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Flag Day**



Bulletin Vacation!

**Sunday, June 21
Summer Begins**



**Sunday, June 21
Father's Day**



**Saturday, July 4
Independence Day**

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TRESTLE BOARD

Wed., June 3, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Kitchen Sink Degree After
 Sat., June 13, 12:00 Noon - Widows Tea, Joint with McKinley 431, Ballroom
 Sun., June 14 – Flag Day
 Wed., June 17, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
 Sun., June 21 – Father's Day, Summer Begins
 Wed., July 1, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
 Sat., July 4 – Independence Day
 Wed., Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Hello Brethren! The sun has definitely come out and the warmth of summer is upon us! This does normally mean we now have chores at home we didn't have a few months ago when it was snowing, but we can now look forward to several events through the summer filled with family time as well as brotherhood. That said, there are a few events in the works we will discuss in lodge. At the time of the writing of this article, some of the details still need worked out. However, one such event coming up will be the "Kitchen Sink Degree," which we only have once a year. It is always a fun evening and will take place following lodge on Wednesday, June 3rd.

For those who aren't aware, Canton No. 60 does not go dark over the summer months. During the months of July and August, we do meet only on the first Wednesday though. So, for those brethren who attend lodges which do go dark, please feel free to visit as we always welcome visitors. It might also be worth noting there should be some degree conferrals in the summer months, as we have a few brethren still working through their degree work. The dates of the practices and conferrals will be announced in lodge.

Bob Wiley, Worshipful Master

3 times 3

“‘3 TIMES 3’ - In ancient times the Entered Apprentice Degree was alone prevalent amongst the generality of our lodges; for no brothers could be passed and raised except in the Grand Lodge, and few availed themselves of the privilege. Hence they had only one sign, one token, and one word, and these three constituted the honors. But the members of the Grand Lodge had three signs, three tokens, and three words, and therefore, three times three were appropriately termed the Grand Honors.”

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Fri., June 12, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Senior Warden Night

Sat., June 13, 12:00 Noon - Widows Tea, Joint with Canton No. 60, Ballroom

Sun., June 14 - Flag Day, Fly Old Glory

Fri., June 19, 7:00 p.m. - Fellow Craft Team Practice

Sun., June 21 - Father's Day, Summer Begins

Fri., June 26, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Sat., July 4 - Independence Day

Fri., July 10, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Special Meeting, Hawaiian Shirt Night

Mon., July 13, 6:00 p.m. - 21st Masonic District Awards Dinner, Arrowhead Country Club

Fri., Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Special Meeting, Refreshments follow at Jon's

Sat., Aug. 15, 2:00 p.m. - Past Masters Picnic, Master's Home 9840 Hocking, Massillon, OH

Sat., Sept. 26, 2:30 p.m. - Lunch at Green Port Tactical

4:00 p.m. - Outdoor Master Mason Degree

Brethren the month of June is already upon us. Where has this year gone too already? Our lodge has been blessed with good attendance at stated meetings and even our special meetings for degree work have had nice turnouts!

The candidate work is piling up brethren so attend the stated meetings to hear when the next special will be called. If there is a Degree you haven't attended in awhile come and support the new candidate and the lodge officers and help with that Degree.

Brethren, please remember our annual Widows Tea this month on the 13th at Noon in the Ballroom; we will be again joining with the brethren from Canton No. 60 in this event. Also the next week we will have a Fellow Craft Team practice on the 19th. Please try to make this meeting gentleman for this will be in preparation for our outdoor lodge in September. We round out the month with a stated meeting on the 26th and are scheduled for one meeting a month in July and August. Hope to see you in lodge Brethren!

Steve Dilley, Master

Visitation to Delta Chapter

The brethren were entertained during refreshments of rigatoni, ice cream and punch, Friday, May 8th after their annual visitation to Delta Chapter No. 539 by a singing trio performing many Mariachi Folk Mexican favorites. It was grand to be with and see so many tables filled with brethren and their Masonic friends from Delta Chapter.



