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### **The Mother Grand Lodge, 300 Years Striving For Perfection!**

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day**



**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Armed Forces Day**

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Day**

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**May Meeting of Masters, Wardens & Deacons has been canceled.**



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## TRESTLE BOARD

**Wed., May 3, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting**

**Sat., May, 13, 9:00 a.m. -** Wardens & Deacons Work shop, Caldwell Lodge

Sun., May 14 - Mother's Day

Wed., May 17, 6:30 p.m. – Dinner by Reservation

**7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting, More Light Program, Tom White

**Sat., May 20** - Armed Forces Day, Fly Old Glory

**Mon., May 29 - Memorial Day, Fly Old Glory**

Happy Spring Brethren! Wow! It is hard to believe it's May already! There is so much yet to do and our lodge is so busy and that is a good thing.

The Wardens and Deacons Training is on the schedule and is open to any Master Mason who would like to attend the only thing is, you need to register. If you would like to attend please let me know and I will get you the forms. The morning registration will start at 8:30 a.m. and classes start at 9:00 a.m. You should be done around Noon. The instructors of the various classes are very knowledgeable and willing to help you on your path, so please attend if you are a line officer or, a brother seeking more light. On The 17<sup>th</sup> of the month, at our Stated Meeting, will be our more light night. The topic of this event will be the story of the Philalethes Society and it will be presented by R.W.B. Thomas J. White. There will be a dinner before the event and it will start at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended and you can make them with Secretary Dressler or myself.

Let us all take a minute to remember or visit our mothers on May 14<sup>th</sup> and treat them with the love and support they have always given us. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day; while Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon B. Johnson in May 1966. It's

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**TRESTLE BOARD**

**Sun. and Mon., May 7 and May 8** – Overnight Charter Fishing Trip, Oak Harbor.

**Fri., May 12, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting, Degree Work

**Sun., May 14** – Mother's Day

**Fri., May 26, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting, "More Light" Program

**Sat., May 20** – Armed Forces Day, Fly Old Glory

**Mon., May 29** – Memorial Day, Fly Old Glory

Greetings Brethren! First, I will extend our deepest condolences on behalf of our brothers, to the family of Brother Robert C. Hahn for their loss. He was a jewel in the lodge and will be missed. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Senior Warden Roger Summers took the East for his night in the hot seat. He did a fine job with the "Show & Tell" program as brethren brought items of interest and relayed a brief story in reference to them. Many interesting and unique items were displayed and it was a fun filled evening!

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> will be our overnight, lodge, Charter Fishing Trip to Oak Harbor. We will be having a competition between the boats for largest fish caught. "Good Luck." Our May 12<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, will contain Degree Work and exams and a Chili and Corn Bread Dinner from our fantastic cook, Brother Jack Conway. The May 26<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, brings our L.E.O., Wor. Bro. Joe Kostolich to lodge with a "More Light" program, which I am sure will be entertaining and informative.

Hopefully the May flowers are out and we are into a stable weather pattern. Enjoy spring my brothers and visit those who are unable to get out; maybe Mother on Mother's Day. Fly Old Glory" on Armed Forces and Memorial Days!

**Jeff Hager, Worshipful Master**

Word of the Month: a man who practices Masonry, usually of the roughest character as in the building of walls, who had not been regularly trained and initiated, corresponding in some sense to "scab" as used by labor unions.

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- Thurs., May 4, 6:00 p.m. – Inspection Dinner  
7:30 p.m. – Lodge Inspection Master Mason Degree  
Sun., May 14 – Mother’s Day  
Thurs., May 18, 6:30 p.m. – Trinity’s Cinco de Mayo Dinner By Reservation  
7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting  
Sat., May 20 – Armed Forces Day, Fly Old Glory  
Mon., May29 – Memorial Day, Fly Old Glory

We are very pleased to have 7 new brothers in Trinity Lodge who were raised at the Grand Masters “One Day Class.” Congratulations to our newest members and come to lodge often and enjoy the fellowship with your brethren.

Remember our inspection date is Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with dinner before. Cost will be \$10.00 to \$12.00, I’m still working out the cost. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. with the lodge inspection at 7:30 p.m. Please e-mail me at [bcioca@sssnet.com](mailto:bcioca@sssnet.com) for reservations.

Trinity’s Cinco de Mayo is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Cost will be \$10.00 per adult \$5.00 per child (5-14). For reservations please text Anne Bowers at (330) 575-3137 or Brad Cioca at (330) 309-9984. Reservations must be in by May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Remember Mom on Mother’s Day Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, she did a lot for you and honor the men and women who served and gave it all for this great nation on Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.

