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Seasons Greetings to All!

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Sunday, December 7th
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
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Tuesday, December 16th Hanukkah begins at Sundown



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Wed., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Sun., Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Sat., Dec. 13, 8:00 a.m. - Christmas Remembrance Delivered

Tues., Dec. 16 – Hanukkah begins at Sundown

Wed., Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Fri., Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Party with McKinley 431, Santa and Present

Wed., Dec. 24, 8:00 a.m. - Ballroom Setup, Christmas Eve

Thurs., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m. – Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast

Wed., Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

Wed., Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

It's that time of year again, when a new slate of officers assume their positions, at Canton Lodge. This year, I felt so honored to be elected to the East. The lodge was further honored to have such a wonderful installing team headed by Most Worshipful Brother Steven E. Cokonougher as our installing officer. To him, and the rest of the team, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for a job well job!

Additionally, I would like to again thank Worshipful Brother Steve Morosko for his assistance through the past year. I believe his drive and ingenuity has brought us onto a better direction over the past year. I thank him for his leadership to the lodge, as well as his friendship and insight.

This year will be a busy one with plenty to do. We have our inspection coming up in the E.A. Degree on February 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and Most Worshipful Brother Cokonougher will be joining us once again that evening. We will be having plenty of practice leading up to that night as we have several candidates coming through so, that night should be exceptional.

The month of December is one of traditions at Canton Lodge and like in years past, we will be delivering Christmas remembrances to our venerable brethren on December 13th. We will meet in the Ballroom at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and gathering delivery routes prior to heading out. As usual, all brethren are more than welcome to assist in this

worthy endeavor so please join in the fellowship that morning.

This year, it's our intention to join with McKinley Lodge for a family Christmas party. Stay tuned as details come out at our meetings! If you have any children or

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Sun., Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Fri., Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Calendar Meeting
Tues., Dec. 16 – Hanukkah begins at Sundown
7:00 p.m. – Fellow Craft Team Meeting
Fri., Dec. 19, 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Party joint with Canton Lodge
Sat., Dec. 20, 9:00 a.m. – Deliver Christmas Cheer
Thurs., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m. – Masonic Christmas Breakfast
Wed., Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

Brethren! Greetings from the Master Elect! What a crazy and surreal event this has been, this Masonic journey! I hope you will come down to the Temple and join us for some of our stated meetings. This year we will be reading the Ancient Charges in lodge, December 12th will be our "calendar meeting." The purpose of which will be to roast the incoming officers and explain major events for the 2015 Masonic year.

The Christmas party this year will be the following week on Friday the 19th of December at 6:00 p.m. We will be co-hosting it with Canton Lodge No. 60 and celebrating the season. Our distribution of poinsettias and Christmas cheer will be the next morning on Saturday the 20th of December at 9:00 a.m. at the read door of the Masonic Temple and than, the Masonic Christmas morning breakfast is immediately on the heels of that, Christmas Morning festivities are in by 6:00 a.m. and out by 7:00 a.m. As you can plainly see there's never a shortage of opportunity for fellowship and brotherhood. So come on out and meet some of the new guys like: Wor, brother Steve Morosko, a new dual member of our lodge and Canton 60. Also meet our newly initiated member just getting started and also David Perry, a brother coming to us from Alliance. We also have Tim Parble and Jason Dryden, both newly raised this year in the one day class. Brethren, if it has been a while since you've come down to the Temple, make the trip. It will be worth your while! I know some Fellow Craft Team members must be asking, "Worshipful, whenever will we practice?" Not to fear my brethren! Practice will be on the third Tuesday of this month,

which is December the 16th this time, our Wor. Brother Secretary is extremely resourceful. Well as this is my first article, I won't keep you much longer but I have to say brethren, it is an extremely humbling experience to be filling this station this

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Thurs., Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m. - Trinity Family Christmas Party, R.S.V.P. 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Business Only, Casual Dress