Mariachi Folk Mexican Favorites



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Thurs., June 2, 6:00 p.m. – Table Lodge has been Canceled
 Thurs., June 4, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
 Thurs., June 18, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
 Sun., June 21 – Father's Day
 Thurs., June 25, 7:00 p.m. - CPR/AED Class, RSVP Required
 Fri., June 26, 6:30 p.m. – Trinity's Family Cookout, Richville Fireworks Please RSVP
 Thurs., Sept 3, 6:30 p.m. – Awards and Memorial Dinner, RSVP for Reservations
 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Awards Night
 Mon., Sept. 7 – Labor Day Observed
 Thurs., Sept 17, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Greetings Brethren! I can officially say I feel like the camel in the “Geico” commercials as June has started me over the hump towards the end of my Masonic year.

With a good inspection behind us and a few good men in waiting to finish their degree work, I'm proud of my Officer's and the work they have done so far this year. No one could ask for a better team. We have all enhanced our Masonic education and forged a stronger bond among friends and brothers. To me that's what Masonry is all about.

Due to schedule conflicts, Trinity's Table Lodge (Steak Fry) on June 2nd at has been canceled. I apologize for the inconvenience we will look at rescheduling at a later date.

Trinity will hold a CPR/AED certification class at the Canton Masonic Temple on Thursday, June 25th starting at 7:00 p.m. The class will take approximately 2 hours. The cost will be \$30.00 per person. We have a maximum of 20 available openings. The class is open to anyone wishing to attend but, we must have a minimum of 8 people or the class will be canceled. Please RSVP to Wor. Master Brent Bowers at: (330) 575-3137 for reservations or any questions no later than June 19th.

Mark your calendar for Trinity's 2015 Family cookout and Richville Fireworks on June 26th starting at 6:30 p.m. weather permitting, Wor. Master Bowers will host the Trinity Lodge Cookout at his home. We will be having Bro. Jim William's famous chicken. Please bring your favorite covered dish or dessert and RSVP by June 19th. Hope to see you there!

Awards and Memorial Night will be Thursday, September 3rd. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to the Secretary or Master by August 24th; the Stated Meeting, Award and Memorial presentations to follow dinner at 7:30 p.m.

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TRESTLE BOARD

Thurs., June 4, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner \$7:00 each
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Wed., June 10, 5:30 p.m. - Nazir Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Stated meeting

Sun., June 14 - Flag Day, Fly Old Glory

Fri., June 19, 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Steak Fry, Open to the public

Sat, June 20, Noon until 5:00 p.m. - Grotto Clowns with Trolley Support Block Party

Sun., June 21 - Father's Day

Mon. thru Sat., June 29 thru July 4 - Grotto National Convention, Columbia, MO

Thurs., July 2 - No Spaghetti Dinner

Sat., July 4 - Independence Day

Wed., July 8 - No Stated Meeting

Fri., July 17, 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Steak Fry Open to the Public

Sun., July 26 - Grotto Clowns with Trolley, Hall Of Fame Kick-Off Parade

Fri., July 31 - Hall-Of-Fame Balloon Classic, Kent State Stark State Campuses

Sat., Aug. 1, - Hall-Of-Fame Balloon Classic, Kent State Stark State Campuses

Aug. Something, - We will be attending a Akron Rubber Ducks game, In a Loge, TBA

Thurs., Aug. 6, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner, \$7.00 each

Open to the Public

Sat., Aug. 8 - Grotto Clowns with Trolley - Hall-Of-Fame Grand Parade

Wed., Aug. 12 - No Stated Meeting

Fri., Aug. 21, 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Steak Fry, Open to the public

Monarch's Message:

To all: if you need further information on any of the above dates, please call one of the Grotto Officers. Please remember our Spaghetti Dinners and Steak Fry's are open to all. Have a happy and safe summer, and remember your Masonic Oaths when you deal with others. You can help make the world a better place in which to live.

David Cullison, Monarch

Klown Korner

Attention Nazir Grotto Clowns and Want-to-be clowns; mark your Calendars for the following: Saturday, June 20th Noon- until 5:00 p.m., Support a Block Party on Logan Ave. N.W. Canton. Leave the Grotto Building on the Trolley at 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Afternoon, July 26th H.O.F. Community Kick-Off Parade in Down Town Canton. Leave the Grotto Building on the

