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Happy Easter, Sunday, April 24

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**Wed., Apr. 6, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting  
**Sun., Apr. 17** – Palm Sunday  
**Mon., Apr. 18** – Passover begins at Sundown  
**Fri., Apr. 22** – Good Friday  
**Sun., Apr. 24** - Easter  
**Wed., Apr. 20, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting  
**Wed., May 4, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting

### Coming Soon

**Widow's Tea** – Joint with other Lodges, to be Announced

Spring is coming and the sun will be back! What a great time to be a Mason!

I can't remember being more proud of Canton Lodge. Did you attend our inspection? Was that a good conferral or what? The Fellow Craft team was great; and how about those refreshments from Bro. D.D. Stutz? Awesome food and desserts! If you weren't there, you missed a good time. Your Brethren worked really hard to make the inspection as good as it could be. Our degree work coaches R.W. Bro. Earl Blazer and W. Bro. Jeff Ward, guided our officers and Fellow Craft Team through a wonderful Master Mason Degree, and should be commended for their efforts.

For our next challenge, May 18<sup>th</sup> after lodge, we will be inviting those who feel worthy to participate in the "Kitchen Sink Degree." As we have found out how much coaching, training, and fellowship contributes to success, we are having a practice on May 4<sup>th</sup> coached by a previous recipient of the degree, R.W. Bro. Emory Hall.

If you haven't been to Lodge for a while, I invite you come to our meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month and rekindle old friendships or maybe make some new ones.

Finally brethren, in the spirit of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, let us all keep all of our soldiers, our Jr. Steward, Bro. David Spurrier and any other ill brethren in our prayers. May God bless you, Canton Lodge and God Bless America!

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- Fri., Apr. 1, 7:00 p.m.** - Special Meeting, Fellow Craft Degree
- Fri., Apr. 8, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting, Entered Apprentice Degree  
Educational Program, L.E.O., Lodge Walk-around
- Fri., Apr. 15, 7:00 p.m.** – Fellow Craft Team Practice
- Sun., Apr. 17** – Palm Sunday
- Mon., Apr. 18** – Passover begins at Sundown
- Fri., Apr. 22** – Good Friday, No Meeting
- Sun., Apr. 24** – Easter
- Fri., May 13, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting

Greetings Brethren! I hope this month's Masonic Bulletin finds everyone in good spirits and good health. We have survived another brutal Northeast Ohio winter and now we look forward to spring with the rebirth of nature's abundant beauties. This month, I would like to talk about how all of us can contribute to the success of our lodge.

McKinley Lodge is in the 21<sup>st</sup> Masonic District. The district includes Stark, Summit and Tuscarawas Counties, and consists of twenty eight Masonic lodges. January through April are dedicated to lodge inspections, which will end in our district on April 13<sup>th</sup>. A hand-full of brethren have car pooled and traveled to many of these inspections. These "travelers" have driven as far south as Port Washington Lodge in Gnadenhutten to as far north as Ashlar Lodge in Fairlawn. They have traveled down winding roads and up long country hills which most of the time were covered with snow, slush or ice.

Traveling is something like eating limburger cheese. It is not something you go out of your way to do, but once you acquire the taste, you enjoy and look forward to it. These travelers receive a pretty good reward while representing our lodge. They have the opportunity to meet fellow brethren who they would otherwise never have had an opportunity to meet and form friendships that they would ordinarily not have had the chance to make. As you would expect, many of those Masonic brothers came to our inspection, which really made the evening even more special.

March 4<sup>th</sup> McKinley Lodge had its annual inspection in the Fellow Craft Degree. Each and every officer, from the Master of Ceremonies to the Master of the Lodge jumped in and worked hard to make sure that everything went well. Your officers practiced and they practiced hard, but then again all lodges do that. So why do I think

