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May, a Time of Mixed Emotions!

**Sunday, May 1st
Eastern Orthodox Easter
Happiness, Future**

**Thursday, May 5th
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Fear, Distrust**

**Sunday, May 8th
Mother's Day
Love, Devotion**

**Saturday, May 21st
Armed Forces Day
Strength, Peace**

**Monday, May 31st
Memorial Day
Memories, Hope**



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Wed., May 4, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Kitchen Sink Degree

Fri., May 6 – Registration Ends for Lodge Outing

Sat., May 14, 10:00 a.m. – M.W. & D., Hoover Lodge

Wed., May 18, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, More Light Night

Sat., May 21, 10:00 a.m. – Coventry-Akron, Reconsecration

1:00 p.m. – Hoover Lodge, Reconsecration

Sun., May 22 – Lodge Outing, Akron Rubber Ducks

Mon., May 30 – Memorial Day

Wed., June 1, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Senior Warden Night

Greetings Brethren! We are now to the month of May and summer is right around the corner. It is time for the barbecue's and gatherings of friends & family. This month proves to be another busy one for Canton Lodge. May 22nd is the "Lodge Outing" to the Rubber Ducks game and if you haven't signed up yet, you only have until May 6th. This is a free benefit for members of Canton Lodge, please take advantage of it. Remember, this includes your spouse or significant other and any children of the home. Make your reservations to Gary Dressler by phone or e-mail.

Brethren, I hope you are hungry for some ice cream because on May 4th, we will head to Taggart's for the "Kitchen Sink Degree." Our Stated Meeting on May 18th will be the "More Light Night" with the guest speaker being, M.W. Bro. Easterling. Please plan on attending and receive more light as we continue our Masonic education.

May 21st, a very special day in the district, as there will be two reconsecration events: Coventry-Akron and William H. Hoover will both be reconsecrated on that day by the Grand Lodge. Come and show your support for these lodges.

The Stated Meeting on June 1st will be Senior Warden Night. Support Brother Youngman as he sits in the East and prepares for his year as Worshipful Master.

There are three special days this

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Fri., May 6, 7:00 p.m. – Fellow Craft Meeting and Practice
 Fri., May 13, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Jr. Deacon Night, D.E.O. program
 Fri., May 20, 7:00 p.m. – Special Meeting, Degree Work
 Fri., May 27, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, “Facebook” Friendship Night
 Mon., May 30 – Memorial Day

Greetings Brethren! Back when I moved to Canton for the first time, everyone used to tell me about Ohio weather. The joke as you probably have heard many times was, “If you don’t like the weather in Ohio, wait 5 minutes and it will change.” And now I must say I had the honor of observing this sacred Ohio phenomenon back in March. On Easter Sunday it was almost 78 degrees, the sun shining and I was happily grilling burgers. My confidence in Groundhog Day had never been higher. However, to my surprise not even a week after Easter, it snowed. I must say this is what makes Ohio unique. We have our own Mother Nature and Groundhog Day does not apply to us.

Our More Light Event in March went great and Right Worshipful Wes Webber delivered an excellent presentation. It was thrilling to see how symbols evolved throughout human history and the majority of them fall very similar to the ones we have in Freemasonry. I am so happy Most Worshipful laid out this program because they are teaching us things we do not normally discuss.

In the previous edition of the bulletin, you probably have read about the Job’s Daughters attending McKinley lodge in the end of April and doing a program. Unfortunately that program got postponed due to the unforeseen reasons and will be rescheduled in June.

We will start the month of May with a Fellow Craft Practice on the 6th. Since we have so many Entered Apprentices progressing through the degrees, this date may change to a special meeting if need be. On May 13th, our District Educational Officer, Wor. Bro. Brennan Wallack, will

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Thurs., May 5, 6:30 p.m. - Cinco De Mayo Party, Ballroom

7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Thurs., May 12, 7:00 p.m. - Fellow Craft Degree Practice

Thurs., May 19, 6:00 p.m. - Inspection Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Lodge Inspection, Fellow Craft Degree

Hello Brothers all! I am very happy to announce that we will be having our second annual Cinco De Mayo celebration on May 5th. Last year thanks to Wor. Bro. Brent Bowers and his wife Anne, who is a Spanish teacher, and an amazing cook; we started this little party. The food and fun was amazing. So much so that we have decided to continue it and invite everyone. So mark the date bring your family and friends. All you can eat for just \$10.00 each. Please come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Thursday, April 19th, we will be inspected, after our necessary February cancellation, in the Fellow Craft Degree by R.W. B. Landals. There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m. by reservation preceding the inspection. Contact me or R.W.B. DeNayer for arrangements and details. Hope to see you all there.

