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2012 is History! Long Live 2013!



January 1, 2013 Happy New Year Saturday, January 12, 2013 – A very busy Masonic Day 1:00 p.m. - Clinton Lodge 47 Reconsecretion Celebration 6:00 p.m. - Caldwell Lodge's Muskrat Dinner Celebration 7:00 p.m. – Clinton Lodge 47 Inspection, Master Mason Degree

January 21, 2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Tues., Jan. 1 – Happy New Year Wed., Jan. 2, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting Sat., Jan. 12, 6:00 p.m. - Muskrat Dinner, Caldwell Lodge Wed., Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Happy New Year Brethren! Well it's officially 2013 and this is going to be a fabulous year for Canton Lodge No. 60. I hope that everyone had a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year celebration. Our Christmas Morning breakfast was a great success. This year we had changed our menu from pancakes to eggs and bacon and I hope that everyone enjoyed the change. We had great success in 2012 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wor. Bro. Michael Emery for the fantastic job he did in 2012. Thank you Wor. Bro. Michael Emery!

This year's inspections of all the 21st district lodges will be conducted by Most Worshipful Brother James F. Easterling Jr. and our inspection is scheduled for April 17, 2013.

On the Trestle Board, we have candidates waiting for the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Fellow Craft Degree and the Master Mason Degree. We will start practicing for those degrees very soon.

On Wednesday, January 12, 2013 Caldwell Lodge No. 330 will be hosting their annual "Muskrat Dinner." Most Worshipful Brother James F. Easterling Jr. will be in attendance.

I hope to see a lot of my fellow brethren from Canton No. 60 there to enjoy some delicious Muskrat.

Mike, Master







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Fri., Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m. – Fellow Craft Team Practice
Mon., Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Fri., Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, White Leather Apron

The white leather apron is more ancient by **Far** than the Eagles of Rome, a Symbol of **War**; or the fleece of pure gold, by Emperors **given**, a rich decoration for which many have **striven**. The Garter of England, an Order most **Rare**, although highly prized, cannot with it **Compare**. It is an emblem of innocence, symboled in **white**, and purity ever brings the greatest **delight**; with pure thoughts and actions, how happy the **life**, how care free the conscience, unclouded by **strife**! Brethren, please plan on bringing your white leather apron to lodge on the 25th. It's time to find it, dust it off and bring it in. We are going to have a program about the white leather apron and share some stories from the night that you had received yours. This will be an interesting night filled with stories and memories from the past. All are welcome.

Fraternally; Joe, Worshipful Master

Brethren! Fraternal greetings and well wishes from the South!

It is an exciting time to be involved in this Fraternity! Most Worshipful Brother James Easterling, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, will personally be at each inspection in the 21st Masonic District this year. If that doesn't make your palms sweaty, I'm not sure what will. With the Holidays behind us and all the resolutions made, let's stick to a simple one. Come to Blue Lodge once a month. That's all! Simple! Once a month! You won't regret it. We have plenty of degree work to accomplish before our May inspection. Also, there will be many new and interesting programs this year at the stated meetings.

In this new culture of tablets, Galaxies, I Pads, I phones and "social networking," in any one of a dozen forms, return to a place where brothers greet each other with a grip. Where all meetings start with the pledge of allegiance to the US flag recited by those who

understand its meaning and respect its purpose; where we all first started on this journey together, and were told by other Brethren that "you get out of Masonry what you put into it. "Brethren, they were right! See you in Lodge.

Steve, Junior Warden





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Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and you are off to a good start for 2013.

The junior officers are working very hard to make this a great Masonic year. As your Worshipful Master, I am asking you to please come to a meeting in the month of your birthday. We want to celebrate with you.

Older members will remember Daniel Friend; Dan's son, Mark, will become a Master Mason this month; mark your calendars. This is a wonderful occasion and a time to celebrate the growth of Trinity Lodge.

Our January meetings will be used to practice the Fellow Craft Degree. Inspection will be February 28th and we will be inspected in this degree.

In closing; remember everyday is a joy, live it to the fullest.

Johnnie, Worshipful Master

Workers needed!

Brothers, can you paint, patch walls, stain wood, help an electrician or a plumber? Then we need you to help fix up the inside of the Canton Masonic Temple. Just as we did on the outside of the building this past fall, we will be working the first Saturday of the month beginning January 5th 2013. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. over coffee, donuts and fellowship.