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- Thurs., Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Sun., Apr. 17 – Palm Sunday
- Mon., Apr. 19 – Passover begins at Sundown
- Fri., Apr. 22 – Good Friday
- Sun., Apr. 24 - Easter
- Thurs., Apr. 21, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Thurs., May 5, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Well March was a trying month! With our annual inspection and several practices that go with it. I would like to thank McKinley Lodge for help with our Fellow Craft Team in the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the Master Mason Degree. We never would have passed without their help. Aside from the officers, the Master Mason Degree uses 15 brothers able to walk about the lodge and of those, three have speaking parts; but we passed and all is well. This past month Trinity has done quite a bit of traveling about the district. On one trip we felt like sardines in a can but had a lot of fun. In late February our Senior Deacon, Reid McLeod had heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic and gave us all a real scare when he spent about two weeks in intensive care; but he is home and is on the mend. Also Jack Kull is not up to his old self and is now in need of assisted care.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> we will renew an old tradition and have a “West Virginia Night.” Anyone caught with a tie will have it cut off. If you have bib overalls please wear them. Our new Senior Steward, Larry Haines will have some great food that night. Our April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be casual for officers, as we will just open and conduct necessary business as it is Holy Week. Don’t forget our Grand Master’s Reception is coming up on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Tadmor Shrine. Master’s Wardens and Deacons will have tickets.

Mike, Master

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- Sat., Apr. 2, 7:00 p.m. - Monarch Kevin's April Fools Dance, \$15.00 per Couple
- Thurs., Apr. 7, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner
- Mon., Apr. 11, 7:00 p.m. - Nazir Board Meeting
- Wed., Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner
  - 7:15 p.m. - Nazirettes Meeting
  - 7:30 p.m. - Nazir Stated Meeting
- Sun., Apr. 17 - Palm Sunday
- Mon., Apr. 18 - Passover begins at Sundown
- Fri., Apr. 22 - Good Friday
- Sun., Apr. 24 - Happy Easter

**Saturday Morning Breakfast at the Grotto 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

### Monarchs Message

For those Prophets who did not attend the March Stated Meeting, we had some very distinguished guests in attendance. Four Past Monarchs and the Monarch from Al-Sirat Grotto in Cleveland were here wearing their Purple Sport Coats. They really brightened up our meeting. Thank you Prophets, it was really good to see you! Also one of their ladies was in attendance. I cannot really comment on the April 2nd dance because as of this writing, it has not happened yet. Looking forward to warmer weather, we will be starting our Steak Fry's again. Hope to see you at breakfast some Saturday morning and even maybe a spaghetti dinner. Remember Your Blue Lodge; we came from there.

**Kevin Sanders, P.M., Monarch**

### Chief Justice

It seems as if the talk at Supreme Council is membership and prophets we are losing more every year. How do we get new members? Better yet, how do we keep the ones we have? We are not the only Grotto with this problem; a lot of other Grottoes are also hurting. What is the answer? If you know please pass it on. As I close I will say again; if possible attend your Blue Lodge. They really need you. Yours, in "good fellowship"

**Gary Gruber, P.M., Chief Justice**

### Clown Corner

Attention Clowns and want-to be Clowns! Are you ready for an air bending, balloon twisting session? Equipment and supplies will be provided by "Sarge" "Pogo" and "Sparkie." Hope 2-c-u-2 soon at the April meeting. Join Nazir Grotto and be a Clown. **Sparkie**, (330) 479-9722 [sparkieincanton1@att.net](mailto:sparkieincanton1@att.net)

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- Mon., Apr. 4, 7:00 p.m. – Most Excellent Master Practice
Mon., Apr. 11, 7:00 p.m. - Super Excellent Practice Degree
Sun., Apr. 17 – Palm Sunday
Mon., Apr. 18 – Passover begins at Sundown
Tues., Apr. 19, 7:00 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Business Only
Fri., Apr. 22 – Good Friday
Sun., Apr. 24 - Easter
Mon., Apr. 25, 6:00 p.m. – Dinner
7:00 p.m. - Inspection Most Excellent Masters Degree

Hello Again Companions! I hope this month finds you in good health and spirit for Christian Masonry. Old and new faces are welcome at every meeting. Your input is also appreciated. With the weather improving, I'm hoping to see better attendance from everyone that is coming out of hibernation. Come and support the new, come and learn from the elders and fun for all.