See you in lodge!  
**Brad J Cioca, W. M.**

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Tues., May 2, 7:30 p.m. – Daughters of Mokanna Stated Meeting  
Fri. until Sun., May 5 until May 7 - Zone Conference, Perrysburg  
Hosted by O-Ton-Ta-La Grotto

Wed., May 10, 5:30 p.m. – Social Hour  
6:30 p.m. - Dinner  
7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Sun., May 14 – Mother's Day  
Fri., May 19 – Steak Fry, Cancelled Due To A Confect  
Sat., May 20 – Armed Forces Day  
Mon., May 28 – Memorial Day  
Fri., June 16, 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - Steak Fry

### Monarch's Message

First of all I would like to welcome all our new Masonic Brethren from the "One Day Class" in April. We invite you to stop in for dinner and we'll explain to you the Mysteries of the Enchanted Realm.

Several of our Prophets will be attending the Zone Conference in Perrysburg the first weekend in May. I am sure a good time will be had by all. I will give you an update next month on the Zone Conference.

Our first "Steak Fry" of the season scheduled for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled because of conflicting dates. Sorry! Next one will be great.

Attend your Blue Lodge  
Gary Gruber, Monarch

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Sun., May 14 – Mother’s Day  
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Sat., May 20 – Armed Forces Day, Fly Old Glory  
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Hello Companions! The “York Rite Festival” is upon us. We need as many Companions as we can get to not only confer the degrees, but also help run the event: stage crews, servers and those willing to help clean up. Those of you who have helped in the past know it is a great day for all our York Rite Bodies. The better the day goes the more impressed the candidates will be. That leads to them wanting to come to meetings to learn more. Please help in any way.

Also in May is our annual election of officers. Please make sure to attend this meeting on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Larry Haines, H.P.

Mark Your Calendar Now For The 21<sup>st</sup> Masonic District Family Picnic  
Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Location: Tadmor Shrine

Bring: Lawn Chairs and Table Service; Plus, a Covered Dish

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Hello Companions! In March our council conferred the Royal Master Degree. As usual the cast did an outstanding job. Thank you Companions for a great job.

Our inspection is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at the all degree “York Rite Festival” and is in the Select Master Degree. The “All Degree Day” starts at 8:00 a.m. and runs until 4:30 p.m. You will be able to receive all the York Rite Degrees in Chapter, Council and Commandry in one day. All Master Masons are welcome to petition.

Don’t forget Mom on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and fly “Old Glory” on both Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.

**Brad J. Cioca, Master**

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Greetings Sir Knights! Hoping you and your families enjoyed a very happy Easter. A number of us went to Washington D.C. for the Sunrise Services, what a very special morning we enjoyed.

Our inspections for this year are over now and I want to thank each of you who went and supported our other Commanderies this last season; keep up the good work Sir Knights.

Remember Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the “One Day Class” for each of our York Rite Bodies and we sure could use your help fixing and serving lunch, helping with the set-ups for the different degrees and taking parts in those degrees. Also this month, we will be electing our new corps of officers. Come and take part in this important night in our Commandery.

Mark down Tuesday. August 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, this will be the night of the “corn roast” this year. Bring your family and friends to this fun evening and thank you Sir Knights for you support to your Commandery.

Remember Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, she is special you know! Fly Old Glory on Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day and we will see you at Commandery! Fraternally,

**Bill Stratton, Commander**

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difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day, regardless of the exact date or location of its origins but one thing is clear, Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War with a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May, 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. I hope you liked the brief history lesson on Memorial Day. It is important to remember it is not a day for cookouts and family gatherings; those activities are fun but, we need to take a moment and remember those who have given the last full measure for our great country. Here is some additional information on Armed Forces Day that you may not have known. Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May. Support all of the men and women who serve our great country every day and if you get a chance, thank them for their service, a little recognition can go a long way brothers.

**Ty Youngman, Worshipful Master**

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### A brief History of Mother's Day Anna M. Jarvis's Mother's Day in 1908



Anna M. Jarvis

After Anna Reeves Jarvis died, her daughter Anna M. Jarvis campaigned for the creation of an official Mother's Day in remembrance of her mother and in honor of peace.

In 1908, Anna petitioned the superintendent of the church where her Mother had spent over 20 years teaching Sunday school. Her request was honored, and on May 10, 1908, the first official Mother's Day celebration took place at Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia and a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The West Virginia event drew a congregation of 407 and Anna Jarvis arranged for white carnations, her Mother's favorite flower, to adorn the patrons. Two carnations were given to every Mother in attendance.