With your help and able hands, we can keep our Temple as beautiful as it is now; a building we can all be proud of.

Contact Bill Noggle at the Temple (330) 455-6300 if you can join us.

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Gary Gruber, Monarch

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Tues., Jan. 1 - Happy New Year
Thurs., Jan. 3, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner Served
Wed., Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m. - Open Installation of Officers, Refreshments Following
Mon., Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monarchs Message

Well this will be my last article as your Monarch. It has been an exciting year at Nazir Grotto. It started out slow but at the end, what a bang; so many changes, so many new things will be happening in 2013, new officers, new workers and new friends. Your new Monarch will be Tom Richards, a very good man for the position and he accepted the challenge. He will do a great job for the Prophets of Nazir Grotto. Your Chief Justice will be David W. McIntyre; Master of Ceremonies is Gary Gruber; Treasurer will be David A McIntyre and the Secretary will be Dale (Pogo) Walter.

I would also like to thank the ladies of Nazir Caldron for attending our spaghetti dinner. They had a great time and it was good seeing them again. Just remember we are still serving spaghetti dinners every month, no matter what you may hear. In closing, I would like to quote the great Bob Hope "Thanks for the Memories."

Gary R. Gruber, Monarch 2012

Chief Justice

Well folks Wednesday, January 9th 2013 is my open Installation at Nazir Grotto. It will start at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments following. All are welcome so come on down and meet your new corps of officers for 2013. Believe me, things for the New Year are looking up. At the last spaghetti dinner I got to meet a few ladies from Nazir Caldron; and believe me, the pleasure was mine. Please do not forget our spaghetti dinners are still going on thanks to Kevin and his kitchen crew.

Tom Richards, Chief Justice 2012

Sick and Visitation

Mike Margaratakis had a stay at Aultman Hospital. We are checking each day and he is making good progress; also P.M. Kevin's lady, Tina, had neck surgery and is back home recuperating. If you know of anyone who is ill please call one of the officers and let them know.

Nazir Grotto, the proud home of Supreme Council District Deputy, P.M. Richard G. (Slip) Krabill

Please attend your Blue Lodge. They need you.



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Mon., Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. - Hiram Chapter Inspection, Past Master Degree
Tues., Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Fri., Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. - Millersburg Inspection, Most Excellent Master Degree
Tues., Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m. - District Meeting Canton Masonic Temple

My Companions, the New Year is upon us and as you can tell we have a lot of work to be done yet. Our schedule is still very busy and we are still working many candidates.

Come to Hiram's Inspection and meet the new Grand High Priest, Don Owensm, if you have not met him already, and witness the work conferred by the Companions of Hiram Chapter.

At our stated meeting we have mush more business to discuss so come in out of the cold and enjoy an evening of fellowship with your Companions.

Our District Meeting is soon coming up. Come listen to the new news from our District Deputy as I am sure he will have a few words about how this year is progressing.

Be safe and stay warm!

Richard, H.P.

January 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Thurs., Jan. 10, 7:00 p.m. - Coventry-Akron 83, E.A. Deg. Refreshments, Goutras
Sat., Jan. 12, 7:00 p.m. - Clinton 47, M.M. Deg. Refreshments, Goutras
Mon., Jan. 14, 7:00 p.m. - Mt. Akra 680, F.C. Deg. Dinner before, Colton
Wed., Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m. - Cypress 604, F.C. Deg. Refreshments, Jones
Thurs., Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m. - Summit 213, E.A. Deg. Dinner before, Colton
Mon., Jan. 28, 7:00 p.m. - Star 187, E.A. Deg. Refreshments, Bailey
Wed., Jan. 30, 7:00 p.m. - Cuyahoga Falls 735, F.C. Deg. Refreshments, Bailey

February 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Mon., Feb. 4, 7:00 p.m. - Adoniram-Joppa 517, M.M. Deg. Refreshments, Bailey
Wed., Feb. 6, 7:00 p.m. - Wayfarer 789, F.C. Deg. Refreshments, Colton
Tues., Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m. - Wm. Hoover 770, M.M. Deg. Refreshments, Jones
Wed., Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m. - Barberton 750, F.C. Deg. Refreshments, Jones
Mon., Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m. - Port Washington 202, F.C. Deg. Refreshments, Jones
Tues., Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m. - Stow 768, E.A. Deg. Dinner before, Colton
Thurs., Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m. - Trinity 710, F.C. Deg. Dinner before, Bailey