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Tues., June 16, 7:00 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Installation, Refreshments Following
Sat., June 6, 2:00 p.m. – Grand High Priest District Awards, Family Picnic
Sun., June 14 – Flag Day, Fly Old Glory
Sun., June 21 – Father’s Day, Summer Begins
Tues., June 23. 7:00 p.m. – Annual Planning Meeting
Sat., July 4 – Independence Day
Sat., Aug. 8, 10:00 a.m. – Royal Arch Masons Horse Show
Sat., Sept. 12 or Sept. 19, 9:00 a.m. – Outdoor Chapter, Mark Master Degree

Greetings Companion’s! How fast a year can fly by. I want to thank you all for your support this past year. It takes help from the Junior Officers and I’m grateful for that. We have finished all our candidates for the year, so September starts off with a clean slate. Please come and see who the new Grand High Priest will be. Show him the support he needs in the up coming year. Again, THANK YOU ALL! and mostly, Richard Snyder. With out him chapter would be a mess.

Bob Habony, High Priest

Trinity Lodge No. 710, F. & A. M.

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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 we will find you assistance. Please contact: Wor. Master Brent Bowers at: (330) 575-3137 or Wor. Bro. Reid McLeod, (330) 412-0947 and we will be happy to assist you.

Brent Bowers, Worshipful Master



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Tues., June 16, 7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Refreshments Following
 Sun., June 14 – Flag Day, Fly Old Glory
 Sat., June 20 – 8th Arch Golf Outing
 Sun., June 21 – Father's Day, Summer Begins
 Sat., July 4 – Independence Day

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. May your days and hearts be filled with warmth, friends and family!

There is still time to sign up for the Annual Golf Outing. If you are interested please contact myself any District Officer.

Thank you all again for your help and support throughout the year. It means a lot to me.

Larry Haines, Master

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

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Trolley at 12:30 p.m.; Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st, H.O.F. Balloon Classic at Kent State Stark Campuse. Leave the Grotto Building on the Trolley each day at 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, August 8th H.O.F. Grand Parade in down-town Canton. Leave the Grotto Building on the Trolley at 6:30 a.m. (Let's go to the "Athens Restaurant after the Parade as in past years, to see our photos from past visits on display) Sunday, September 20th Louisville Constitution Day Parade down-town Louisville, Ohio. Line up at 1:00 p.m. Departure time and location to be announced at the September 9th Grotto Stated Meeting.

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Sun., June 14 – Flag Day, Fly Old Glory
Tues., June 16, 8:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Installation, Refreshments Following
Sun., June 21 – Father’s Day, Summer Begins
Sat., July 4 – Independence Day
Tues., Aug. 18, 6:00 p.m. – Annual Corn Roast Canton Masonic Temple

Greetings Sir Knights! I can not believe this year has passed so fast. Thank you so very much for allowing me to serve as your Eminent Commander. To the officers, I can not give enough thanks for all your work. This past May 23rd, we conferred all three Orders on new candidates and as always, a job well done.

The Annual Meeting is June 16th. A new corps of officers will be installed that night. I hope you will continue to support Commandery as you have this past year.

August 18th is the date for the Annual Corn Roast. Bring the family and friends to enjoy a good dinner with great fellowship. Serving begins at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Brethren remember, we serve the A.A.S.R. monthly dinner on June 11th and again on August 13th. Both dinners are served at 6:30 p.m. Help is needed for preparation, serving and clean-up. Your donation of time is appreciated.

Again Sir Knights, thank you for this great year.

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Sun., June 14 - Flag Day, Fly Old Glory

Sat., June 20, 4:00 p.m. - Auxiliary Summer Dinner Outing, Blue Fig Restraint

Sun., June 21 - Father's Day

Fri., June 26, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Past Matrons' and Past Patrons' Night,
Happy 71st Birthday, Delta Chapter, Happy Father's Day

Sat., July 4 - Independence Day

Sat., July 11, 12:00 Noon - Delta's Picnic

Sisters and Brothers we only have one month left before our summer break and it is a busy month. At our first meeting in June we will have our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. At our second meeting in June we will be celebrating Delta's 71st Birthday, Father's Day as well as honoring our Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Delta Chapter.

