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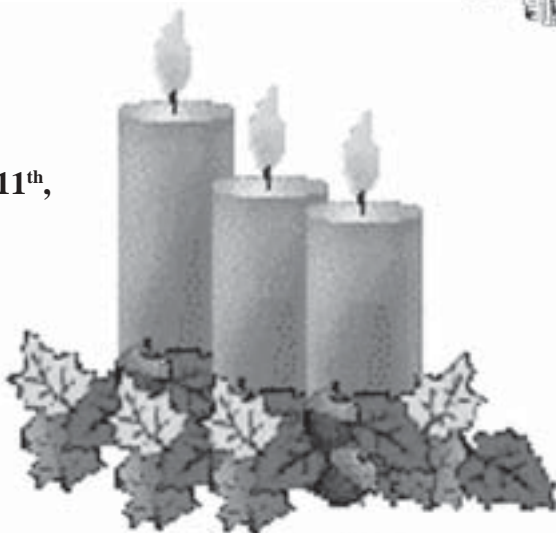
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**Tuesday, November 7th,
Election Day**



**Saturday, November 11th,
Veterans Day**



Happy Thanksgiving 2017

**Past Master Convocation, Hoover Lodge, Saturday, November 18th
Sign in: 8:00 a.m., Coffee/Doughnuts: 8:30 a.m. Starts: 9:00 a.m.**

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Wed., Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Elections of Officers
 Sat., Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m. - Master, Wardens & Deacons, Clinton Lodge
 Tues., Nov. 7 - Election Day
 Sat., Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
 Wed., Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
 Sat., Nov. 18, 9:00 a.m. - Past Master Convocation, Hoover Lodge
 Thurs., Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Greeting Brethren! Wow where to start? "O-Kay" first, it is very important if you have paid your dues please DO NOT throw away the new plastic dues card this card is meant to be used year after year. If by chance you have disposed of it please contact Bro. Gary Dressler and he can get you a new one and by the way, there will be a small \$2.00 charge for replacement. That leads into the next topic which is officer elections for the 2017 – 2018 calendar year. Be sure your dues are paid and come to cast your vote for the future leaders of our lodge. On that note if elected, Bro Senior Warden, Christian Vallance is looking to fill a couple of chairs for his year. This is an opportunity for some brothers to help solidify the lodge as we continue to move forward.

How Veterans Day Began: Veterans Day is always observed on November 11th with speeches and parades across the United States. When this Holiday first began, it had a different name which was Armistice Day. Here is how the day has progressed over time:

It was first celebrated on November 11, 1919 which was the first anniversary of the end of World War I. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution for its annual observance. In 1938, November 11th became a National Holiday. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name to Veterans Day in order to honor veterans of all American wars. The day is to honor those who have died fighting as well as those who survived. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Con-

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Fri., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Elections, Honoring Veterans

Tues., Nov. 7 – Election Day

Sat., Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Thurs., Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Fri., November 24, 6:00 p.m. – Awards Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Awards Night

Fri., Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m. – Special Meeting, Installation of Officers

Brethren! Greetings to Autumn and all Brethren. As the weather gets colder and the snow grows closer, my time in the east comes to an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed this year and the many brothers and close friends made through my travels. I wish you all the best! I would be remiss if I did not thank the wonderful brothers of my officer line and the support group we have at William McKinley Lodge. You are truly and wholeheartedly appreciated!

We recently held our Outdoor Lodge at Greenport Tactical which is always a huge success; held in a new venue this year, which worked out very well for all who attended as it was closer to the necessary facilities. The meal was not only plentiful but delicious with the usual outdoor favorites. Before lodge and after lodge pictures shown below! Stay warm and lit in thy travels Brethren.

Well wishes and prayers to Brother Charles Sitton who is resting and recovering at the Laurels in Massillon.

Masonic Quote: “People who shine from within, don’t need the spotlight”
Todd Creason

Jeff Hager, Worshipful Master

Word Of the Month: to try to mitigate, lessen, cover for or conceal the gravity of (an offense) by excuses, apologies, etc. *Answer on page 11.*





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Thurs., Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Fri., Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m. - Installation of Officers
Tues., Nov. 7 – Election Day
Sat., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Thurs., Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day

This will be my last news letter for Trinity Lodge. Brother Sam Volpe will be installed as Worshipful Master on Thursday, November 2nd. I wish him well in his upcoming year.