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No further communication was received for January 2013

March 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Mon., Mar. 11, 7:00 p.m. - New Philadelphia 177, M.M. Deg. Refreshments, Jones Tues., Mar. 19, 7:00 p.m. - Juilliard 460, F.C. Deg. Refreshments, Goutras Sat., Mar. 23, 10:00 a.m. - Meridian Sun 69, F.C. Deg. Breakfast before, Colton

April 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Wed., Apr. 03, 7:00 p.m. - Ashlar 639, F.C. Deg. Refreshments, Colton Tues., Apr. 09, 7:00 p.m. - Mystic Tie 194, E.A. Deg. Refreshments, Goutras Tues., Apr. 16, 7:00 p.m. - National 568, E.A. Deg. Dinner before, Goutras Wed., Apr. 17, 7:00 p.m. - Canton 60, F.C. Deg. Refreshments, Goutras

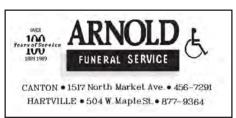
May 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Wed., May 8, 7:00 p.m. - Tuscarawas 59, M.M. Deg. Refreshments, Goutras Fri., May 10, 7:00 p.m. - Wm. McKinley 431, E.A. Deg. Dinner before, Bailey Tues., May 14, 7:00 p.m. - Tubal 551, F.C. Deg. Dinner before, Bailey Fri., May 31, 7:00 p.m. - Victory 649, M.M. Deg. Refreshments, Bailey

June 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Tues., June 18, 7:00 p.m. - Conrad 271, M.M. Deg. Refreshments, Jones Sat., June 22, 7:00 a.m. - Caldwell 330, E.A. Deg. Lunch after, Jones Sat., June 29, 7:00 a.m. - Hudson 510, M.M. Deg. Lunch after, Colton

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Tues., Jan. 1 – Happy New Year
Sat., Jan. 12 - Medina No. 84 Inspection
Tues., Jan. 15, 8:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Sat., Jan. 19, 2:00 p.m. - Canton No. 38 Inspection
Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Sat., Feb. 2, 2:00 p.m. - Massillon No. 4 Inspection
Sat., Feb. 9, 2:00 p.m. - Akron No. 25 Inspection

Hello Sir Knights! I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Congratulations go out to our newest Sir Knights, Sam Volpe and Rich Krosen. What a great contribution they will be to our Commandery. Our inspection will be on January 19th at 2:00 p.m. It would be really nice to see a good turnout to support our young officers and candidates. I would like to see as many companions as possible at all the other chapter's inspections. It's a good learning experience for new Sir Knights.

We still have more candidates to knight after our inspection, so don't go too far away.

I would like to thank all who marched in the Sandyville Parade. We won another trophy.

Please come and support Commandery! Bob Habony, Commander





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Sun., Jan. 6, 2:30 p.m. - Informational Meeting, Legacy Chapter
Mon., Jan. 14, 10:00 a.m. - Auxiliary Meeting
Fri., Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Sat., Jan. 12, 9:00 a.m. - Line Officers Meeting, Carroll Chapter
Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Fri., Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, "Deltona 539"

The 2013 officers are well into the work of the chapter but we need sideliners to be present giving purpose to our efforts. There is good fellowship and free food.

Sunday, January 6th at Legacy Chapter, information regarding changes from General Grand Chapter will be presented by the Grand Conductress. Dinner by reservation is available. On January 11th the Star Points will present the work required for Inspection. January 12th Line officers will meet at Carroll Chapter. All officers may attend. Worthy Matrons, RSVP by January 9th, and January 25th, Deltona 539 at "O.E.S. Downs." Get those remote control vehicles ready to run.

Delta Chapter No. 539 would like to initiate new members of your recommendation. Eligibility has changed to include more relatives of Master Masons. Go to the website www.ohiooes.org to learn if a family member or friend is now eligible. The new website is full of information and easy to navigate.