In July we will celebrate Independence Day and in honor of that celebration we wish to share with you information from an article that was published a few years ago in the Washington Post. The article was about five things everyone should know about the 4th of July. The first thing that everyone should know is that Independence was not actually declared on the 4th of July. It was declared by the Continental Congress on July 2nd, 1776. On the 4th of July Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, the article that justified the Act of Congress. So you see the document announcing the Act actually overshadowed the Act itself. The second thing everyone should know is that the Declaration of Independence was not signed on the 4th of July, most, but not all of the delegates signed it on August 2nd, 1776. The document was made public in January of 1777 so we can assume that the rest signed between the two dates. The third thing everyone should know is that Liberty Bell was not named for Independence Day nor did it ring on that day. It got its name in the 19th Century when used by abolitionists to symbolize the antislavery movement. As for its famous crack, it was

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This building is still in use today and other for the removal of the porch structure around the front and the third floor balcony, looks much as it does in the picture. It was the first structure to be owned by the "Canton Masonic Association" and the third meeting place of Canton Masons ⁽¹⁾ I can remember the Hug Drug Store being in business here when everything was "down town," as it was called. The Palace Theatre is directly to your right across 6th Street. We will publish the first two meeting places in other issues. They are known as: Eagle Block, birthplace of McKinley Lodge and Farmers & Mechanics Block, birthplace of Canton Lodge. Belden Village was not in existence yet and that land was considered useless as a swamp. Canton Center, known as Mellett Mall in early years, was than the sight of a government housing allotment for those who had family serving in the military; World War II, which was a high percentage of the population. During that period, you worked, you went to lodge, you took care of your family and you saved. There was very little in the way of conveniences to buy. Everything was for the war effort. Do any of you remember the ration coupon book issued periodically to the working population? Do any of you remember S&H Green Stamps or Top Value Stamps? How about, courteous telephone operators who placed your long distance phone calls, "person to person?" How about milk with cream floating on the top? Do any of you have pictures of the inside of either of these lodge halls we may share with the younger generation? It's great to reminisce; life was much simpler than.

(1) 125 Years of History, Canto Lodge No. 60 F. & A. M. 1821 to 1946 By Herbert T. O. Blue



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



Continuing on with our April article on the “**Knowledge Orientated**” scenario; the brethren will remember our guru Masonic article guide suggests we may have shot ourselves in the foot with attempting to bring undue attention about how great Freemasonry is and all we do for the community. Our guide Frederic L. Milliken, comments further about expending far too much energy on lodge protocol and ritual substance. Sharing personal comments, during non-code ritual with candidates being initiated, would add to their experience. Presenting the White Leather Apron to your Son would be a special occasion for both father and child and personal interjection would add to that occasion for both. Masonry should be a very personal, not boring, in the development between brethren. You are being prepared to spend the remainder of your lives bound together in a world wide fraternity sharing secrets and camaraderie. The ritualistic program of raising a brother should never change but far too often the officers or brethren working on the Fellow Craft Team remark; “well there’s another one in lodge” only to look towards the Preparation Room Door for the next candidate to work on. Your work is not completed at this point, it really has just started! Now that this new fellow is a brother you must make him a true friend. Our Masonic author points out the overwhelming experience he has just received. The lecture delivered with understanding and meaning will help. The story of Grand Master Hiram Abiff can be told by the ritual during the raising or at the tables during refreshments. Our Masonic author also points out, during this Viet Nom era, many members were raised, not equal to those who joined the celestial lodge above, but many. They were quickly embraced by their shrinking lodge and pushed into positions of leadership when many did not wish that duty so soon; resulting in becoming burned out. In rebellion, they stopped attending their lodge meetings regularly. They grow older, camaraderie withers, friendships slowly fade and the lodge attendance suffers. Although these middle generation are Freemasons and pattern their lives around Masonry, their jobs and families are more important because of the poor economic atmosphere. Attempts at bringing them back into the ranks are half-hearted and lack personal intent being guided by younger members who are interested in instant gratification, focused on raising new members and bottom line numbers. This is why the statement is made reminding them: “you are in jeopardy of being forgotten.” Our guide points out the trappings of the lodge are important, but not the last word. The large magnificent structure does not make the lodge, the brethren make the lodge; all the brethren from the Grand Master sitting in the East to the youngest Master Mason asking questions; we all got here in the very same way; humbly, one at a time on the floor of a Blue Lodge. Understanding the symbolism and lessons of Freemasonry, becoming and remaining a Freemason, volunteering your time and talents to Freemasonry is hard work and shall remain just that.

