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- Sun., May 1-** Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Wed., May 4, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting
- Sat., May 7, 2:00 p.m.** - Ladies Luncheon, Canton, McKinley and Trinity Lodges
- Sun., May 8** – Mother’s Day
- Wed., May 18, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting
- Sat., May 21** – Armed Forces Day
 6:30 p.m. - Grand Master’s Reception, Tadmor Shrine
- Mon., May 30** – Memorial Day, Fly “Old Glory”
- Wed., June 1, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting

Brethren, spring is in full bloom! What a welcome sight after those dreary days of winter.

Your officers are preparing for a busy season of degree work now that the inspection season is behind us. We have several Entered Apprentice Degrees to confer which is always a good thing. We are excited to be starting these men on their journeys into that “The Wonderful World of Free Masonry.” If you would like to witness or contribute to their Masonic experience, we welcome and encourage your attendance at our meetings.

Brethren, come join with us in the Temple Ballroom as Canton, McKinley and Trinity Lodges join together to honor the widows of our departed brethren on Saturday, May 7th at 2:00 p.m., with a luncheon for the Ladies. Feel free to contact me or McKinley’s or Trinity’s Master, to make a reservation for you and your spouse. Let’s have a nice turnout and give the ladies a day to remember.

Also this month is the Grand Master’s Reception at Tadmor Shrine on May 21st at 6:30 p.m. You can contact me for tickets if you would like to attend.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our Junior Steward, Brother David Spurrier. His last couple of months were rough and he will be missed by all who knew him. Let us keep him and his family in our prayers.

God bless David Spurrier, you, Canton Lodge and, God bless America.

Dan, Master

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- Sat., May 7, 2:00 p.m.** - Widow's Tea, Jointly with Canton Blue Lodges
6:30 p.m. – Fellow Craft Team Dinner, North Canton Fairways
- Sun., May 8** – Mother's Day
- Fri., May 13, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting, Entered Apprentice Degree
- Fri., May 20, 7:00 p.m.** – Fellow Craft Team Practice
- Sat., May 21** – Armed Forces Day
6:30 p.m. - Grand Master's Reception, Tadmor Shrine
- Fri., May 27, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting, Junior Warden's Night, Program,
"Masonic Jeopardy"
- Mon., May 30** - Memorial Day, Fly "Old Glory"
- Sat., June 18, 12:00 Noon** - Outdoor Lodge, "Civil War Degree"

Greetings Brethren! I hope this month's Bulletin finds everyone in good spirits and health. Those of you who have traveled with me this past inspection season know that I tell everyone that the Canton Temple is located in downtown Canton where the sun is always shining and there is a warm breeze blowing. Well with cold temperatures and snow flurries into April, I had doubts if that was simply wishful thinking.

This month I would like to share some thoughts about our core values. One cannot talk about past meetings and not hear a brother say, "I remember when we had the sidelines full and had to come in on Saturdays because we had so many new Masons to raise." Have we lost attendance because we have lost our values? I say no, and that Masonry is as important today as it was in the past.

In 1717 the Grand Lodge of England was formed at the Apple Tree tavern. This date is considered the beginning of speculative Masonry. Very few institutions today, or historically can proclaim such longevity. No institution exists this long unless it has strong values.

The three great tenants of a Mason are brotherly love, relief and truth. These are simple and pragmatic beliefs, but they have endured and cemented us into a society of brothers for over three hundred years. These beliefs constitute our core values and define who we are. These are the ideals that have drawn good men to our Masonic family.

One example is our own William McKinley. During the Civil War, McKinley,

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- Thurs., May 5, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Sun., May 8 – Mother’s Day
- Thurs., May 19, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Program Jobs Daughters
- Sat., May 21 – Armed Forces Day
- Mon., May 30 – Memorial Day

Greetings brethren! It’s great to see some flowers starting to show up and the grass starting to turn that familiar shade of healthy green. Inspection season is over for the year which means the Traveling Award has found its home for the Masonic year.

With inspections and traveling out of the way, it’s now time to turn our attention to other lodge projects like attendance and membership. Full sidelines and a hand full of petitions would sure make me a very happy camper. Brethren it’s time to start flashing those unsigned petitions around before those fellow workers and friends who you know would make great Masons. Don’t be afraid to tell them you have that paper waiting for them in your pocket. Having personal friends in lodge with you will induce you to attend much more often and that will lead to more petitions and so on.

At our last stated meeting, Brother Larry Haines was installed as Senior Steward. Glad to have you aboard Larry and hope you enjoy your experience.

