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Monday, September 5th
Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day



Sunday, September 11th
Patriot Day



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Mon., Sept. 5 – Labor Day

Wed., Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Lori Ellwood, Domestic Violence Project

Sat., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m. – M.W. & D.A. at Clinton Lodge

Sun., Sept. 18, 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. – Joint Blue Lodge Association, Clinton Lodge

Wed., Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m. – Ladies Appreciation Dinner

7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Greetings Brethren! I hope your summer was fulfilling and fun. Are you having a Labor Day gathering for the last big weekend of summer? There are still a lot of nice days left and as it is now time to pick the working tools back up as we get back to labor in the Lodge.

Our Stated Meeting on September 7th will feature a guest speaker from the Domestic Violence Project. Come and listen to Lori Ellwood speak about the good work and help they give to those who are abused and looking for a way out. Brethren, remember your obligation and the teachings of Masonry if you have differences with your spouse. There is no reason to resort to that level of discord and violence to lead you to abuse the one that you love. This is just one more opportunity for Canton Lodge to make a difference in our community.

Brethren, let your ladies know that they are appreciated and bring them to the Ladies Appreciation Night on September 21st. We will be having a catered meal at 6:30 p.m. to honor the ladies. Also for the ladies, there will be an entertainer to keep them company while we retire to the Lodge room for a quick meeting. After the meeting we will share some dessert together. A freewill offering will be taken for the meal to offset the cost. I hope to see you and your better halves there.

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

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Fri., Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Personal Safety Program

Sun., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day

Fri., Sept. 23, 5:00 p.m. - McKinley Observance, National Memorial
 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Sat., Sept. 24, 5:00 p.m. - Special Meeting, Outdoor Lodge. Bill Bird's Nest


Greetings Brethren! We will start the month by having a stated meeting on the 9th at 7:30 p.m. Our Senior Deacon, Wor. Bro. Steve Morosko, will be in the east that evening. The program for the evening will be on personal safety and will be presented by our L.E.O. Wor. Bro. Joe Kostolich and Senior Warden, Jeff Hager.

On Friday, September 23rd, we will have our annual President William McKinley Observance at the National Memorial. We will meet at the memorial at 5: 00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Canton Masonic Temple and then our Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. The officers will be in tuxedos at the memorial.

Our annual outdoor raising is scheduled to be on Saturday, September 24th at 5:00 p.m. I am thankful to our Brother Bill Bird for graciously allowing us to have the raising on his property at 5169 Greenport Ave S.E., Canton, OH 44707. At the outdoor lodge we will have the dinner served at 5:30 p.m. and the lodge will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp.


This is all for now Brethren. I wish you a great and happy September and hope to see you at the lodge. Stay safe and until next time, God Bless!

Razza Fayyaz, Worshipful Master



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Thurs., Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Mon., Sept. 5 – Labor Day
Mon., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day
Thurs., Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Hello Brothers! I hope everyone had a great summer. Now it is time to get back to work. We did do one Fellow Craft Degree. We have two more Fellow Craft's to do then three Master Mason Degrees. So it is time to hit the books and prepare. It is also time to start studying for the position you will be assuming in the upcoming year, if you have not already done so.

It is hard to believe my year is almost up. I have not accomplished the majority of things I was hoping to. We have some time left so, lets see what we can accomplish together.

Larry Haines, Worshipful Master

MASONIC COIN AS LEGAL TENDER

In 1794 a Masonic token was minted in honor of the Prince of Wales in England. A son of George III, he later became George the IV. From 1790 to 1813 he served the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) as Grand Master. The ordinator of the coin was Brother James Sketchley of Birmingham who created the coin to commemorate the election of the Prince as Grand Master. These coins were so superior in their copper content that they readily became tender. In 1817 they they were withdrawn from circulation by government order. Brother Judson L. Parker, editor of Masonic Temple Topics, Chicago, has been collecting these coins and presenting them to distinguished Brethren. More than 350 have been distributed.

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Mon., Sept. 5 - Happy Labor Day

Tues., Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m. – Daughters of Mokanna

Sun., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day

Wed., Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m. - Attitude Adjustment

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Wed. Thru Sat., Sept. 14 Thru Sept 17 - Ladies Supreme Session
Little Rock, Ark.

Note!

"Slip" and "MJ" Krabill will be attending along with several Caldron Ladies.

THERE WILL BE NO STEAK FRY IN SEPTEMBER

Monarchs Message

Well the kids are back in school and Nazir Grotto is getting back to business. As you have noticed above, there will be no "Steak Fry" in September due to several factors for this month, also the spaghetti dinners have stopped for the same reasons. If we decide to start serving dinners again, you will be notified.