Sun., Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Tues., Dec. 16 – Hanukkah begins at Sundown

Thurs., Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Sat., Dec. 20, 10:00 a.m. – Widow's Poinsettia Delivery

Thurs., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m. - Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast

Thurs., Jan. 1 - No Stated Meeting, New Year's Day

Thurs., Jan. 8, 7:00 p.m. - Confer Master Mason Degree, Two Candidates

Greetings Brethren! It seems as if it was only yesterday that Wor. Bro. Mike Paynter asked me to join the officer's line and I'm glad he did. He and the other brethren must have seen something in me that I did not know was there. So, with a mind full of good council and an ever attentive ear, I will be the Trinity Master this 2015 year. I am honored to serve as Master of Trinity Lodge No. 710 and thank all the brethren who helped me along in this journey to reach the East.

Trinity will hold its annual Family Christmas Party for the brethren, ladies and children/grandchildren on Thurs., Dec. 4th starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Canton Masonic Temple. We are planning a great evening for the children and wonderful food! Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible to the Wor. Master. Santa will be visiting and has asked the parents to bring a \$10.00 gift with their child's/grandchild's name on it for Santa to pass out. The Officers will hold a brief stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. and then retire back to the event. Officers, casual dress.

On Saturday, December 20th we will be honoring our Widows by delivering Poinsettias. For more information about deliveries, please contact the Worshipful Master.

Dec. 25th is the Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast at the Canton Temple. This is one of the most enjoyable things for me as a Mason. If you have never been to, or it's been a long time since you have attended the event; I encourage you to bring a friend, a father, a son, a brother, a nephew, an uncle, a neighbor and gather in unity on this very special day with your fellow Masons.

Brethren, please note that due to New Years Day falling on our 1st Stated Meeting date, we will not be meeting that evening. I wish everyone a Great New Years Day and we will see you at the next

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Tues., Jan. 2 - Daughter of Mokanna Stated Meeting

Thurs., Dec. 4, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner Served, Public Welcome

Sun., Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Wed., Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m. - Adjustment Hour 6:30 p.m. - Dinner Served

7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Installation, Reception

Tues., Dec. 16 - Hanukkah begins at Sundown

Thurs., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m. - Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast, Canton Temple

Wed., Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

Tues., Jan. 6 - Daughter of Mokanna Dark January and February

Nazir will be installing new officers at our December Stated Meeting. We will have a short stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. and the installation will follow at 8:00 p.m. This will be an open installation. Open to friends, Brother Masons, family and all Prophets. Our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month and start at 7:30 p.m.

With the weather turning cold the steak grilling has been postponed until the weather warms up. We are still having our spaghetti dinners on the first Thursday of the month. The prophets of Nazir would like to thank all that have supported this endeavor.

It has been a pleasure to serve Nazir Grotto as Monarch. Every Prophet gave me a lot of support while recovering from open heart surgery and I thank them from the bottom of my repaired heart.

Smile God Loves You

Dave, Monarch

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stated meeting on Thursday, January 15.

Calling all Fellow Craft Team Members! Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m., we will confer two Master Mason Degrees. We need your assistance to make this a memorable experience for this father and son duo. Please Contact Wor. Bro. Reid McLeod (330) 412-0947 if you can assist this evening.

As always Brethren, if you wish to attend a Trinity Lodge meeting or special event and are unable to drive or find a way to or from a meeting, please contact: Wor. Master Brent Bowers, (330) 575-3137 or Wor. Bro. Reid McLeod, (330) 412-0947 and we will be happy to assist you. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Brent Bowers, W. M.



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Thurs., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m. - Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast Wed., Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

Greetings Companions! Summer is over and inspection season is upon us. Our inspection was in the Most Excellent Master Degree, on Monday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m. Thanks for supporting your chapter. Refreshments were served after. Remember we are in the 17th District now so there will be some new faces on the side lines. Come see who they are.