Jobs Daughters will visit Trinity Lodge the evening of our stated meeting on May 19th. They always have an interesting program to present, showing of their young abilities of ritual and memorization work. This program you will not want to miss.

Wro. Bro. Jack Kull is doing well now and would like to hear from his brethren. Send him a card or give him a call!

Keep those young men and women, who are fighting so we may keep our way of life, in your prayers. They sacrifice a great deal for us. See you in lodge!

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- Thurs., May 5, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner
- Sun., May 8 – Mother's Day
- Mon., May 9, 7:00 p.m. - Nazir Board Meeting
- Wed., May 11, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner Served
 7:15 p.m. - Nazirettes Meeting
 7:30 p.m. - Nazir Stated Meeting
- Fri., May 20 - Nazir Grotto's famous Steak Fry with all of the Trimmings
 Prices are the same as in the Past
- Sat., May 21 – Armed Forces Day
- Mon., May 30 – Memorial Day
- Thurs., June, 2 - Spaghetti Dinner

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

Monarchs Message

For those who missed the April fools dance on April 2nd, you missed a good time and good food, thanks to P.M. Gary Gruber and his lady Karen and their committee. Thanks to all out of town guests and a few new ones brought by Bruce Vance. Nazir is starting their Steak Fries on Friday, May 27th and they will be running thru August. Thank you Stewards Unit! You guys are doing great. Well that is all for now!

Kevin Sanders, P.M., Monarch

Chief Justice

Prophets if you missed the Monarch's April Fools Dance, shame on you. We had a super time. In the near future we will be having another event so watch the Bulletin for announcements and thank you to all the people who volunteered to clean, mop, shine, shop, cook and serve for the dance.

The Blue Lodge inspections are moving along. Very good work is being conferred by all. I hear Canton 60 passed with flying colors. Great job No. 60!

Gary Gruber. Chief Justice

Clown Unit

Do you remember the Waco Home Coming's Firemen's Annual Parade? Well, now you have an opportunity to refresh your memory. Be at "Sarge's" House in Costume & Make-up, Thursday, May 5th at 4:00 p.m. for the 4:30 p.m. step off in

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- Tues., May 17, 7:00 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Sun., May 8 – Mother’s Day
- Sat., May 21 – Armed Forces Day
- Mon., May 30 – Memorial Day, Fly “Old Glory”

Hello and greetings from the East! Inspection is upon us and on April 25th 2011, we will be conferring Brother Wiley as a Most Excellent Master. There will be a dinner prior to the inspection. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with all the trimmings is on slate. We need all the companions to be there to greet a new companion.

Steve Foutty, H.P.



Delta Chapter’s Mother Daughter Banquet

Open for all Mothers and Daughters

Sisters, save this date! The 9th Annual Mother Daughter Banquet will be Tuesday, May 10th. The theme this year is: “With a Spring in my Step and a Song in My Heart I will Dance into Spring.” Be prepared for great entertainment! Tickets are available at the Center. Everyone is invited so bring your friends, relatives and neighbors. It will be a wonderful evening; and the men will be serving us! How often does that happen? Adults \$12.00, children 12 and under, \$7.00 and children 5 and under are free. There will be a silent auction of baskets and other items that

will be donated. Call the Center to make your reservations. (330) 456-6373. The Center is open from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Any other time, leave a message and we will get back to you. Your presence and donations will be greatly appreciated.



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Mon., May 2, 7:00 p.m. - Super Excellent Master Degree
Sun., May 8 - Mother's Day
Tues., May 17, 7:45 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Sat., May 21 - Armed Forces Day
Mon., May 30 - Memorial Day

Greetings Companions, we are still working on the Super Excellent Master Degree cast. We have had three practices with very poor attendance, so we scheduled a last minute practice on April 27th. We have the speaking parts assigned but what we need are giblets. We will confer the Super Excellent Master Degree on May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Rick Memmer at (330) 354-8655.

As always, please remember our sick and shut-ins and the men and women who defend our way of life.

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Sun., May 8 - Mother's Day
Tues., May 17, 8:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Sat., May 21- Armed Forces Day
York Rite Festival, Mansfield
Mon., May 30 - Memorial Day, Fly "Old Glory"
Tues., June 21, 8:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Sun., June 26 - C.T.A. Meeting

Sir Knights; the refreshment of the rite of spring has at last arrived. Easter has passed and we are reminded of the saving grace of our Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ.