In closing, Delta Chapter needs an officer at the station of Adah! There is also a need of Pages to collect the sunshine fund as well as pro-tem sisters to fill in when others are absent. Inform Worthy Matron Diane where you are able and willing to serve.

With Star Love,

Diane and Johnnie

Auxiliary

Happy New Year! Our next meeting will be January 14th. Come celebrate the New Year.

We had a wonderful time at the Christmas party and plan to return to the Blue Fig for our summer party in June.

Carol

Sunshine: Flower bowls were delivered to Jane Continued on page 11



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Nazir Caldron No. 27 Daughters of Mokanna



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Dear Daughters, our January 8th meeting will be held with Diane Phillips and Carol Jones in charge of the luncheon. P.M.C.O. Connie Gay will serve as the Receiving M.C.O. Balloting on petitions will took place. New Officers are still working to learn their new stations. We elected and installed P.M.C.O. Cindy Gay as Zulaika. Connie Gay was elected to a one year term as Trustee.

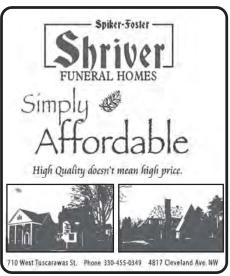
The December "Daughters' Night Out" was a lot of fun even though the group was small. We attended the Holiday Music and Light Show in Cambridge. The January "DNO" is being organized by Connie Gay and details will be given at the January Stated Meeting. It will be a night at a Canton Theater Guild production. Details were not available at press time. Contact Connie or the M.C.O. Jennifer for further information.

Nazir members made a December visit to the Laurels to visit and sing Christmas carols. The February 5th meeting will be opened by Receiving M.C.O., Barbara Turner. We will go through initiation for the first time this year. Daughter, Mary Moore and P.S.M.C.O. Lora Givler are in charge of the luncheon.

Come join us and get involved with Nazir activities. We need your participation and look forward to seeing you.

Jennifer Arnold, M.C.O.





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Erickson, Fred McGavern and Louise DeNayer who were hospitalized. Anyone knowing of a member in need of cards or a visit are asked to call Worthy Matron Diane; (**330**) **868-3262** or e-mail **phillipsdlk@gmail.com**.

Diane Phillips, Chairperson



Tues., Jan. 1 – Happy New Year Mon., Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Tues., Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m. - Advisory Board Meeting, Youth Room

May 18, 2013 is the date set to receive the new members and reactivate Canton Assembly No. 24. Petitions are available and ready to be completed. Petition fee is \$10.00 with annual dues of \$10.00. Prorated dues for 2013 are \$5.00 making the current amount due with the petition to be \$15.00.

Who can be a Rainbow Girl? Consider the girls at your church, daughters of friends and neighbors and their friends. Has she celebrated her 11th birthday but not her 20th? Yes! That is a potential Rainbow Girl. Is she respected by her peers and adults? Does she have the desire to work with others or help others? Yes! That is a Rainbow Girl.

Why become a Rainbow Girl? Rainbow Girls learn about community service, leadership and making decision through self-confidence. Rainbow welcomes girls between the ages of 11 and 20, regardless of race or religious background. We meet twice monthly with a meeting format much like that of the Order of the Eastern Star and other Masonic bodies.

Meetings are planned to be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays beginning at 7:00 p.m. of each month starting with social activities planned to acquaint the petitioners with each other. This will also be a time to learn about the various stations as well as expectations of being a Rainbow Girl. Adults may attend these gatherings and the actual meetings of the assembly. Encourage the Rainbow Girl you know to help build the membership of the assembly.

To learn more about Ohio Rainbow go to http://ohiorainbow.org and check it out or call (330) 868-3262 or e-mail phillipsdlk@gmail.com.

Forever the Rainbow Diane Phillips, Mother Advisor Elect



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A note from the Editor!