Robert Habony, King

21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule for April

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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Mon., Apr. 11, 7:00 – Super Excellent Master Degree Practice
Sun., Apr. 17 – Palm Sunday
Mon., Apr. 18 – Passover begins at Sundown
Tues., Apr. 19, 7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Business Only
Fri., Apr. 22 – Good Friday
Sun., Apr. 24 - Easter

Greeting companions, are you sick of the snow yet? Well spring is here and warmer weather will be also. We currently have three candidates working their way through the Council Degrees. They have received their Royal Master and Select Master Degrees and we did pass our inspection in the Select Master Degree. We have been very busy, but companions we still have a lot to do. Our council will be conferring the Super Excellent Master Degree, hopefully on all three candidates on May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We could really use your help conferring this. All the speaking parts are covered but we could use a few more extra giblets, guards and seekers. This is a great way to help your council and have some fun and fellowship with your companions. Our degree director, Jim Collins, has set the following dates as practices for this very large and important degree. Because of the size of the cast we have broken the practices into parts; each on a separate night. The second practice will be for the second section of this degree, Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. You guessed it! the third practice will be for the third section and will be on April 11th at 7:00 p.m. The really nice thing about this degree is that there really is no end to the amount of non speaking parts. The more the merrier! Also as many of you know, Deputy Master Jim Collins is still collecting aluminum cans for diabetic children. Please do your part to help in this very important work. As always, please remember our sick and shut-ins and the many brave, courageous men and women who risk life and limb to keep us living free.

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- Sun., Apr. 17 – Palm Sunday
- Mon., Apr. 18 – Passover begins at Sundown
- Tues., Apr. 19, 8:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Business Only
- Fri., Apr. 22 – Good Friday
- Sun., Apr. 24 - Easter
- Tues., May 17 - Election of officers
- Tues., June 21 - Installation of Officers

Sir Knights; having passed our annual inspection, we are looking forward to finishing any pending “order of temple” work and acting on any petitions. We were honored to have a past commander of Ohio, Richard H. Palm K.C.T. as our inspecting officer accompanied by his lady Janice. I offer a special note of appreciation to the officers and Sir Knights who filled in as necessary. We were able to accomplish the inspection of Canton Commandery through your work.

We have several items planned before the annual installation of officers. At the April convocation, Sir Knight Robert Habony, “Generalissimo”, will be taking charge. Plan to come out and show your support. May’s convocation is presentation of 50 year membership awards. Any Sir Knight reading this who may be eligible, call as soon as possible to give us ample time to do the necessary paperwork with Grand Commandery. Contact me at 1-330-364-3245 or post me at Dan Jones, 216 Downey Drive Ext. N.E., Dover, OH 44622.

Any Sir Knight aspiring to go into line or having a part in the portrayal of the Order of the Temple, let Sir Knight, Bob Habony or myself know before election of officer’s time. Installation of officers will be at the June convocation meeting.

Dues notice will be sent out shortly. Please try to make the reorder’s task easier and send payment promptly. This would be most appreciated.

Thought for the month: Follow not the paths of others but make a path for others to follow. Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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- Tues., Apr. 5, 10:00 a.m.** - Auxiliary Meeting, Auxiliary Dining Room
- Fri., Apr. 8, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting
- Sat., Apr. 9, 7:30 p.m.** - Line Officers Meeting, East Liverpool  
 Have reservations into Jodi by Wednesday, April 6
- Wed., Apr. 13, 7:30 p.m.** - Crystal Chapter Inspection, East Liverpool Masonic Temple
- Fri., Apr. 15, 7:30 p.m.** - Alliance Chapter Inspection, Alliance Masonic Temple
- Sat., Apr. 16, 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** - Breakfast Buffet, District 13, Saxon Club  
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- 5:00 p.m.** - Wor. Grand Matron, Grand Patron Reception, Social Hour
- 6:00 p.m.** - Dinner, Villa Milano, Reservations Required
- Sun., Apr. 17** - Palm Sunday
- Mon., Apr. 18** - Passover begins at Sundown
- Fri., Apr. 22** - Good Friday, No meeting
- Sun., Apr. 24** - Easter
- Sat., Apr. 30, 1:00 p.m.** - Delta Inspection, Canton Masonic Temple

I hope this bulletin finds you all well! This is a big month for our chapter. Not only do we have the reception in Columbus for our very own Worthy Grand Patron Trevor Sproul, but we also have a Grand Inspection by the Worthy Grand Matron. This is also the month Trevor and I will be welcoming our new little girl into our family, if she doesn't come early! So, you may not see me at our stated meeting. Caitlyn's due date is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

I encourage everyone to attend the District 13 Breakfast Buffet in Columbiana County. It's one of the many fundraisers our District Committee put together to raise money for the year we support our Worthy Grand Patron. It would also be nice if Delta had a great showing at the Joint Reception for Trevor and Sue in Columbus.