The one day "York Rite Festival" will be at the Mansfield Temple on Saturday, May 21st. This is a wonderful opportunity for all Masons to pick up the necessary degrees to become a Knight Templar. Sir Knights, bring in your petitions as the need to replenish our ranks increases with an aging membership. Ask an inquiring Mason if he is a Christian and willing to defend the Christian faith when giving an application for Templar membership. This may avoid a misunderstanding at Mansfield.

At the May 17th stated meeting, Sir Knight, Floyd Hughes will be presented his 50th year membership award. Your sideline support would be appreciated. Also, Tuesday, May 17th is the annual election of officers. Contact Sir Knight, Robert Habony, Generalissimo, if you are interested in the officer line or taking a part in the work.

The inspection schedule has ended and all inspections were represented by the Commandery. June 26th will be the last C.T.A. meeting for this Commandery year (update to follow.)

Sir Knights, keep those in need in your prayers. Come out and support your Commandery and being a fellow Sir Knight. Dan, Commander

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2:00 p.m. - Carroll Chapter, Reception for Mary Friend
Grand Representative of Tennessee
- Tues., May 3, 10:00 a.m.** – Auxiliary Meeting
- Wed., May 4, 7:30 p.m.** - East Palestine Inspection, East Palestine Temple
- Thurs., May 5, 7:30 p.m.** - Carroll Inspection, Carrollton Masonic Temple
- Sat., May 7, 10:00 a.m.** - Line Officers (inform to Jodi by the 4th) Iva Chapter,
11:30 a.m. – A.G.P. Visitation Tea honoring Lon Lowry,
1:00 p.m. - Visitation, Bellfontaine Masonic Center
- Sun., May 8** - Mother's Day
- Mon., May 9, 7:30 p.m.** - Louisville Inspection, Louisville Masonic Temple
- Fri., May 13, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting, Short Form Opening
- Sat., May 14, 1:00 p.m.** – W.G.M. Inspection, Zane Trace High School
946 State Route 180, Chillicothe, OH
- Mon., May 16, 7:30 p.m.** - Salem Inspection, Salem Masonic Temple
- Sat., May 21** – Armed Forces Day
11:30 a.m. - A.G.M. Visitation Tea honoring Jean Watters
1:00 p.m. – Visitation, E.T. Carson Lodge, Cincinnati, OH
- Sun., May 22, 4:00 p.m.** - Trevor's All-Star Review / Soup & Salad Buffet, Alliance
- Fri., May 27, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting, Short Form Opening
- Mon., May 30** - Memorial Day, Fly "Old Glory"

Well, we've just finished our inspection! We'd like to thank everyone for all they did to show Ohio how great Delta Chapter is. Thank you to those who helped with serving the meal before the meeting and those who helped in the kitchen for refreshments and clean up. We would like to welcome our two newest members: Fred and Sherry Snowden. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on May 13th. Since our inspection is over, officers will be happy to know we're going to shift into short form for meetings.

We hope you'll attend the inspections listed above showing support for your sisters and brothers in District 13. Also please attend Trevor's All-Star Review in Alliance. The money raised will go to our

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Nazir Caldron has again performed another wonderful Ceremonial. This year we were short in many ways with officers but again the Daughters stepped forward and helped the Caldron out. I thank everyone for doing a wonderful job. We thank our newest daughters for joining our ranks and hope to see you at our meetings. We traveled to Yusef Khan and enjoyed watching as they conferred their ceremonial. They do such a wonderful job. It is always a pleasure to visit with them.

We have had several of our daughters under the weather or having some surgeries. I do hope you are recovering. Our prayers and thoughts are always with you.

Mothers day is just around the corner and I do hope that everyone has a wonderful day with their families and friends.


Our next meeting will be June 7th and we will continue with our practices for those who are going to go to Supreme Session. We will also decide our practice dates for the summer. If you are planning on going to session and are also planning to be in the drill, we must see you at these practices.

Enjoy the wonderful spring weather and I hope to see you at the meeting.

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who was not then a Mason, observed a Union army surgeon befriending the Confederate wounded. The Surgeon gave the wounded money and tobacco. McKinley inquired of the doctor. The doctor replied that the wounded were brother Masons and it was not only his duty but his pleasure to do so. McKinley, so impressed by this unselfish example of brotherly love, asked to become a Mason. McKinley was initiated into Hiram Lodge No. 21 on May 1st, 1865. This is simply one of many stories of the Civil War.

This year, the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, many events are planned by different groups throughout Ohio. Our Lodge is no exception. We will hold an Outdoor Lodge and raise a Master Mason in Civil War style, Saturday, June 18th at the farm of Brother, Bill Bird. Lunch, with food representative of that period, will be served at High Noon and Lodge will open at 1:30 p.m. What an opportunity to fellowship with good and trustworthy friends and especially brother Masons.