The framed picture above reflects what January in Ohio should look like. I remember, as a boy, shoveling snow that was over my knees in January. I even remember driving on the expressway on windy winter days when you had no idea if in the next mile you would be stopped by heavy snow drifts. Thank goodness those days are gone in my lifetime. With the climate changing daily and sea levels rising, maybe we are fortunate we live more to the center of the continent. No snow yet and none in the near forecast for January is good news for those long distance commuters. Even the temperatures are on our side. Making it to lodge and participating in lodge activities should be a snap this winter. Many lodge officers have great plans for programs and activities that will interest even the older brethren. Please don't let their hopes and dreams dwindle and fade into distant disastrous failure. They are really trying to build the future. And speaking of programs, one of the features the Bulletin recently indulged in was the tour of the inside of the Canton Masonic Temple with pictures of places the brethren rarely see or even would want to visit. Still, these nooks and crannies are of interest to many who may have never had the opportunity to explore them. I promos, as soon as installation and inspection news is over and the lodges settle down to their more usual work, we will again get busy crawling around under the rafters and through cubbyholes, taking pictures and reporting on the bowels of the Temple. I must note, for a building in its 80th years, as I wonder through small openings and over ventilation ducts, the closed and uncommon areas are exceptionally clean and free of clutter. This is probably due to the relentless work of the

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custodial staff and those who use these out of the way areas for maintenance. This building has a ton of places to hide things and as I wonder around, I find most of them to be clear of unnecessary clutter. The beauty of the building is at stake and we all wish it will continue in this manner.

Bobel, the Explorer and Editor

The Two Great Pillars

by **R.W.Bro. Don Falconer,** Chapter Thirty-Nine of the book: The Square and Compasses - In search of Freemasonry

The two great pillars at the porch or entrance to King Solomon's temple were hollow and cast of bronze 12 cubits in circumference and four fingers thick, standing 18 cubits high. Double capitals surmounted the pillars and were 5 cubits in their combined height, probably having been cast in two separate parts. The chapiter or lower part was of lotus work and comprised four open and everted petals each 4 cubits wide. The capital or upper part was a bowl, not a sphere as is often said. The Tyrrians cast the hollow columns in moulds dug in the ground, using what is called the "lost wax" method that was developed by the Assyrians in the Bronze Age, probably in about 1200 BCE. In this method the mould is formed around a wax core that melts away during casting. With large castings like the pillars, the core is formed with sand or earth and coated with thick wax. The columns of King Solomon's temple were common in Syria, Phoenicia and Cyprus at the time and the Tyrrians were experienced in this method of casting.

Modern research indicates that the upper bowl probably was a vessel to contain oil, which could be lit at night. It is known that similar decorated pillars were used at shrines in Palestine and Cyprus during the period 1000 BCE to 900 BCE, when King Solomon's temple was built. The Greek historian Herodotus, writing in about 450 BCE, described two large pillars that stood near the temple of Hercules at Tyre, which "shone at night". Like the Phoenician models, the two immense incense stands at the porch of King Solomon's temple would have illuminated the facade of the temple on Mount Moriah at night, whilst also catching the first glint of the sunrise at Jerusalem. They have been interpreted as sacred obelisks, their blazing smoking wicks recalling to worshippers the pillars of fire and cloud that led the Israelites of old through the wilderness.

The pillars were completed and named before the temple was dedicated. Although it has often been said that the names of the pillars were to enshrine the memory of David's ancestry, it is now known that this was not their purpose and interpretation. It has been shown convincingly that the names of the two great pillars inscribed on the columns stood for the initial, or key words, spoken by oracles. In seeking to endow the Davidic dynasty with power and also to express King Solomon's gratitude to the Almighty for his support, the oracles would have used invocations such as: "Yahweh will establish (jachin) thy throne forever" and "The king's strength (boaz) is in Yahweh". Contrary to views sometimes expressed, the bowls were not representations of the then known terrestrial and celestial globes, nor did the pillars serve as archives for the constitutional rolls.



Masters, Wardens & Deacons Association of Stark County

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Sat., Jan. 12, 9:00 a.m. - Stated Meeting

Here it is, a New Year once again! We are preparing for our inspections. With that, I would like to take the time and thank Wm. Hoover Lodge in North Canton for hosting the 2nd section of the "stop action" of the Master Mason Degree.

Our attendance is improving, but we still seem to be missing some representatives from a couple area lodges; and we can still use a few brethren to assist us with our "Traveling Fellow Craft Team."

A few fresh ideas were brought up at the last meeting and we are trying to put these ideas to work.

Any Master Mason may attend our meetings and participate.

"May everyone have a safe productive Year"

Reid McLeod, President

On the lighter side!



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