Congratulations to Richard Snider on his Meritorious Service Award! Thank You for all your hard work.

Bob Habony, High Priest

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year. What a tremendous honor and privilege it is to sit in the East and preside over our deliberations. Thank you brethren and we'll see you down on the corner of Market

Avenue North and East 9th Street. Have the merriest of Christmas and seasonal celebrations and a Happy New Year.

Steve Dilley, Wor. Master Elect





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Sat., Dec. 13, 1:00 p.m. – Cuyahoga Falls, Akron and Wooster Inspection

Super Excellent Master Degree, Cuyahoga Falls Temple

Tues., Dec. 16 - Hanukkah begins at Sundown

7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Thurs., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m. – Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast

Wed., Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

Hello Companion! I would like to start this by wishing everyone a happy and safe Holiday season. I hope you all have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Thanks to Free Masonry, I have a much extended family circle to celebrate with.

We have a lot of work to do with helping our neighboring Councils with their inspections as well as starting to prepare for our own. Over the next several weeks I will be asking people to fill specific parts so that we all have plenty of time to prepare. Once Chapter and Commandery are done with their inspections, we will begin to have our practices. If there is anyone who would like to do a specific part please let me know as soon as possible.

Larry Haines, Master



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 Thurs., Dec. 25, 6:00 p.m. – Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast

Wed., Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Sat., Jan. 17 – Inspection Scheduled, Dinner by Reservation

Greetings Sir Knights! Hope that each of you and your families had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Now we prepare for that great time of year when we celebrate the birth of our Savior and of course that visit from Santa to all our families.

I wish to congratulate all our new Masters and their officers for the coming year. Without you brethren, bringing new candidates into the fraternity, we would have no new candidates for the York Rite. Keep up the good work!

We will have our new form of Full Form Opening at our stated meeting this month. Saturday, January 17th 2015 will be our inspection. Please make a special effort to be with us on these dates. We do have two candidates ready to be Knighted but, we could always use more.

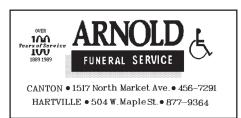
We are still doing the dinners before the Scottish Rite Meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Come and help if possible or just the meal, it is open to all.

At our inspection there will be a dinner. Make your reservations with me at either the Manager's office (330) 455-3600 or my cell phone 1-330-687-190. Wives and significant others are invited to the dinner as well.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at one of our meetings!

Fraternally

Bill Stratton, Commander







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Sat., Dec. 20, 3:00 p.m. - Christmas Party at the Blue Fig Restraint

Thurs., Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas **Fri., Dec. 26 –** Delta Chapter is Dark

Sun., Dec. 28, 3:00 p.m. - Reception for the Grand Representative

For Wisconsin in Ohio, Lora Givler

Wed., Dec.31 - New Year's Eve

Dear Sisters and Brothers, Trevor and I are excited to be back in the East again at Delta Chapter. We want to thank the members for the privilege of serving our Chapter this year and we also want to thank our officers and committees for saying yes. We could do nothing if it were not for each of you.

Our theme this year is: Oh, The Places You'll Go! Our Scripture is 2nd Corinthians 5:7, "We Walk by Faith not by Sight." The Chapter room will be decorated with Dr. Seuss characters and books. This year our members will be sharing with one another their favorite childhood book or story that they read, or had read to them, or read to their children, as we have "Star Story time Reflections." The reason for our Theme is threefold: Oh, the places you'll go when you walk with faith; Oh, the places you'll go when you read; and Oh, the places you'll go when you join Eastern Star. Our motto is: Oh, the Places You'll go and the people you'll meet; when you join Eastern Star you're in for a treat.