Bear with me brethren, one more article to go to the conclusion of this series. I feel it necessary to complete this subject before the Bulletin goes dark for the summer months so I will also include the last installment in this series in this issue. I do not expect all to agree with this Masonic author’s rendition as how to enrich the lodge with sideline attendance but, I have noticed several older members attending stated meeting and taking part in the activities. Maybe it’s just a coincidence but they are still here. Welcome back my Brother.

Bobel, Your Editor



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



Conclusion

Summing up the articles appearing in this publication during the past several months covering attendance, you will remember our article guide and guru, Frederic L. Milliken suggesting: the “**amenities orientated**” the “**event orientated**” the “**ritual orientated**” the “**Charity Orientated**,” and the “**Knowledge Orientated**” scenarios for improving the sidelines over the years. This series of articles originated with my editorial voicing displeasure regarding attendance during an important lodge business meeting (Masonic Bulletin page 12 and 13, September issue 2014) and sparked the above response name, also provoking many brethren. Many comments were verbal and enlightening both negative and some positive. A few by e-mail or left in the Bulletin mail box; most were anonymous. For those chastising me for suggesting laziness, let’s focus on the positive and call it “old age.” Some members missed the intention of the article altogether, it being focused on attendance not “change.” That subject is another matter. Several point at inability to drive at night as others suggest distance. We recognize many migrate south for the winter and others live with relatives further away. A few mentioned being burned out. These are probably the “middle-aged” brethren who were rushed into leadership positions in shrinking lodges well before they were totally prepared, and that’s a real tragedy. Many Past Masters’, who are not active, fall into this category. But, you are still within your lodge’s “Cable Tow;” and should consider my comments. Some mention “it’s boring.” It interested you once and per your own admission, “Masonry never changes,” have you changed? How? Some reflect they don’t like the shakers. Without them stirring the pot how can we ever blend a good mix? One disliked many things being done. It’s your right to disagree, and vote! Another disliked the lack of commitment. Volunteer! These excuses are focusing on the negative aspects and you’re missing the positive things being accomplished; all poor excuses for not attending. Procrastination is probably your largest motive. I sometimes believe that Freemasonry breeds procrastination! Brethren always wait until the last second to submit their edifice for this publication! Masonry is a lifetime commitment. It comes with rules and promises. If you did not agree with those rules, why did you become a member?

The Masonic lodge, although built around “Roberts Rules of Order” and does follow them rather closely; permits the Master and officers rather unique authority within the lodge; the top three officers of which being members of Grand Lodge. But like the United States Constitution, there are checks and balances built into the system to assure a balance of this authority. The simple statement found in the installation program and officers duty statements states; “**by the order of the Worshipful Master with the consent of the lodge.**” Which in simple terms: if the rank-and-file does not want it, it “ain’t” “gonna” happen – period. This is the check that assures the brethren will determine the lodge direction. The officers are selected by the brethren and should attempt to govern where these brethren direct. Masters’ know this well. They attended a “Past Masters’ Convocation,” hold certificates proving this before they assume the “East.” Now, does the rank and file, the sideline brethren, honestly realize just what that simple statement really means? Please let me paint a rather obscure scenario for you consideration:

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



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Let's assume, for the sake of this article, that heaven forbid, a terrorist or subversive organization through by whatever means, and there are now several, manage to infiltrate the integrate of the officers line of a rather wealthy Masonic Lodge located somewhere in mid-America. Puts a motion before that lodge, via their Hench-men, to donate or filter a rather large amount of funds to their terrorist organization with the obvious intent of reeking havoc on the public. Without their being a majority, strong Masonic brotherhood rank-and-file on the sidelines, this motion could pass and a check could be cut. This could happen! I realize this is a far fetched mind blowing scenario of the imagination and I'm reaching to make a point here but, by this, can you not understand the relative importance of your presence at your lodge meetings. Membership is dropping because attendance is down and everyone is tugging at your time restraints. Apathy abounds because attendance is down. You can't help guide your lodge with your "smart phone." You can't help "raise" new brethren via the inter-net; Masonry, the Brotherhood is eye to eye, hand to back contact. An absent member will never seek a petition from their neighbor, he may have to attend lodge to introduce him. Add your lodge to your priority list; keep it there!

Think what you will of my, and I quote "course" "sand paper exterior" opinions. Throw this Bulletin into the trash basket and vow never to read it again. But, after all the dust settles and the ink is dry, I will still be right and deep down in your gut you know it's true.