On Friday, October 13th the brothers of Trinity Lodge 710 and myself were present for the guided tour of the Masonic Temple and were available to answer questions. Sincerely,

Brad Cioca, Worshipful Master

Sparkie’s on the Air!

The Canton Amateur Radio Club recently announced that a Trinity 710 Lodge member is to receive the prestigious American Radio Relay League’s, Phillip J. McGan Memorial, “Silver Antenna Award” for Excellence in Public Relations. This member’s Ohio license plate not only sports the Square and Compasses but also his radio call letters of “K8AGB.”

Congratulate Brother Dennis Moriarty, trustee of Canton Amateur Radio Club, member of American Radio Relay League, world wide membership of 186,000 amateur radio operators, as well as Tyler of Trinity Lodge on his outstanding achievement. We all know Dennis as “Sparkie” the clown from the Nazir Grotto Clown Unit as well as the past “Look-A-Likes” team.



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Wed., Nov. 1 - All Saints Day

Tues., Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. – Daughter of Mocanna Stated Meeting

Wed., Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Dinner Served

7:30 p.m. - Nazir Stated Meeting, Nomination of Officers

Sat., Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Thurs., Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day


Sat., Nov. 25 - Ohio State, "TTUN"

Greetings Prophets, Ladies and Brothers! It is that time of year where we all come together as a family and have a great Thanksgiving feast. The Officers wish every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you will become a part of the Nazir family.


A few of our Prophet will be joining Past Monarch David A. McIntyre on his visits to Aut Mori and Ali Baba Grottos as a part Supreme Council's District Deputy and O.G.A. duties. Traveling to other Grottoes is a real fun time. You get to meet a lot of crazy Grotto people.

Remember to thank a Veteran on the 11th. If it were not for them we would not be here in freedom. Also remember to visit your Blue Lodge.

Gary Gruber, Monarch



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Sat., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Tues., Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day

On Thursday, October 5th I attended Grand Chapter with two other Companions. M.E.C. Jeffery Addis finished his year serving as Grand High Priest of Ohio and M.E.C. J. Keith Green was elected as the Grand High Priest for 2017-18. We wish M.E.C. Addis well in his future endeavors and M.E.C. Green a great year with all the Grand Officers. From the 17th District R.E.C. Ross R Black II was elected as Grand King and we wish him well in preparing for his year as Grand High Priest in the upcoming year. Also on Monday, October 9th, R.W. Companion James Collins was installed as the 17th District Deputy. We wish also a great year serving as the liaison for M.E.C. Green and serving the 17th District.

On Friday evening, October 13th, myself and representatives of the York Rite Bodies were on hand for the guided tour of the Masonic Temple and also available to answer their many questions.

In November we are planning on conferring the Mark Master Degree. The date of this degree will be announced later. Sincerely,

Brad Cioca, High Priest

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Tues., Nov. 7 – Election Day
Sat., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Tues., Nov. 14, 7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day

At the Annual Communication in Kalahari, our new Grand Illustrious Master, M.I.C. David Mourer, was elected. His residence is in Cambridge, so we can probably expect to see him stop in from time to time. His theme this year is “UNITY.” We need to work together man to man and from Masonic body to another, for no man is an island. His Grand Master’s Award has the same criteria for scoring accomplishments as we have seen for the previous year.

At the Grand Assembly, Canton Council received a Grand Master’s Award for Excellence, which is the highest numerical category. Canton also received the award for the greatest number of candidates who received the Select Master Degree. At the 8th Arch Reunion this simmer, Canton also received awards for the best Select Master and best Super Excellent Degree portrayals. Loyalty Council assisted us in the Super Excellent Degree and also received their award. All in all, the Companions of Canton Council are to be commended for their work and continuous interest in keeping Canton York Rite Bodies strong.