We have many exciting things planned for the coming year as we honor our members

and officers at each meeting. We will also be having our annual events: our Christmas Party, Deltona 500, Easter Hat Parade, Running of the Delta Derby, Picnic at the Farm and a Summer Day Away with Delta. We have added a couple new fun activities also: Clothes that Clash Night and a Bathrobe and Slipper Parade. So plan to attend our meetings, leave your cares and join in our adventure. We can assure you that you will leave our meetings much better than before, be-

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grandchildren who would like to attend, please feel free to contact me and I'll relay what information I have to help make sure they get a good chance at meeting with the big guy in the red suit.

Another tradition for Canton Lodge is setting up of the ballroom on December 24th at 8:00 a.m. in preparation for the annual Christmas breakfast. Please contact me regarding going out for breakfast before heading to the temple. Plans are currently in the works for that as well.

As usual, we have the Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast on Christmas Morning, December 25th at 6:00 a.m. I have been informed this year's speaker should be exceptional so, I'd urge everyone who can attend to please do so. For those with young children, it's my understanding we should conclude by our regular time as well however, if you're able to come in early or stay later there's a need for volunteers to help cook the pancakes and tidy up afterward.

I believe that is all I have for now but before ending this entry, I'd like to remind everyone to please keep in mind what this season is all about. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season complete with time well spent with those who you're close to. Also, please don't forget to keep our military service members in your prayers for their safe and speedy returns to their families.

Bob Wiley, Master

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cause you will have spent time with good people and friends galore! Oh! the Places You'll go, and the people you'll meet, when you join Delta Chapter you're in for a treat, the friendship and fellowship simply cannot be beat.

Sisters and Brothers of Delta Chapter our wish for you is that you walk by faith, live with a heart full of dreams, love from the depth of your soul and embrace every moment of laughter.

Lora and Trevor, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron Auxiliary

I trust you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are now full of the Christmas Spirit. Each year Delta Chapter celebrates with a Christmas party. This year we are returning to the Blue Fig restaurant on Whipple Ave. A private room has been reserved. Please mark your calendar and plan to celebrate with your sisters and brothers on December 20th at

3:00 p.m. You don't need an advance reservation, but I would like to have some idea of the number of adults and children. Call Carol (330) 499-0224. If we don't see you at the Blue Fig, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carol

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Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast

In by 6:00 a.m.! - Out by 7:00 a.m.!







Pastor Joel Cochran

Joel Cochran has graciously accepted the invitation to be the main speaker this year for the Christmas Morning Breakfast scheduled at the Canton Masonic Temple. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Bethany Theological Seminary and spent 5 weeks in Jerusalem, Israel, as part of his Masters work at Heritage Baptist University. He has made eight overseas mission trips to India and the former Soviet Union. He enjoys sports and coached baseball with Coach Bob Starcher at Malone University from 1990 to 1995. Pastor Cochran has been married to his wife, Serena, for 44 years and has three adult children and one grandchild. He relaxes by walking his dogs on wooded trails. But most importantly he values his work, being the founding pastor of The Chapel in Marlboro located at 8700 Edison Street NE (State Route 619), Marlboro-Louisville, Ohio 44641. Began in 1976, The Chapel in Marlboro now witnesses between 750-850 people in attendance weekly and attempts to do "good things" for people in the community. You can find more information regarding The Chapel in Marlboro at their website: www.marlboro-chapel.com

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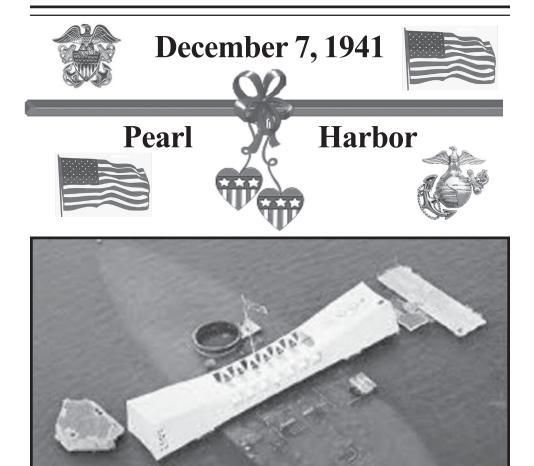
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Pearl Harbor Memorial

The Date of Infamy that launched an epic conflict with Japan took place here in the early morning hours of December 7, 1941. The tranquil waters of Pearl Harbor were forever disrupted by the tides of war. The USS Arizona and 1,177 of her crew were among the first casualties of the Pacific War; the USS Arizona Memorial stands above the sunken vessel and her fallen sailors, serving as a reminder of their sacrifice and commitment.