We have a beautiful facility here and would like to have more people who have interest. Also, our own Cindy Gay will be installed as Supreme Mighty Chosen One in Little Rock, Arkansas on September 17th. Good Luck Cindy, and to your officers during your term. Nazir Grotto Officers and Prophets wish you the very best.

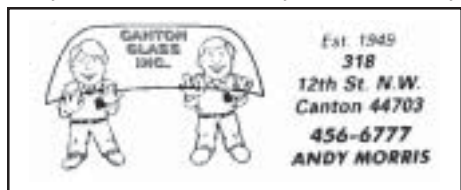
Please remember to attend your Blue Lodge Meetings. They need you also!

Gary Gruber.P.M., Monarch

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Sun., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day
Tues., Sept. 20, 7:00 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Tues., thru Thurs., Oct. 4 thru 6, - Grand Chapter Convocation
Kalahari Resort, Sandusky

Hello Companions! Well another summer has come and gone. I hope everyone took the time to enjoy it and managed to beat the heat. Man was it hot!

Well as per usual, the York Rite year kicks off fast. Above is the schedule for the Grand Week which will be the first week in October. It is not too late to make reservations. Please go to the Grand Chapter's website for more information: <http://www.ohioram.org/>.

I look forward to getting back to work with all of you.

Larry Haines, H.P.



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Tues., Sept. 20, 7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Greeting Brothers! On May 16th 2016, Canton Council No. 38 held their annual elections and I was honored to be elected to the position of Illustrious Master, Sam Volpe as Deputy Master and Robert Wiley as Principal Conductor. On June 21st 2016, we held our installation with Right Illustrious Wes Weber, Inspector of the 8th Arch, presiding over the ceremony and installed all the officers. We would like to thank Right Illustrious Weber for presiding.

As of right now, I do not have any upcoming events for the 8th Arch. We are looking forward to a successful year for the Arch.

Our next Stated Meeting will be on September 20th 2016. Fraternally Yours,
Brad J. Cioca, Illustrious Master

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Tues., Sept. 20, 8:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Greetings Sir Knights! Hope that each of you had a very good summer. Now it is time for us to prepare for a new year in our Commandery.

I want to thank all who have helped with the dinners we have been serving and especially our “corn roast.” What a wonderful time we had.

October will be here before we know it and we will be going to Columbus for Grand Commandery and electing our new officers, and as you know, the Grand Commander will be from our division this year, Sir Knight Ron Dicars. Let’s have a large number of Sir Knights from Canton Commandery attend and vote for Ron and his lady, Pat. Also the first Saturday in December, will be their reception along with the Grand Master of Grand Council, Ed Herrick, at Kalahari Resort. This will be a very good time for each of us to show our support.

Our inspection will be the third Saturday in January 2017. This coming year we have one petition at this time and it would be great to have more. We will be doing practice and the Orders on Monday evenings this year. If you have a uniform and can be with us to form lines and such for the Orders, please come and help.

Thank you in advance for all your support for our Commandery
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Bill Stratton, Commander



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“Le Droit Humain”



Overhearing a brother's conversation, who was surprised upon meeting a female who knew much about Masonry. He exclaimed he did not know how to handle the situation and was afraid to continue the conversation with this woman. She persisted to prove she was a Mason in good standing and our brother was amazed. Many of us have heard the stories told about the woman who was made a Mason because she eavesdropped, was discovered and so made a Mason in an attempt to keep her silent. I submit this article which appeared in the April, 2008 edition of the Masonic Bulletin.

During the latter half of the nineteenth century, several French Freemasons urged the admission of women into Masonry. They claimed that the rules adopted in earlier centuries governing the physical qualifications of candidates, based only upon the customs of a particular period and place, were obsolete and could and should be changed. They emphasized the educational advantages to be derived from Masonic teaching for women.

In 1882 the concern for equality of the sexes resulted in the application of Marie Deraismes for membership in the Lodge Les Libres Penseurs (The Free Thinkers) at Le Pecq, France. That lodge, working under the recently formed Symbolic Grand Lodge of France, asked for permission to initiate Marie Deraismes. Being refused, they withdrew from the French Grand Lodge and proceeded to carry out the initiation anyway. ⁽²⁾ Maria Deraismes was initiated January 14, 1882 into the lodge “Les Libres Penseurs” of Pecq, a small village to the west of Paris ⁽¹⁾

Maria Deraismes was a journalist and fighter for the rights of women and children and along with Dr. Georges Martin, Senator, General Councilor for the Dept. of the Seine, Municipal Councilor of Paris, France, together undertook campaigns in favor of the civic and political rights of women and also the defense of the rights of oppressed children, against clerical intolerance and also for the establishment of a neutral school respecting the ideas of everyone. ⁽¹⁾