Today, white carnations are used to honor deceased Mothers, while pink or red carnations pay tribute to Mothers who are still alive.

Andrew's Methodist Church was incorporated into the International Mother's Day Shrine in the late 1960's, and in 1992, became a National Historic Landmark for its significance in the establishment of a national Mother's Day celebration.

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**THE MOTHER GRAND LODGE**  
**SHORT TALK BULLETIN - Vol.VI December, 1928 No.12;**  
**by: Unknown. (Written 89 years ago)**

It has often been remarked how casually, if not accidentally, so many great movements seem to start. They seem to spring up of themselves, at the bidding of impulses of which men are only vaguely aware, and the full measure and meaning of which they do not know. As in the Alps, a shout or the report of a gun may start an avalanche of ice and snow, because of the poise of forces, so in history a little act often releases a vast pent-up power.

A perfect example is the "Revival" of Masonry in 1717, which, not only gave a new date to our annals, but a new form and force to the Craft, sending it to the ends of the earth on its benign mission. So true is it that we almost say that modern Masonry, in its origin and organization, is as much a mystery as ancient Masonry with its symbols and rites, and the mystery may never be solved.

Out of a period of dim half-light and much obscurity the new Masonry arose, and knowing what it is, we have a keen curiosity to know how it came to be what it is. How many questions we are eager to ask, answers to which are not found, or likely to be found, unless un-guessed records should leap to light. Anyway, our brethren of those formative days practiced the Masonic virtues of silence and circumspection to an extraordinary degree, telling us very little of what we should like to know so much.

How many lodges of Masons existed in London at that time is a matter of conjecture, but there must have been a number. What tie, if any, united them for common action and fellowship we do not know. Some were purely operative lodges, others seem to have been purely speculative - there were such lodges, such as the one in which Ashmole was initiated as early as 1646 - while others, as we shall see, were mixed; made up of men part of whom, were Accepted Masons and part actual working masons.

The Craft, as all agree, was in a state of neglect, if not disintegration. It enjoyed a period of prosperity in the rebuilding of London after the great fire in 1666, but as we read in the only record we have, "the few lodges in London were finding themselves neglected by Sir Christopher Wren, though it fit to cement under a Grand Master as the centre of union and harmony." Wren was the great architect of the day, the builder of St. Paul's Cathedral. Whether he was actually a lodge member or not is uncertain, but such was the reason given for the forming of a Grand Lodge.

Gould, our great historian, in describing "the assembly of 1717," out of which the first Grand Lodge grew, remarks that "unfortunately, the minutes of Grand Lodge only commence on July 24th, 1723 - six years after the event!

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For the story of those first six years we are dependent upon an account not written, or at least not published, until the second edition of the Constitutions of 1738 - twenty-one years after the event to which it refers! Surely, no other movement of equal importance ever left so scanty a record made so long after the fact."

Why no minutes were kept - or if kept at all, were lost we do not know. Still less do we know why the first Grand Lodge was formed without a Constitution. The General Regulations did not appear until 1721, the Constitutions in 1723. The impression is unmistakable that it was only an experiment, in response to a growing need for a "Center of Union and Harmony," and that those who took part in it did not dream that they were launching a movement destined to cover the earth with a great fraternal fellowship. Four lodges united to form the Mother Grand Lodge, those that met:

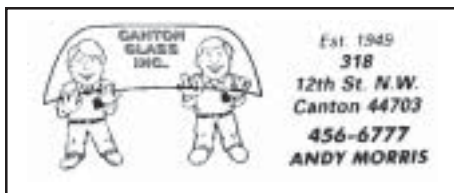
1. At the Goose and Gridiron Ale-House in St. Paul's Church Yard.
2. At The Crown Ale-House in Parker's Lane, near Drury Lane.
3. At the Apple-Tree Tavern in Charles Street, Covent Garden.
4. At the Rummer and Grape Tavern in Channel-Row, Westminster.

In those days as in our own day in London, lodges met in taverns and ale-houses - the hotels of the time. Their meetings were festive and often convivial, in the manner and custom of the day. A rare old book called "Multa Paucis" asserts that six lodges, not four, were represented, but there is no record of the fact, though members of other lodges were no doubt present as guests. Indeed, we have a hint to that effect in the meager record, as follows:

"They, (the four lodges) and old Brothers met at said Apple-Tree, and having put into the chair the oldest Master Mason (now Master of a lodge) they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge pro Tempore in Due Form, and forthwith revived the Quarterly Communication of the Officers of Lodges (called the Grand Lodge), resolved to hold the Annual Assembly and Feast, then choose a Grand Master from among themselves, till they should have the honor of a Noble Brother at their Head."