Don't forget we're right in the middle of inspection season. Go and support our brothers and sisters from the other chapters in our district. Some of them hold dual memberships in Delta, like Bob Cassel, who is the Worthy Patron at Legacy (inspection 4/4) and Heather Norris, Worthy Matron of Alliance (4/15.) It

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Our year is moving along at a very brisk pace. I cannot believe April is here already. I am not complaining. After the winter we had, I look forward to warm weather. Last fall I planted over 1000 tulips bulbs and I can see them coming up all over the place. I can hardly wait to see them bloom.


Illness, injuries and work did not play well with our March meeting. I hope everyone is getting better and I hope to see you at the April meeting. We wish Mary Boston a speedy recovery as she has broken her foot.

We have our ceremonial coming up and it will be necessary to make plans for it at our meeting. I ask all daughters to try and come to the meeting and better yet, to take a part in the ceremonial which will be in May. We will be scheduling a practice in April somewhere among all the other commitments we have, so if you wish to help please let me know. We also will be continuing to have our drill practice after the meeting. In order to get this drill together it is going to be necessary for those who are going to session and who are going to participate in the drill, be at the practices. Sharon, our drill director, has a wonderful program worked out for us and we must have the bodies in their places to make it work.

I wish for everyone to have a safe and blessed Easter Celebration.

Fraternally

**Katherine L. Oesch, M.C.O.**



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that McKinley Lodge is different? The difference with William McKinley Lodge is that we are fortunate to have line officers who are not past masters and who are willing to learn and give the charges, the lectures and other parts of the ritual. No one can deny that the number of line officers doing memory work in all lodges has eroded significantly in recent years. We must recognize and encourage those officers who undertake memory work. I do not like to single out anyone because every person's duty is critical to the ritual, but some recognition's are necessary. To that end; our Senior Deacon, Mark Gold gave the Fellow Craft lecture and our Junior Deacon, Steven B. Dille, II, gave the charge for the first time at our inspection. Well done my brethren, our Lodge is in good hands because of your zeal and dedication to the fraternity!

Lastly Brethren, although the inspection season is nearly over, our Masonic year is not. There is a great deal coming up in the next few months. First, as you can see from the trestle board, we are doing much degree work at our stated meetings. This is a great opportunity to come back and observe, learn and receive more light and fellowship.

Second, this year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Also mark your calendars for Saturday, June 18, 2011 for our outdoor Master Mason degree in the Civil War style. This has been a custom with our lodge to commemorate President McKinley who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason during the Civil War. Lunch will be served at High Noon and lodge will open at 1:30 p.m. See you in Lodge!

**Gust Goutras, Master**

## Delta Chapter No. 539, Order of the Eastern Star

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would be especially nice if Delta could make a show of support for our members.

We do not have a meeting during Holy Week. Please take time to enjoy your family and remember the reasons we celebrate Easter: the Risen Christ and the promise he offered us.

Star Love **Jodi & Jim**

### Auxiliary

Joy, joy, wonderful news, spring is here! Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Auxiliary Dining Room. All are welcome to join us. Out to dinner time is coming so save this date! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at the Golden Corral in the private room. Everyone looks forward to this fun evening. Friends and relatives are also welcome to join us.

**Carol**

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## King Solomon's Temple, the Symbol of Freemasonry

by R.W. Bro. Don Fslconer as taken from Chapter Thirty-Nine of the book:  
"THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES" - In search of Freemasonry.