Larry Haines, Worshipful Master

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There is a funeral request form available for the asking and any lodge secretary will be glad to assist in this request. It is also advisable for the member to write locations of his: "Last Will and Testament" and White Lambskin Apron. **It is wise to plan for this and foolish to neglect.**

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

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Tues., May 3, 7:30 p.m. - Caldron Meeting, Reception for the S.M.C.O.

Thurs., May 5, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner

Wed., May 11, 5:30 p.m. - Attitude Adjustment

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Nazir Stated Meeting

Fri., May 20, 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Steak Fry, \$12.00 Per Person

Monarchs Message

Well here we are into May already. I would like to start out by thanking all who have been helping with the Spaghetti Dinners. It takes a lot of preparation and help doing this, The Spaghetti Dinner in May will be the last until further notice however, we will still have the Steak Fries on: May 20th, June 17th, July 15th, Aug 26th and Sept 9th. Please watch the Bulletin for further information.

Sarge and Gail are back from Florida now and it sure is nice seeing both of them. Welcome Back! If you hear of any sick member or friend, please let us know, and please remember to support your Blue Lodge. They need you too!

Yours in Goodfellowship

Gary Gruber P.M., Monarch

Daughters of Mokanna

We are honored to host our Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Susan Benson of Little Rock, AR. at our May 3rd Ceremonial Meeting. More importantly, we will initiate three new members: Jamee Moss, Melissa Stoiber and Marian Bieniek. Nazir Caldron is flourishing and looking forward to an exciting year. Cindy Gay will be installed S.M.C.O. in September in Little Rock and her Supreme Session will be held in Canton in September, 2017. We meet the first Tuesday of each month except: January and February at the Nazir Grotto at 7:30 p.m. Come and join the fun and fellowship!

Thanks! Cindy Gay

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Tues., May 17, 7:00 p.m. -Stated Meeting, Elections and Awards Night
Sat., May 21, 9:00 a.m. - King School, Lyndhurst Temple
Sat., May 28, 9:00 a.m. - District School, Medina No. 243
Mon., May 30 - Memorial Day

Greetings Companions! With the weather getting a lot warmer and summer next month, lets beware of the children playing outdoors more and the Motorcycle riders coming out of hibernation. Please be careful while driving.

It is hard to believe that the York Rite Masonic year is coming to a close and our inspections are over. I had a great year and without you're help I am sure it would have not been so successful. "Thank You" to all the companions for your help and support. Especially Richard Snider for all the work he does behind the scenes helping us all individually. A big "THANK YOU" Richard!

We still have work to complete before it is over. It is Election time already so let's support our Chapter and attend the May Stated Meeting. Also we have our Kings School and District School this Month. Fraternally,

Reid A. McLeod, H.P.

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Tues., May 17, 7:45 p.m. - Stated Meeting Elections
Mon., May 30 - Memorial Day

Greetings Companions! I hope May finds you in good spirits. Let's not forget the most important day of the month, Mothers Day Sunday on the 8th. Where would we be without mother?

As May moves forward and the weather allows us to enjoy our beautiful countryside, please remember our brothers that have served to preserve our freedoms. Honor them on the 21st as this is Armed Forces Day. If you have the opportunity to visit the memorials in Washington D.C., seize it!


Memorial Day on the 30th gives us another opportunity to reflect on how blessed we are to be an American and a Mason!

Bob Habony, Master



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Mon., May 9, 7:00 p.m. – Order of Red Cross and Malta Degree
Mon., May 16, 7:00 p.m. - Order of the Temple Degree, Canton
Tues., May 17, 8:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Election of Officers

Hello Good Sir Knights! It is hard to believe it is already the end of our York Rite year. I would like to thank everyone for all of their help this year. I think we had a pretty good year overall. We were well represented at most of the inspections but most importantly, we made some new friends at those visits.