Such is the record of the preliminary meeting - what would we not give for a full account of its discussions and proceedings! Diligent search has been made among the records, diaries and papers of the time, but few facts have been added to this record. Even the date of the meeting was omitted, but it must have been in the spring or early summer of 1717, as the meeting at which the Grand Lodge was actually

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organized took place shortly afterward, in June of that year, and was held in the Goose and Gridiron Ale-House in St. Paul's Churchyard, near the west end of the Cathedral.

The old Ale-House had a long story, being one of the most famous in the city, whereof we may read in "London Inns and Taverns," by Leopold Wagner. Before the Great Fire it had been called the Mitre, the first "Musick House" in London, and the meeting place of a Company of Musicians, its sign being a Swan and a Lyre. Its master had gathered many trophies of travel, which he displayed, and which are said to have formed the nucleus of the Britian Museum. After the fire it was rebuilt on the same site, but the new sign was so badly made that the wits of the town called it the Goose and Gridiron, and the name clung to it. The record goes on:

"Accordingly, on St. John Baptist's Day, in the 3rd year of King George I, A.D. 1717, the assembly and Feast of the Free and Accepted Masons was held at the foresaid Goose and Gridiron Ale-House." "Before dinner, the oldest Master Mason (now the Master of a Lodge), in the Chair, proposed a list of proper candidates; and the Brethren by a majority of Hands elected Mr. Anthony Sayer, a Gentleman, Grand Master of Masons; and Mr. Jacob Lamball, Carpenter Capt., and Joseph Elliot, Grand Wardens; who being forthwith invested with the Badges of Offices and Power, by said oldest Master and installed, were duly congratulated by the assembly who paid him the Homage.

"Sayer, Grand Master, commanded the Masters and Wardens of Lodges to meet the Grand Officers every Quarter in Communication, at the place that he should appoint in the Summons sent by the Tyler." So reads the only record that has come down to us of the founding of the Mother Grand Lodge. Who were present, besides the three officers named, has so far eluded all research; their faces have faded, their names are lost - but imagine the scene. The big room extended the width of the house, thirty feet one way and nearly twenty the other. In the center was an oak table, around which the delegates from the various lodges sat on chairs, smoking their pipe's. The seat of Anthony Sayer was before the fireplace, with its polished brass fire-irons, with chestnut-roasters and bed-warmers hanging on either side of it.

It was an hour of feast and fun and fellowship, as they sat down to dinner together, as English lodges do today. Each man had a rummer of foaming ale before him on the table, and as he drained it betimes it was refilled by a handsome maid, Hannah, whose name has survived long after others were lost. Only a few memories live of that event which divided the story of Masonry into before and after; the famous sign in front of the house, so ugly that a Swan

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and a Lyre were mistaken for a Goose and a Gridiron; the skittle ground on the roof; the small water-course, a rivulet of Fleet Brook, for which a way had to be made through the chimney; the pillar that propped up the chimney, and - Hannah, the maid.

How strange that the Masons of England allowed the old Ale-House to be taken down in 1893 - it ought to have been kept as a shrine of fellowship and fun. But so little interest was taken in its fate, and the historic sign was sold to a citizen of Dulwick, who put it in his greenhouse. Later on, however, the old relic was recovered, and it now has a place of honor in the Guildhall Museum, along with other tokens of the London that is no more. Alas, so little do men see, and so lightly do they value what is passing before their eyes. What of the men who formed the Mother Grand Lodge?

They did not - could not - realize what they had done so casually and in the spirit of frolic, much less foreknow its meaning and future. They merely wanted to make a "Centre of Union and Harmony," as they called it, between the lodges of the city. There was no thought of imposing the authority of Grand Lodge upon the country in general, still less upon the world, as is clear from the Constitutions of 1723, which are said to be "for the use of Lodges in London." Yet, so great was the necessity for a Grand Lodge that, once started, the impulse spread to Ireland, Scotland, and the ends of the earth. Link was added to link until it put "a girdle around the earth."

As a great man of the Craft has said so picturesquely, it is possible, and it is true, to say that Masonry was born in a Tavern, but it belongs to Almighty God; and so gentle was its spirit, so friendly and tolerant and wise withal, that it began to make the life of the Tavern like a vestibule for the life of the Church.

