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Fri., Jan. 1 - Happy New Year

Wed., Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m. — Stated Meeting

Sat., Jan. 9, 10:00 a.m. — Masters Wardens & Deacons, Clinton 47
 6:00 p.m. - Muskrat Lodge & Dinner, Caldwell 330

Wed., Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m. — Stated meeting

Greetings Brethren! We have now moved beyond the Holidays and are off to a great start for the New Year. As a part of our community involvement, Canton Lodge will be holding a food drive for the “Refuge of Hope.” Please bring a canned good, non-perishable or toiletry item with you to all stated and special meetings through March. The items collected will be taken to the Refuge of Hope on March 18th, prior to the start of Holy Week. Brethren, this is not a large request and I hope not an inconvenience, but think of the help we can give to those in need! We are admonished to have charity for all mankind and this charity will extend throughout the community to add needed resources to a great outreach program.

A challenge has been issued for the lodges of Stark County through the Masters, Wardens & Deacons Association. “Capture the Flag” will begin on January 1, 2016. Each lodge will create their own unique flag with the name and number of the lodge, along with anything pertinent to that lodge. This challenge will insight travelling to the various lodges and a group of: five or more brethren, visiting a lodge will “capture the flag” of the lodge being visited. You in turn, will then need a group of five or more to go retrieve your flag from the lodge which captured it. This should prove to be fun and will promote stronger fraternal bonds between the lodges. I assure you that our flag design will be worthy of the prestige of our lodge and will be a wonderful sight to see hanging in the East of our lodge, or the visiting lodge that has captured it.

While we are on the subject of visiting, the inspection season is upon us. I would encourage traveling

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Fri., Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Educational Program, E.A. Exam.

Fri., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m. – Officers Practice

7:00 p.m. - Fellow Craft Team Meeting & Practice

Fri., Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Memorial Service

Fri., Jan. 29, 7:00 p.m. – Officer Practice

Fri., Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

I hope you all had a safe and Happy Holiday!

I will begin by saying how thankful I am to my brethren, past masters, Canton Commandery and all who attended my installation. The installation as a worshipful master is such a unique and humbling experience that it cannot be described in words. I'm also thankful to the brothers and officers who helped making the Christmas Party and Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast a success. It was such a treat to see everyone there and share the joyous time with them, their friends and families.

For the month of January we will have a Fellow Craft Team practice and couple of officer practices. I expect our officers to be as sharp as they can be. We will start the month by having a stated meeting consisting of an Entered Apprentice Degree examination followed by an educational program on January 8th. On January 15th we will have our Officers' practice at 6:30 p.m. and then the Fellow Craft Team practice starting at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Memorial Service for Departed Brethren on January 22nd at that Stated Meeting. We will end the month by having an officer practice on January 29th at 7:00 p.m.

I am sure we will have an enjoyable year and I will need your help to make it successful. I'm especially looking forward to doing the "More Light" program series this year in the lodge. These programs will allow us to discuss esoteric aspects of Freemasonry and clues to why we do certain things the way we do them.

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Thurs., Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Educational Program

Thurs., Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Hello Brothers! I hope you all had a great Holiday season. I would like to thank all the brethren for helping to deliver poinsettias to our widows and brothers who are unable to get out. I am sure that it means more to them than they can convey.

We will be scheduling practices for our upcoming Fellow Craft Degree Inspection on February 25th. Stay tuned for further details on time and date.

Please continue to reach out to our brethren who haven't been to meetings recently, just to make sure they are doing well. Sometimes it's just nice to hear from a brother.

Larry Haines, Master

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Thurs., Jan. 7, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner, \$7:00 each
 Public Welcome

Wed., Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m. - Attitude Adjustment

6:30 p.m. - Dinner Served

7:30 p.m. - Nazir Stated Meeting

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

Monarchs Message

Our installation is over and I would like to thank all who were in attendance, The Canton Commandry Posted the Colors and The Grotto Highland Team did the Installing. P.G.M. Pierre Shawver, was the Grand Installing Officer and he did it very smoothly. Following was a reception headed up by "MJ" Krabill, Gail Hicks, Anita Richards and a few of the other ladies. Thank you much Girls!

We are looking for the big change at Nazir Grotto this year. Those of you who have not heard what is going on, stop by and take a look. The whole inside has been painted and remodeling has begun. Our Building has been purchased by Grotto Holding Company with John Pizzino as Principal Owner and Bill (Ace) Gaff, as General Building Manager. In the future new signs will be hung and the back of the building will be fenced in and our parking lot will be refinished.

