work? I want to come and enjoy. I can work anytime! This is a fraternity of social skills and human binding dedicated to the betterment of all mankind. Mankind is changing every day, at times it seems not for the best but changing never-the-less. Are we afraid to change along with it? Are we afraid that the elder statesman will find fault with change? They probably will because it is different and the unknown is challenging. Besides this fact, they can no longer fall asleep during the meeting and still stay abreast of things. They will smile later and admit it is exciting to be surprised. And even accounting for all this, the older member is the backbone of these organizations who contains a ton of experiences and information stored away in their heads that may be of interest to others in the form of an educational program; which might spark a real discussion and create an exciting meeting for all. Possibly a meeting called to refreshments would allow more freedom of speech and movement of body motions to express ones thoughts quicker and easier. A good argument for discussions is at refreshments while we sit at round tables of six or eight people all trying to talk at once. This is great but we are polarized from the table next door where another discussion is in progress, so we learn little of that table's conversation. Snapping pictures, quoting off the wall statements and reporting the exciting happenings of the last stated meeting, could be a big part of the entire robust procedure of Freemasonry today and might just be the sparkplug that ignites the fuse to cause the stay-away-member to come back to their organization meetings for a fun filled and enjoyable experience. We have tried all the educational type meetings with pre-planned mistakes like "breaking the light" entering the room improperly and not addressing the East in the correct manner. Cross visitations are really fun especially when one of the organizations presents an interesting program. Shaming the members into attending meetings does not seem to work either for many a lodge room is very sparse of humanity on meeting nights. Even at a degree meeting, such as the one I mentioned at the beginning of this article, there are not members enough on the sidelines to properly confer and convey the Masonic message to that new and uninformed candidate to whom, by the way, we owe our future existence.

Now I sure would like to see you in lodge or chapter or even at a special event and if you feel I am over stepping my position as your editor, why then come to the next meeting and say so. That will spark a discussion among the members and life may suddenly appear in that dusty old room.

Your Editor, Bob



## 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule



Tues., Jan. 11, National 568, Barberton, F.C., 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Yocum, Brumbaugh Mon., Jan. 17, Star 187, Cuyahoga Falls, F.C., 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Yocum, Brumbaugh Tues., Jan. 18, Clinton 47, Massillon, E.A., 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Webber, Brumbaugh Tues., Jan. 25, Stow 768, Cuyahoga Falls, F.C., 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Turner, Brumbaugh Wed., Jan. 26, Barberton 750, Barberton, M.M., 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Jones, Detchon Mon., Jan. 31, Mount Akra 680, Akron, M.M. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Turner, Lengler Tues., Feb. 8, Cypress 604, Strasburg, E.A. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Jones, Lengler Sat., Feb. 12, Caldwell 330, Bolivar, F.C. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Jones, Detchon Tues., Feb. 15, Port Washington 202, Gnadenhutten, E.A. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Jones, Lengler Wed., Feb. 16, Ashlar 639, Twinsburg, M.M. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Turner, Brumbaugh Mon., Feb. 22, Wm. H. Hoover 770, North Canton, E.A. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Jones, Lengler Thurs., Feb. 24, Tubal 551, Minerva, M.M. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Webber, Fri., Feb. 25, Victory 649, Kenmore, E.A. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Yocum, Mon., Feb. 28, New Philadelphia 177, New Phillie., E.A. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Jones, Detchon Fri., Mar. 4, Wm. McKinley 431, Canton, F.C. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Yocum, Lengler Sat., Mar. 5, Hudson 510, Hudson, E.A. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Turner, Brumbaugh Tues., Mar. 8, Juilliard 460, Louisville, M.M. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Webber, Detchon Thurs., Mar. 10, Cov-Akron 83, Akron, F.C. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Webber, Lengler Wed., Mar. 16, Canton 60, Canton, M.M. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Webber, Detchon Thurs., Mar. 17, Summit 213, Twinsburg, F.C. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Turner, Brumbaugh Wed., Mar. 23, Tuscarawas 59, Dover, E.A. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Webber, Detchon Thurs., Mar. 24, Trinity 710, Canton, M.M. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Yocum, Detchon Mon., Mat. 28, Mystic Tie 194, Dennison, F.C. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Webber, Detchon Wed., Mar. 30, Cuyahoga Falls 735, Cuyah. Falls, M.M. 7:00 p.m. Ref Aft., Yocum, Brumbaugh Sat., Apr. 2, Meridian Sun 69, Richfield, M.M. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Turner, Brumbaugh Mon., Apr. 4, Adonirm-Joppa 517, Akron, E.A. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Yocum, Lengler Tues., Apr. 5, Conrad 271, Alliance, E.A. 7:00 p.m. Ref. Aft., Jones, Detchon Wed., Apr. 13, Wayfarer 789, Portage Lakes, M.M. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Turner, Lengler

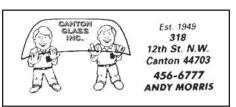
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ridged orthodoxy, but because the symbology of Freemasonry is such that each generation is able to adapt it to its own needs.

Freemasonry of the post "Second World War era" was not the Freemasonry of the "Civil

War." Freemasonry of the "Westward Migration" was not the Freemasonry of the "American Revolution." Every generation has found in Freemasonry and made of it that which it needed to continue on the rough road of life. It is important that today's generation do the same.





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## Masters, Wardens & Deacons Association of Stark County

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As we enter the New Year a disturbing email, to the Bulletin, revels that the Masters Wardens & Deacons Association has been all but dark for several months because of lack of attendance. As one who deals with the communication for the lodges, I hope I need not remind you of the importance of this organization regarding Masonic jurisprudence and district projects. We host the Grand Master once a year and without the Summit, Stark and Tuscarawas county officer's associations, this would be a near impossible task. I know because I dedicate hundreds of hours and lots of midnight oil to the 60 page dinner booklet presented each year at this event. All officers of the lodges in the 21st District are leaders so I would expect the Stark County leaders to step forward and fill this void. Without dedication and commitment of the officers and brethren, the only common denominator that dictates success is luck. Do you want to trust the fate of the Masters Wardens & Deacons Association to luck? The meetings are still scheduled for the third Monday of each month at various locations around the Stark County area. Consult the Bulletin for the time and location of the next meeting. I will see to it that all the lodges in the 21st District receive a copy of the Masonic Bulletin for reference, and if there is noteworthy information the other two officers associations want to spread, e-mail the Bulletin and it may be published. See e-mail address beside this article.

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