Editor's note: *The reference to the "Tabernacle" refers to the "Tabernacle of Israel" which preceded King Solomon's Temple. You will note several references to traditions and rituals within the piece*

When Saul died in about 1010 BCE, David became the King of Judah and seven or eight years later he was anointed King over all Israel. After David had consolidated his power and built a permanent residence for himself, the lack of a shrine of Yahweh seemed invidious to him. He said: "I dwell in a house of cedar, but the Ark of God dwelleth within curtains." Because his hands were stained with the blood of his enemies, David was precluded from building a temple to the Lord, but he collected materials, gathered treasure and purchased a site for the construction. The site chosen was the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite, within the area now called Haram esh-Sherif on Mount Moriah on the east side of the "Old City" of Jerusalem. While the precise location of the first temple is not known it is believed that the highest part of the rock, now covered by the mosque known as the "Dome of the Rock", almost certainly was the position of the Holy of Holies. Jewish tradition relates that a secret vault was constructed beneath the temple, in which confidential meetings could be held and all sacred treasures and documents could be stored. Such a vault also features in Masonic tradition and is a key element in several of its ceremonies. The construction of such a vault under ecclesiastical and other buildings of importance was common in ancient times and virtually became an essential element in medieval times. Recent seismological surveys indicate that there probably is a cavern beneath the mosque, but excavations to confirm the existence of the traditional vault are precluded at present.

King Solomon commenced construction of the temple in the fourth year of his reign and completed it seven years later, in about 950 BCE. To facilitate the work he entered into a treaty with Hiram, King of Tyre, whereby Hiram would permit Solomon to obtain cedar and cypress wood and blocks of stone from Lebanon. Furthermore, Solomon's workmen would be permitted to fell the timber and to quarry and hew the stones under the direction of Hiram's skilled workmen. In addition, Solomon was provided with the services of a skilful Tyrian artisan named Hiram, to take charge of the castings and of the fabrication of the more valuable furniture and furnishings of the temple. In return for all of the services to be provided by Hiram, Solomon agreed to send to him every year 4,400,000 litres of crushed wheat and 4,400,000 litres of barley, as well as 440,000 litres of wine and 440,000 litres of oil. Solomon raised a levy of forced labor out of all Israel, totaling 30,000 men, which he sent to Lebanon in relays of 10,000 a month. Adoniram, who had been an officer of King David in charge of labor gangs, continued under King Solomon and was placed in charge of the levy working in Lebanon. King Solomon also employed 70,000 burden bearers and 80,000 hewers of stone in the hill country, as well as 3,300 officers in charge of the men carrying out the work. Some thirty years after the completion of the temple, when Rehoboam sent Adoniram to enforce the collection of taxes, the exasperated populace rebelled and stoned Adoniram to death.

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King Solomon's Temple was a prefabricated building oriented due east to west. It was constructed of accurately shaped blocks of limestone that were quarried and dressed in or near Jerusalem and assembled without mortar. The Temple had a single entrance at the eastern end, accessed through an uncovered porch. The porch or ulam was 10 cubits in length along the axis of the temple and 20 cubits wide. Looking towards the east from inside, the porch was fronted by two great pillars or columns. The pillar on the right or south side was called "Jachin" and the pillar on the left or north side was called "Boaz". All of the timber used in the temple came from the forests of Lebanon. The temple had olive wood doors and was lined with cedar wood, ornately carved and inlaid with gold. The compartments of the Tabernacle were replicated in King Solomon's temple, but they were twice as large. The porch gave entrance into the Holy Place or hekhal, which was 40 cubits long, 20 cubits wide and 30 cubits high, lit by latticed windows near the ceiling. This hall was accessible only to priests and was used for daily worship, for religious ritual and for the presentation of offerings. The Holy of Holies or debir was at the western end of the building. It was a perfect cube of 20 cubits and set on a podium to maintain the same ceiling line as that in the Holy Place. There were no windows in the Holy of Holies, which received its light only through the doorway from the Holy Place when the curtains were open. The Holy of Holies was accessible only to the high priest, probably only once a year for the atonement ceremony.

The temple was surrounded on the north, west and south by store chambers three stories high. Among these, on the southern side, was the "Middle Chamber" to which access was gained by winding stairs in the southeast corner of the building. The whole structure was on a platform about 2 meters higher than the upper or inner court that surrounded it, which was reached by ascending ten steps. This inner court was raised above the surrounding great or outer court, which was reached by ascending eight steps. The outer court was raised above the surroundings and was reached by ascending seven steps. Each of these courts was enclosed by walls comprising three rows of hewn stone, surmounted by a row of cedar beams. In the upper or inner court, as in the court of the Tabernacle, there was a brazen altar of burnt offering, a brazen sea and ten brazen lavers for use by the priests in their ablutions and for ceremonial purification.