"And that's why we don't attend lodge!" I believe this will be the last I will ever explore this subject. There is little I can personally do to change things – except attend Blue Lodge regularly myself! Thanks for sticking with me through this series of exploration!

Thanks for your comments encouraging and interesting. I enjoyed them; keep them coming.

Bobel, Your Editor

Do any remember this building?



Razed in the 50's to make way Canton City Hall. The Canton Civic Memorial Auditorium.

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merely a result of a poor design. The fourth thing everyone should know is that Betsy Ross did not make the first flag. As a matter of fact we don't know who sewed the first flag; we only know that Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, designed it. The fifth thing everyone should know about July 4th is that John Adams, our 2nd President, and Thomas Jefferson, our 3rd President, both died on July 4th, 1826; 50 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

In the words of Edith Warton: "summer afternoon...summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language" Your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron wish for each of you a warm, fun, and healthy summer. We hope you enjoy many summer afternoons and look forward to seeing you back in Chapter again in September.

Lora and Trevor**Auxiliary**

Each June Delight Auxiliary has a summer party. We have scheduled our party for the Blue Fig Restraint on Whipple Avenue for June 20th at 4:00 p.m. We would love to see you and celebrate the summer with you. We are still selling RADA Products. We can place orders anytime. We will continue to send birthday cards to our members and seasonal cards to our shut-ins. If you know someone who is shut-in and would like to receive a card once in a while, please let us know. We wish everyone a safe wonderful summer.

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Atheists are not welcome

Freemasonry is not a religion per se, but agnostics or atheists cannot belong, said **Brent Morris**, a Masonic historian, editor of the **Scottish Rite Journal**, and a 33rd degree Freemason.

"This is an organization of believers," he said. "When it was started on a formal basis in 1717, many historians believe that it was trying to bridge the gap between the religious civil wars that had been going on in England at the time. The Catholics would get in power and beat up on the Protestants; the Protestants would get in power and beat up on the Catholics; and everyone was beating up on the Jews.

"So when the Freemasons were formed, [they] said, 'Here's a group of men that agree that God is central in their lives, they can even agree that God compels them to do good in the community, then they can shut up after that.'" That was a radical concept — that men could get together and agree on that fundamental level, and then get on with their lives."

So could an atheist join? No, said **James Sullivan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York**: "The reason we, I think in the past, wanted somebody that had a belief in a supreme being is because we take certain obligation to be a good man, to support the fraternity. And if you didn't have a belief in a supreme being, the obligation would mean nothing."

(CBS News) "Sunday Morning" looks at the rumors and conspiracy theories sparked by the Freemasons' fraternal order.

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10:00 a.m. - Monthly Meeting

Mon., July 13, 6:00 p.m. – 21st Masonic

District Awards Dinner Arrowhead Club

Sat., Aug. 22, 12:00 Noon - Celebration of

Masonry Picnic, Tadmor Shrine

Sat., Sept., 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast, Conrad 271

10:00 a.m. – Monthly Meeting

Got some great ideas you want to share with other Lodges? Need help with ritual or a funeral? Want to get the word out about your upcoming breakfast/dinner/fund-raiser? Just want to spend an hour on a Saturday morning getting to know some good men and Masons? Masters, Wardens and Deacons might be what you're looking for!

The Masters, Wardens and Deacons monthly meetings are a great place to meet brethren from the other Stark County Lodges; get answers to questions you have; find out how "the other guys" are doing it and let everyone know what events are coming up.

We are in the early stages of planning a family outing for June, possibly a picnic incorporating a visit to the "MAPS" Museum in Green. Stay tuned for details! We have a Masonic Funeral Team for Lodges needing assistance during daytime hours when your members might not be available due to vocation. We also have a Fellow Craft Team to assist with your Master Mason Degree should you need a couple extra bodies. Contact Wor. Bro. Gordon Broome for Funeral assistance and Wor. Bro. Terry Rundquist for Fellow Craft Team!

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Come on out and enjoy the fellowship, exchange ideas with your brothers from other lodges in the County. You don't have to be a Master, Warden or a Deacon. Heck, you don't have to be an officer of your lodge! This is just a monthly forum for Masons from Stark County to gather, share ideas, propose solutions and let the other lodges know what is going on.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Wor. Bro. Steve Warren, President

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