Nazir Grotto is still our home as we have a very long term lease agreement we have signed and it includes the Daughters of Mokanna also. I will keep you informed of the progress and changes.

Gary Gruber P.M., Monarch

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Sat., Jan. 9, 9:00 a.m. - District School of Instruction, Silvercreek 144
Mon., Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m. - Practice Cryptic Room, Royal Arch Degree
Tues., Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Mon., Jan. 25, 7:00 p.m. - Practice Cryptic Room, Royal Arch Degree
Thurs., Feb. 18, 7:00 p.m. - Silvercreek 144 Inspection

Greetings Companions! Hope each of you and your families had an enjoyable Holiday and are ready for the new year.

With the New Year I hope all the officers had some time to study for our upcoming inspection next month. We have another district school of instruction along with two practices coming up this month also.

Companions and Officers, please attend these so that we can continue to prove the strength of our Chapter as we've done in the past.

This year, the Grand Master is requiring each chapter to visit another Chapter with at least five Companions to that assigned Chapter. This year we were selected to visit Silvercreek Chapter No. 144 on Thursday February 18th 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars for this event and assist us in representing Canton Chapter No. 84, united in strength.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and guidance this year, I really appreciate it.

Fraternally,
Reid A. McLeod, H.P.

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Tues., Jan. 12, 7:00 p.m. – Inspection, Canton, Royal Master Degree


Tues., Jan. 19, 7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Mon., Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m. – Inspection, Keramos Council, Royal Master

Greetings Companions! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year's celebration.

Our inspection is scheduled for January 12th at 7:00 p.m. We are all practiced and ready to go. Giblet parts and walk on are always needed. If you are able, please come and help. The weather has been enjoyable to get out and visit other council inspections and chat with old friends on the side lines. Let's take advantage of this warm weather, visit and make 2016 a record year for traveling to all the other councils, showing our support.

Bob Habony, Master



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Tues., Jan. 19, 8:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Sat., Jan. 23, 12:00 Noon – Inspection, Order Of The Temple

Hello Sir Knights! I hope everyone had an amazing Holidays season. Now it is time to buckle down and get to work. We have our inspection this month on Saturday the 23rd. Please let all Sir Knights know so that we can have a great turn out and really impress our candidate. We will also be doing the Red Cross Degree and Malta Degree prior to the inspection date.

New Business: The recorder explained that the Commandery was under the impression that the Grand Commandery per capita increase, from \$3.10 to \$10.00 was supposedly to take place next year. We recently found out that the increase is **THIS** year. To this end, we are proposing an dues increase of \$6.90 plus an additional \$2.10 to amortize over the next three plus years to cover this increase the Commandery will foot this year. The motion was made in the form of an amendment, which was approved by Sir Knight Wiley and seconded by Sir Knight Haines. The motion passed a copy of which is attached below.

IE: We were previously paying \$12.10 / \$25.00 to Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment. Last year we paid \$19.00 / \$31.90 to Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment with no increase in dues so, Canton Commandery covered the \$6.90 per member increase. This will now increase the dues to \$34.00 per year to cover the increased per capita and amortize the amount Commandery covered for each members this year.

No vote is necessary since our bylaws allow us to automatically increase dues to match increased per capita taxes. This motion is merely at

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to the inspections throughout the district and I plan to attend as many as I can without interfering with the work of Canton Lodge. Remember brethren, if we go see them, they will come see us. Inspections are not an eligible meeting for capturing flags, so they will be safe on that night.

January also brings that familiar smell from the shores of the mighty Tuscarawas outside of Bolivar where those with great gastronomic expectations can feast happily upon the spoils of the river. Muskrat dinner will be January 9th at Caldwell lodge with lodge opening at 6:00 p.m. Directions are not necessary, just follow your nose!

Brethren, have a great month and remember to enjoy your family time.

God bless!

Eric Muehlenbein, Worshipful Master

Wm. McKinley Lodge No. 431, F. & A. M.

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Brethren, I look forward to seeing you at lodge and have a safe and wonderful New Year. Please keep our Distressed Brethren and those serving our Country's Military in your prayers.

Fraternally,

Raza Fayyaz, Worshipful Master

Canton Commandery No. 38, Knights Templar

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courtesy to allow members an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Larry Haines, E.C.