A Can of Worms! A Bee Hive and a Hill of Ants!



You will remember from the November Bulletin, my mentioning the September article on attendance and many brethrens' interesting comments on it. Well, I am still reading what many Masonic authors, consider the cause and solution is to this lack of attendance really is. You will remember the statement about the "drop-out, drug crazed, flower children, community living, free sex, hippy" generation of the 60's causing society problems. As for Masonry, not only did attendance drop but new membership dropped as well. Older members began passing, were not being replaced and the downward spiral started. The first scenario developed by these authorities, to counteract this decline, was to spiff up the lodge buildings and add modern amenities. You will remember many older lodges adding new lighting, new carpeting, painting, 21st century furnishings in the attempt to make their buildings more appealing to members, older as well as new. They even added television and sitting areas to give the appearance of old English gentlemen's clubs. The rule was to make the lodge a safe, fun filled experience for the whole family. The Fellow Craft Team even had get-togethers and picnics to induce more family participation and thus, more membership. Although some of the buildings needed modernized and brought up to date, it did nothing for the bottom line. Attendance did not increase and degree work for new candidates was stagnant. This attempt, although endorsed by many a District Deputies and Grand Master, was considered a dismal failure. I'm sure the older brethren remember when all this happened, I sure do! I was starting my Masonic career and was glad for the camaraderie of the happy older Masons around the pool tables, without the worry of the low class "pool parlors" of that day. They embraced the new "grunt" and were to be looked up to. They were missed as they went to the "Great Architect" and were never replaced. Eventually, the pool tables and pool cues were quiet and the tables were covered. Card games were no longer. Practical joking stopped between brethren, the lodge modernized into the next scenario thought to end the declining of attendance and membership.

We will explore the next attempt in the January issue if there is room in the Bulletin for the article. You may be surprised how you may recognize each of these methods

Until next month, have a great Holiday Season and a Great New Year.

Bobel, Youe Editor

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Sat., Dec. 6, 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. –

Breakfast, Conrad No. 271

10:00 a.m. - Monthly Meeting

Greetings Brethren! from Masters, Wardens & Deacons Association.

Elections were held at the November 8th meeting and the following were elected to serve: President, Wor. Bro. Steve Warren; 1st Vice President, Wor. Bro. Daniel Schario; 2nd Vice President Wor. Bro. Steve Morosko; Secretary/Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Sherman Brick; Immediate Past President, Wor. Bro. Gordon Broome.

For those who aren't familiar with M, W, & D, Asso., this group meets monthly, comprised of representatives from each Blue Lodge in Stark County. Despite the "high-fallutin" name, you don't need to be a Master, Warden or Deacon to attend! Come meet your brothers from around the county and learn what other are doing. It's a great forum for sharing and solving problems. As an added bonus, we usually meet at a Temple for breakfast. We move the meeting around the county making driving tolerable.

Masters, Wardens and Deacons' Fellow Craft Team is available to help your lodge when you need extra bodies for conferrals. We also have a Masonic Funeral Team who can assist with those duties should your lodge have a tough time putting a group together for daytime funerals.

Heading into the inspection season, one of the activities our association finds most beneficial is the "Stop-Action Degree" with the Written Ritual present. Beginning with the December Meeting, we will walk through the degrees. Anyone who has a question, word or movement, can stop the work and we'll check it with

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