We will have (hopefully) knighted 6 new Templars this year. To that end please plan to attend on May 9th Meeting when we will confer the Order of Red Cross and Malta with some help from Medina and Cuyahoga Falls Commanderies. Then on May 16th we will confer the Order of the Temple Degree on several candidates. Hope to see all of you there.

Larry Haines, Commander

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month that we should be thankful for receiving our life and our freedom. Our life: which was given to us by our Mothers; our freedom, which was provided by the heroic service of our Armed forces. Mother's Day is May 8th and we should all be grateful for the gift of life that Mom has given us. Please spend quality time with her if you can, or remember her in your thoughts and prayers. Our freedom is celebrated by the observance of Armed Forces Day on May 21st, as we recognize our service men and women and finally, May 30th, Memorial Day. As we remember those who gave their last full measure to their country in the line of duty. Visit a national cemetery to personally thank them for their service. Without their sacrifice, this nation would not be the beacon of light and hope to the world.

Brethren, have a great month and enjoy your family time. God bless!

Eric Muehlenbein, Worshipful Master

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

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present a program in our stated meeting. This will also be our Jr. Deacon Night. I am looking forward to him taking the Master's seat for the evening.

The third Friday in May is scheduled to be a special meeting for a purpose of degree work for the Fellow Craft Degree. We will end the month with a "Facebook" Friendship night on the 27th, which is the last Friday in May. I urge you to visit us and bring your "Facebook" friends with you on the 27th.

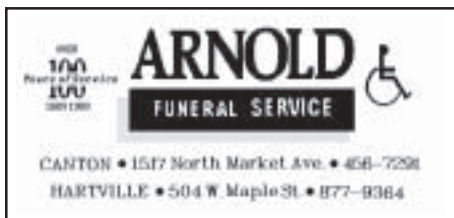
In my previous post, I ended the article by saying "enjoy the weather." Well that didn't work out really well since we saw some snow in April. Now I am hoping Mother Nature is kind to us in May and gives us many great days to enjoy.

This is all for now Brethren. Stay safe and until next time, God Bless!

Raza Fayyaz, Worshipful Master

They Walk Among Us

When my husband and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. Hey, I announced to the technician, it's open! His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.



This poem was found on an obscure web site published by Roger Ingersall, who I presume is a Mason, describing how he found this masterpiece, printed on parchment and in delicate crumbling condition, hanging on the wall of the secretary's office in an older temple. Read it slowly because it captures the essence of out fraternity. **Bobel**

I Am Freemasonry

by: **Ray V. Denslow**

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my alters is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. Bu signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widows' tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school. Yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I Am Freemasonry. **So Mode It Be**

In the year of Light

Masonic dates are written "A.L." for "Anno Lucis" or "In the year of Light" which is 4000 years plus the current year. i.e. the year 2016 written Masonically would be 6016. This is because the practice has followed the ancient belief that the world was created when God said "**Let there be light**", 4000 years before Christ.

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Sat., May 14, 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast

10:00 a.m. - Meeting, Hoover Lodge

Greetings Brethren all! May offers several Holidays, but one we should hold dear to our hearts is Mother Day. This day we honor the hardest working people on earth. For if not for them, there would be no Masons. So hug your favorite mother and tell her you love her.

Now for some information on the trip to Columbus: As of right now we have 19 reservations. Please get your reservation in as soon as possible. If you would contact: Gordon Broom or myself or your Lodge Master, with your name and how many you wish to bring. I will begin collecting money at the end of April. The cost still is only \$20.00 per person.

Do not forget August 28th, the "All Mason Day Picnic!" There have been postcards circulating through the 21st Masonic Districts with time, activities and cover dish assignments. Please come out for this event for friendship, food and a good fun.

As you brethren know, the Grand Master Reception is the evening of June 4th. M.W.& D., T.M.B.L.A. and S.L.O.A. have been ask to help setup table the evening before. We may be asked to help in other areas as well. I will have the time by May's M.W. & D. Meeting.

Fraternally

Daniel J. Schario D.E.O.

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