January 2016, Twenty-first Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Wed., Jan. 13, 7:00 p.m. - Wayfarer 789, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Lengler

Mon., Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m. - Star187, E.A. Degree, Refreshments, Landals

Tue., Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m. - Clinton 47, M.M. Degree, Refreshments, Hopkins

Tue., Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m. - Wm H. Hoover 770, M.M. Degree, Dinner Before, Lengler

Wed., Jan. 27, 7:00 p.m. - Cypress 604, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Murphy

February 2016, Twenty-first Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Mon., Feb. 1, 7:00 p.m. - Adoniram-Joppa 517, M.M. Degree, Refreshments, Landals

Mon., Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m. - Port Wash 202, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Lengler

Wed., Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m. - Canton 60, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Hopkins

Tue., Feb. 16, 7:00 p.m. - Barberton 750, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Hopkins

Wed., Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m. - Ashlar 639, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Murphy

Tue., Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m. - Stow 768, E.A. Degree, Refreshments, Lengler

Thurs., Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m. - Trinity 710, F.C. Degree, Dinner Before, Landals

Sat., Feb. 27, 9:00 a.m. - Hudson 510, M.M. Degree, Lunch, Murphy

Mon., Feb. 29, 7:00 p.m. - Mystic Tie 194, E.A. Degree, Unknown, Lengl



The Day After the Holidays

Editorial:



My Brother, in this time of after Holidays glow and a sense of profound accomplishment and also, having scrubbed down the entire kitchen after my experience of baking Christmas cookies, lets take time out to reflect on and give credit where it belongs. Looking back to last month and all that was put together, accomplished and planned, give that little lady some credit for what she really did for you. Think of the Christmas Dinner prepared and served, the children's presents under the decorated tree, the Christmas cards that made it into the mail on time with a little note in each hand addresses card, many decorations lovingly placed with care throughout the house, relatives and grand children were all remembered and the list goes on and on and yes, how about the baking of the Christmas cookies; these things were all accomplished by your loving energetic better half. Oh! I'm sure you helped! You wiggled your toes in front of the "boob tube" after work and watched the 6:00 O'clock commercials and if there was a hole in one of those socks in front of you, your wife had that to deal with also. Since sickness has struck and I am relegated to being the primary caretaker in our household, I have gained the greatest of respect and admiration for all that the little lady did for me over the many years of raising a family and watching me leave to attend lodge meetings regularly. Like mine, many of these wives who plan and shop for all the meals, cook them never repeating the menu for days on end, keep the clothing clean and the house neat, see that the kids get to school and to the doctor, plan the family vacation and make all the reservations, remember to have the family car in for a check-up and do all the banking; still have time for their full time jobs they serve. Oh! I admit you guys have your important tasks and challenges ahead of you to complete also, like earning money and mowing the lawn and maintaining the property but, if you think you are so special, so brave, so great and so all important, than let's see you give birth to a baby? Hey! "man-up" give her a gentle hug and a pat on the butt with it a little purple velvet box from the local jewelry store showing your appreciation. Something only she can wear and only she can use and enjoy; and I'm not talking gold plated glitter. Something with some zeros on the price tag. She is well worth it! And if, heaven forbid, you ever loose that energy and expertise she has given you and her family freely over the years just to be a part of your life, like I and so many others I know like me have, you too will soon appreciate and never take for granted her place in the scope of things and will also have the greatest respect for her real worth.

Your Editor, Bobel





Masters, Wardens & Deacons Association of Stark County

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Sat., Jan. 9, 10:00 a.m. - Monthly Meeting
Clinton Lodge, F. C. Degree Stop-Action
Freewill Donation Breakfast

Sat., Feb. 13, 10:00 a.m. - Monthly Meeting
Hoover Lodge, E. A. Degree Stop-Action
Freewill Donation Breakfast

With the new Masonic year underway, remember M, W. & D. hosts the Typewritten Ritual in advance of inspections. The F.C. Degree, is January 9th at Clinton Lodge; ending up with the E.A. Degree, February 13th at Hoover Lodge. This is a great opportunity for officers to observe and participate in an "open book" walk-through of each degree with the D.D.G.M. and the Typewritten Ritual ready to answer any questions on bad ritual habits you may have picked up over the years. This is a requirement for lodges working on Grand Lodge Awards. All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. Meetings at Clinton and Hoover Lodges are preceded by a freewill breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Remember that M.W. & D. has a Fellow Craft Team and Funeral Team available which will assist your lodge. Schedule early! For Fellow Craft Team: contact Terry Rundquist; Funeral Team: contact Gordon Broome. They are always looking for brethren who would like to help on either or both teams!

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