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### Warden and Deacons Workshop

Wardens and Deacons Classes, recommended for junior officers but open to any Master Mason seeking more light, will be held in two different locations and dates for the convenience of brethren. The first on: Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Cuyahoga Falls Masonic Temple on Sackett Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. and classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. Everything will end by Noon. Also on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Caldwell Lodge on Glenpark Road N.E. Bolivar, Ohio. Times are the same as above. Both meetings will have coffee, water and donuts on hand. There will be a \$5.00 donation for the cost of the donuts, coffee and facilities.

All Lodges have information about the classes and also registration forms. See your Worshipful Master or L.E.O. if you wish to attend.

**Daniel J Schario, D.E.O.**

## **Greetings to: Grand Master's "One Day Class" Brethren!**

### **Freemasonry**

The following is a brief response to questions often asked about Freemasonry: what is Freemasonry, what is its origin, when and where did it start, who started it, and what is its purpose.

Freemasonry is the oldest and the largest fraternal order in the world. It is a universal brotherhood of men dedicated to serving God, family, fellowman and country.

The heritage of modern Freemasonry is derived from the organized guilds or unions of stone masons who constructed the beautiful cathedrals and other stately structures throughout Europe during the middle ages. The skills and architectural genius of these craftsmen and their commitment to the highest standards of moral and ethical values were universally applauded and unlike other classes of people, they were allowed to travel freely from country to country. Thus, during this period, the word "Free" was prefixed to the word Mason and these craftsmen, and the generations of Masons who followed, were referred to as Freemasons.

Until about the sixteenth century, Masons were strictly an operative craft; stone-masons and architects building those magnificent cathedrals and palaces, many of which still adorn the landscape of the European country side. Early in the seventeenth century, membership in these unions or operating lodges of stone masons began to decline and probably to compensate for their loss in members, they began to admit certain men of prominence in society who were not craftsmen or stone-masons; and this class of members were initially considered patrons of the Fraternity. Over the years they became known as "accepted masons." At the conclusion of the seventeenth century, a radical transformation had evolved; these "accepted masons" had become predominant, and the older lodges of Freemasons began to emphasize and teach moral philosophy rather than the technical and operative art of earlier centuries. Tools of the stone masons are still used in the Fraternity today, but only to symbolize moral virtue, not to build cathedrals. Although the moral philosophy of Freemasonry is founded upon religious principles, it is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. Candidates for membership (adult males) are however, expected to profess a belief in God, and be of good moral character.

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## **A brief History of Mother's Day**

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In 1908 a U.S. Senator from Nebraska, Elmer Burkett, proposed making Mother's Day a national holiday at the request of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA.) The proposal was defeated, but by 1909 forty-six states were holding Mother's Day services as well as parts of Canada and Mexico.

Anna Jarvis quit working and devoted herself full time to the creation of Mother's Day, endlessly petitioning state governments, business leaders, women groups, churches and other institutions and organizations. She finally convinced the World's Sunday School Association to back her, a key influence over state legislators and congress. In 1912 West Virginia became the first state to officially recognize Mother's Day, in 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed it into national observance, declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.





**Masters, Wardens & Deacons  
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**TRESTLE BOARD**

Sat., May 13, Mweeting is Cancelled  
Sat., June 10, 10:00 a.m. - Clinton Lodge  
Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Greeting all! The April 8<sup>th</sup> Masters, Wardens and Deacons was held at Hoover Lodge. The morning started with a hardy breakfast. The Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. with all lodges accounted for. Several topics were brought to the table. The two most important are the bus trip to the Special Olympics on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with the cost of \$20.00 per person. Monies collected to be given or sent to Daniel Schario, Sherman Brick and Gordon Broom. The second was the 21<sup>st</sup> Masonic District Picnic. The date for this fun filled day is Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. Starting around 1:00 p.m. and ending when you have your fill of fun. This year's picnic will have many activities. There will be a band, magician and animals from the Akron Zoo. A 50/50 drawing, door prizes and homemade ice cream. The Tadmor Shrine will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers and sweet corn. The cost to the member is a covered dish.

Gordon Broom has had 3"x5" cards printed to send to the lodges with more details. Each lodge will receive 25 cards.

The M.W.& D. would like each lodge to donate \$25.00 for gift cards. Forward these donations to your

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D.E.O. The cards will be given as the door prizes. We are also contacting the other county association for this donates.

The May meeting has been canceled do to a conflict with the Warden and Deacons Workshop. The next Meeting will be at Clinton Lodge June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. Fraternally,

**Daniel J Schario, D.E.O.**

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Word of the month:

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