Maria Deraismes was made a Mason in the presence of a large number of visitors. But French Freemasonry was not yet ready for such a forward step and Les Libres Penseurs lost its standing and became dormant soon after. ⁽²⁾

In 1893, Dr. Georges Martin, the French Senator and strong feminist supporter, began again. He had been present at the initiation of Marie Deraismes and knew Brother Houbron, who had been Worshipful Master of Les Libres Penseurs at the time of Marie Deraismes's initiation, passing and raising. He persuaded these two, together with several other French Freemasons, to start a new organization open to men and women equally. The result was the formation of a new Grand Lodge devoted to the equality of the

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sexes. That same year Worshipful Lodge Human Rights, Co Masonry (La Respectable Loge Le Droit Humain, Maçonnerie Mixte) was opened in Paris. Sixteen prominent French women were initiation, passed, and raised there. ⁽²⁾

Maria Deraismes died on February 6, 1894 and the task of organizing and proliferating “Le Droit Hurmain” fell on Dr. Martin. His energetic character placed him far beyond the frontiers of ethnic groups, religions and cultures. He quickly established Lodges outside France in both Switzerland and England.

The Order spread throughout Europe before sowing its seeds on other parts of the globe. “Le Droit Humain” was built out of a marvelous dream to unite humanity despite all the barriers, ethnic groups, religions and cultures. ⁽¹⁾

Co-Freemasonry is not formally recognized by any of the major Masonic Grand Lodges inasmuch as inter-visitation or other Masonic interaction. Recognition is strictly not permitted because of a landmark of traditional Freemasonry agreed to by all masculine Grand Lodges, that the initiation of women is strictly forbidden and all members take a binding obligation not to countenance the initiation of any woman. Certain Grand Lodges of Co-Freemasonry also follow the lead of the “Grand Orient de France” in removing references to a Supreme Being from their rituals and initiating atheists. This is a further point of separation from traditional Masonic lodges which hold belief in a Supreme Being to be foremost requirements of becoming a Freemason. ⁽³⁾

Notwithstanding the prohibition of interaction in a ritual context, the United Grand Lodge of England, the oldest of the Grand Lodges, while not formally recognizing Co-Freemasonry as a true Masonic organization, states that it does hold informal discussions from time to time with women’s and co-Masonic Grand Lodges on issues of mutual concern. Their Brethren are therefore free to explain to non-Masons, if asked, that Freemasonry is not confined to men alone even though the Grand Lodge of England does not itself admit women. Also the Grand Orient de France, the French Grand Lodge, does not initiate women but does recognize Masonic bodies that do. Therefore it does allow visitations by women from those bodies. ⁽³⁾

Founded in 1902 by Annie Besant, the British Federation of the International Order of Co-Freemasonry, Le Droit Humain, is global, and membership is available to men and women on equal terms, without distinction of race, color or ethnic origin. The International Order of Co-Freemasonry, Le Droit Humain, is founded on the ancient teachings and traditions of Freemasonry and works a system of initiatory continuity from the 1st to the 33rd degrees inclusively.

Masonic ritual and symbolism are the tools Freemasons use in the search for truth. Freemasonry explores a spiritual explanation of the universe and the individual’s place within it. ⁽⁴⁾ **Your Editor, Bob**

Ref. 1: © International Order of Co-Freemasonry “Le Droit Humain”

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Ref. 2: Eastern Order of International Co-Freemasonry, American Administration.

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Ref. 3: Wikipedia, Free encyclopedia.

The recognition of Co-Freemasonry, by other Freemasons.

Ref. 4: International Order of Co-Freemasonry Le Droit Humain British Federation



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Sat., Sept. 10, 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast

Clinton Lodge

10:00 a.m. – Monthly Meeting

Sun., Sept. 18, 2:00 p.m. – Planning
Meeting, Clinton Lodge

Greeting Brethren all! The Master, Wardens and Deacons have been very busy over the summer. Our biggest affair for the 21st District was a great success, the picnic! With a combine effort of S.L.O.A. and T.M.B.L.A., Tadmor Shrine and the lodge's of the 21st District with their donations. Everyone had a great time.

The next event will be Sunday, September 18th for a meeting at Clinton lodge with S.L.O.A., M.W.& D. and T.M.B.L.A. This meeting is for the set up of next year's events. As always the Ladies are invited. There will be a buffet dinner with a \$15.00 fee. This is an all you can eat. We will eat starting at 5:00 p.m.

The M.W.& D. next meeting will be Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. If you come early there will be a breakfast for a donation supplied by Clinton Lodge No. 47. Breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 10:00 a.m.

I encourage all brethren to attend M.W.& D. meetings for three reasons. One: to find out what events are taken place in the district; two: to report what your lodge events are on

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