Our event however is different than that of other groups. It is not a celebration of the start of the war, but rather the core values of brotherly love, relief and truth, that were exemplified during that war by Masons on both sides. Although they were in the midst of a war, with strong emotions, these men continued to practice the ideals that first drew them to Masonry. Those same ideals and tenets are as valuable today as they were over 300 years ago. See you in Lodge! **Gust Goutras, Master**

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

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Waco. Be sure to R.S.V.P. to "Sarge" so he knows how many seats are needed on the trolley. Hope 2-C-U-2 at the May 11th Grotto Meeting. Join Nazir Grotto and become a clown. "Sparkie" (330) 479-9722 or sparkieincanton1@att.net

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District 13 committee budget which supports Grand Line Officers. There are a lot of talented people in our district who will be entertaining you on May 22nd.

Please remember the Veterans who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Please pray for the military men and women who are currently serving our country to continue to protect our freedoms. **Star Love, Jodi & Jim**

Auxiliary

The regular meeting of Auxiliary is Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at Noon. Reminder: Save the date and mark your calendar for "Out to Dinner with Delta Chapter" Wednesday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. We have reserved the private room at the Golden Corral on Dressler Ave. We all look forward to this fun night of fellowship. Please plan on joining us. **Carol**

Sunshine

Sympathy cards sent to: Ruth Molebor (death of Aunt) Guy and Scott Malone (Grandsons of Anny More.)

Planter sent to: Dorothy Jane Best (death of husband Vernon) Dorothy Hamilton (death of husband Herbie.)

Carnation bowl sent to: Worthy Matron Jodi Sproul (birth of baby girl, congratulations Jodi and Trevor.)

The Decree of Cyrus and the Second Temple

Editor's note: In past issues we have presented the size, grandeur, Holy of Holies and construction of King Solomon's Temple. We know that Cyrus, King of all Persia, released the Jews from captivity to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the "House of the Lord." In this issue we explore the history of the return to Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the second temple.

King Solomon's Temple, Symbol of Freemasonry.

by R.W. Bro. Don Falconer, Chapter Thirty-Nine of the book:
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Cyrus came to the throne of Anshan, an Islamite region, in about 559 BCE and clashed with a Median king. Cyrus captured the walled city of Ecbatana (the modern Hamadan) when the Median army rebelled, as a result of which the Persians were then in the ascendancy. Cyrus rapidly extended his conquests, defeating Croesus the king of Lydia about 546 BCE and conquering Babylon in 539 BCE. Thus Cyrus established the vast Persian Empire, which held dominion over Judea as a province for the next two centuries. Cyrus established his capital at Pasargadae in the land of Persia, from where he ruled until his death in 530 BCE. In 538 BCE Cyrus issued the following decree releasing the Jews who were in exile in Babylon:

"Thus saith Cyrus King of Persia, all the kingdoms of the earth hath Jehovah, the God of heaven, given me; and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whosoever there is among you of all his people, his God be with him and let him go to Jerusalem and build the house of Jehova."

In total about 42,360 Israelites returned progressively to Jerusalem, under the leadership of Sheshbazzar or Zerubbabel in 535 BCE, under Ezra in 458 BCE and under Nehemiah in 445 BCE.

The first small band that returned to Jerusalem soon began rebuilding the temple, under Jeshua as the high priest and Zerubbabel as the governor. Their meagre resources and the many difficulties they encountered delayed completion of the temple until 515 BCE, almost twenty years after the first group left Babylon, but long before all the exiles had returned from captivity. Indeed, the temple was only completed then because of the efforts of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, who urged the work on in the later stages. No accurate description of the second temple exists, but the layout appears to have been similar to that of the first temple with the height increased to 60 cubits. However it was much less ornate than King Solomon's temple, lacking the sumptuous finishes and only scantily furnished. A lack of resources probably was the reason why the second temple was not built to Ezekial's grand plan. So far as is known the second temple, like the tabernacle of Israel, had only a curtain at the entrance to the **Holy Place**, one **menorah**, one table of shewbread and a golden altar of incense. Another curtain screened the entrance to the **Holy of Holies**, which was empty. When Nebuchadnezzar sacked Jerusalem in 587 BCE the **Ark of the**

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The Decree of Cyrus and the Second Temple

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Covenant was destroyed. Nevertheless the second temple, usually referred to as Zerubbabel's temple, survived for almost 500 years, which was much longer than any other temple in Jerusalem. The Roman general Pompey took the temple when he captured Jerusalem in 63 BCE, but did not harm it. However the Roman consul Crassus plundered the temple of all its gold and other valuables nine years later. The second temple was the focus point of the lavish reconstruction and expansion carried out in later years by King Herod.

Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial

Submitted by: R. W. Earl Blazer, Secretary Canton No. 60



The Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial is a monument located in the annex of the Gettysburg National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Built by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it commemorates Confederate Brigadier General Lewis Addison Armistead entrusting Union Captain Henry H. Bingham with his personal effects, most notably a pocket watch, on the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, during Pickett's Charge.

Pickett's Charge was an assault upon the Union Army center on the last day of the Battle of Gettysburg. The charge, the high tide of the Confederate States of America, was repulsed. Confederate General

Armistead, under George Pickett's command, personally led his men up the hill to the Union position. Armistead was shot twice. Severely wounded and fearing his personal effects would be stolen by Union soldiers, "gave a Masonic sign asking for assistance". Union Captain Bingham, an aide to Major General Winfield Scott Hancock, a personal friend of Armistead, came to his aid as he lay wounded. Armistead, Bingham and Hancock were all Freemasons. After ensuring Armistead that his possessions would be sent to his family, particularly his pocket watch, Bingham took Armistead to a field hospital where Armistead died two days later on the George Spangler farm.

The monument's sculptor was Ron Tunison of Cairo, New York, who was himself a Freemason. The sculpture is made of polychrome bronze.

The statue was dedicated by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on August 21, 1993.

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Editors Comment



Masonry as a whole, taking in all the individual organizations which make up the craft, is experiencing a decline because of an aging membership and the decline of petitioning potential members. Being involved in the business end of several companies for 50 years of my working life, I have witnessed many of the ups and down of business through the years. This never fails to follow certain trends. When sales go down and fewer product is needed, personnel is sacrificed and there is less advertising and fewer people out there selling. Thus the downward spiral begins. Less sales, less people, less product and so on. My thinking always was that this was the time to increase the sales personnel, increase the advertising and put the product before the buyer in full force. Is that a gamble? Well not if you weigh the expense of it against the other extreme to simply give up and put your head in the sand.


The same falls true with any situation even the membership of Freemasonry. Fewer brethren in public impressing new membership with their deeds and domineer, thus fewer petitions entering the "Mother Lodges." As I sit in the meetings of the satellite organizations and listen the their pitch for more membership and petitions, I sometimes feel they are missing the obvious fact that all these brethren who petition their satellite organizations, whether Scottish Rite, York Rite, Grotto or any other Masonic group, all come from the "Mother Lodge", Blue Lodge and they do not have the personnel any longer to keep up with the aging population of their area of Freemasonry. They need help; lots of help to turn this trend around.

My belief is that if the membership of all the satellite organizations, seeking new blood for their particular group, would concentrate their effort on the "John Q." public rather than the blue lodges, there would a great many more "salesman" out there impressing the common man of the advantages of this organization. It makes good sense, because as I see it, there is no other way into the Shrine but to start with the first degree in Blue Lodge.

Attendance is another area that needs real attention. Here again new membership will bring new enthusiasm into the lodge room and more members who may seek membership into these other organizations. And the question: will Masonry survive? Of course Masonry will survive! But will it survive as a volatile and community service organization committed to the betterment of mankind or will it be remembered like many of the other organizations who were large in number but small in real commitment. Making good men better is your choice!

Your Editor, Bob

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Brethren, after visiting several lodge inspections, both in ours and other districts', I am amazed at the turnout for lodge inspections in other districts outside our own. Some districts regularly have over 100 in attendance. In reflection, our Stark County lodges have less than 80, even though our memberships are greater in most cases. Probably because if we get much over 20 on the sidelines at our stated meetings, we're lucky! Master's Warden's and Deacon's would like to see if there is any way it could help with programs to entice better participation at lodge meetings and will be working on that issue.

On board are two new VP's, Reid McLeod, Trinity No. 710 and Bradley Cioca, Clinton No. 41. We look forward to their involvement and their expertise. Also there seems to be interest again in doing some stop-action degree work to assist in lodge officer's ritual work; possibly even with the written ritual from Grand Lodge. We hope to do this before inspection season next year. Also attendance at our meetings has been great having all eight lodges represented.

Remember the Grand Master's Reception on May 21st. Hope your reservations are made. Please be aware that the 21st District Award's Night is at Home Town Buffet, Belden Village; Monday, June 20th at 6:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary; pay at the door and all are welcome. Our regular meeting will be held immediately afterwards.

Sincerely

Gordon L. Broome, President

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