Although smaller than any Egyptian temple, King Solomon's temple was a magnificent edifice that surpassed any preceding temples. King Solomon's temple was noted for the lavish beauty of its detail and opulence of its furnishings, rather than for its size. No stonework was visible inside, because the compartments were ceiled and paneled with cedar wood and the floors were planked with cypress. The Holy Place was accessed at the eastern end through double folding doors of cypress wood, each divided into upper and lower sections. At the western end of the Holy Place double doors of olive wood gave access to the Holy of Holies. Both sets of doors were usually left open, but they were screened with veils ornamented like those in the Tabernacle. The walls and doors were carved with palm trees, garlands, opening flowers and cherubim, all richly inlaid with gold. The ceiling and floor of the Holy Place and the whole of the interior of the Holy of Holies

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were overlaid with gold plate.

The furnishings of the Holy Place included an altar of incense and twelve tables for the loaves of shew bread, as well as ten “menorah” or golden seven-branched lamp stands, often called lamp sticks. Inside the Holy of Holies two cherubim that stood 10 cubits high, were carved from olive wood and overlaid with gold to symbolize the majestic presence of God. Research has revealed that the cherubim would have been winged sphinxes, each with the body of a lion and a human head. This hybrid was extremely common in the iconography of western Asia between 1800 BCE and 600 BCE. The cherubim stood in a brooding attitude with outstretched wings, so that the tips of their adjacent wings touched above the Ark of the Covenant in the middle of the apartment and the tips of the two outer wings touched the north and south walls. The Ark of the Covenant was made of shittim or acacia wood, overlaid with pure gold inside and outside. It contained the two tables of stone on which the Ten Commandments were engraved, defining the terms of God’s covenant with Israel.

## Memories are so Precious!

With Holy Week falling in the center of the month this year, this brings our minds and hearts to reflect on those loved ones who have passed on before us. What precious memories we have of days gone by! Those family outings and trips to unknown places; the simple days of sitting on the patio with a cool beverage in hand; these are the memories that make knowing that special person so precious. These memories deserve to be preserved both in mind and by physical means for all to enjoy. Pictures displayed on the mantel and wall will bring those loved ones to mind; but wouldn’t it be great to have these memories rekindled each time we travel into the Masonic Temple? Placing an 8 x 8 x 2 ½ inch thick brick to that special person’s memory, on the North side of the Temple, will certainly make that happen. Each time you pass that garden a warm feeling will swell from within you and you may convey this thought to a brother or sister near by. They may also relate their thoughts of others who are honored with a brick to their memory. The possibilities are endless and everyone will benefit from the experience and feel renewed. Contact Bill Noggle at (330) 497-9321 and ask for an ordering form for an engraved brick to that special person’s memory. Five lines of script with 14 spaces of each line will be engraved and placed in the garden for a moderate fee. What a precious gift to that special person.

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Brethren, now that the inspection season is almost over, it is inspiring to see that everyone so far has passed with some great conferral work having been given. What was most inspiring was to see the co-operation among the member lodges to assist each other in the three degrees and with the Fellow Craft Teams. Among these were those from the McKinley’s Lodge’s Fellow Craft Team and those from Canton Lodge 60 who provided a candidate for another lodge’s inspection. The travelling trophy made its rounds as well. We still need to get more of the Brethren out to travel to these other lodges to see some good work and participate in the fellowship. Car pools would work well these days of high gasoline prices.

Also inspiring was to see so many lodges represented from other jurisdictions.

At the February meeting, the By-laws were finally finalized and approved. Copies will be given to each lodge.

Brethren, it’s also getting closer to the Grand Master’s Reception in May and we still need those ads for the Reception Booklet to defray costs. Please make an effort to secure these soon. Also thanks to all those who signed the signature sheets for the Grand Masters Booklet. Thanks also for the “Faith, Family, Brotherhood, and Charity” you all exude as brother Masons.

Sincerely,  
**Gordon L. Broome, Vice President**

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