The first inspection in the 8th Arch is at Salem’s Omega Council No. 44, Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Select Master Degree. Our inspection will be in the Super Excellent Master Degree and is scheduled for April 24th at 7:00 p.m. and between now and then, we will be conferring the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees on at least one candidate who has already attained the Royal Arch Degree.

Please let me know if you want the York Rite story presented at your Blue Lodge as an educational program (after asking permission of the Master.) We need to keep our brethren informed of who we are. Also, keep helping your Blue Lodge and Chapter with membership and degree work. Without them, we cannot prosper.

See you in Council!

Wes Webber, Illustrious Master



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Mon., Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Order of the Temple
Sat., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Mon., Nov. 13, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Order of the Temple
Tues., Nov. 21, 8:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day

Greetings Sir Knights! The time is approaching when we practice our skills we've been studying these past months. Our inspection is a few short months away and we have three companions ready to join our ranks; therefore, I've called two practices this month for the Order of the Temple Degree: November 6th and the 13th. Both at 7:00 p.m. and we will cover the entire degree with emphasis on anything anyone needs help with and smooth out those issues.

Also a word about Grand Commandery: anyone who has never attended this annual conclave, I would sincerely recommend going. Many friendships are made, much is learned and the brotherhood is ever present. It's definitely a worthwhile event and also congratulations to our newest Deputy Division Commander, Sir Knight, Larry Haines. I'm sure he'll serve the division well.

Finally, I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Please keep those serving and defending our country in your prayers as well as those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your continued help, God Bless!

Bob Wiley, Commander



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gress, which moved Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but reverted back to November 11th in 1975 by President Ford because of the important historical significance the date held.

Than there is of course the biggest eating day of the year and here are some basics you may or may not know; we all know the story of the “Pilgrims and Indians” celebrating the “First Thanksgiving.” First in the “New World” it may have been, but it was not the first United States Thanksgiving. Brother George Washington proclaimed that first official Thanksgiving celebration in 1789, when he declared November 26th to be set aside not to be thankful for the nation’s bounty but to give thanks for the newly adopted Constitution. Washington also enjoined people to “...unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications... beseeching [God] to pardon our national and other transgressions.” Although celebrated off-and-on, usually unofficially, from that time forward, Thanksgiving did not become a permanent official US holiday until Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed it so in 1939. “O-Kay” in closing; November is a pretty busy month and there is a lot going on in lodges all across our great 21st District. Get out and make new friendships and renew some old ones while you are at it.

Faternally,

Ty Youngman, Worshipful Master

Difficult Questions About Freemasonry by Roger Firestone

What is the role of various doctrinal books, like Pike’s Morals and Dogma?

Actually, there are no “doctrinal” books in Freemasonry. Freemasonry is a society dedicated to free thinking and freedom of all kinds. No Mason has the right to dictate to another what he shall or shall not believe regarding his religion, his politics, or even his interpretation of the Masonic symbols. There are a number of conventional interpretations of the symbols of Freemasonry, some of which are given in the lectures of the degrees, but no Mason is required to accept any or all of them; he is free to explore the world of thought and make up his own mind.

Anti-Masons are fond of combing through Albert Pike’s Morals and Dogma to find various passages that somehow “expose” the “secrets” of Freemasonry’s dangerous beliefs. They conveniently ignore a number of facts:

The preface of Morals and Dogma makes it clear that Pike’s work is an unannotated anthology, containing a portion of his own writing and also the

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works of many philosophers and theologians dating back to antiquity. Much of the book is derived from sources far removed from Freemasonry in time.

The preface also makes clear that no one is required to believe or accept any of the contents as truth. No “doctrinal” book would announce that every reader is “free to dissent” from any of its contents. *Morals and Dogma* was first of all written for those who have received the degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the form developed and edited by Albert Pike (the “Pike recension”.) For someone to attempt to interpret the contents without the knowledge of the degrees is like trying to understand a book on quantum physics without having mastered the basics of dynamics and statics.

Morals and Dogma was written under the authority of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the USA. The S.J. of the USA, A.A.S.R., encompasses only a minority of Masons in the USA and an even smaller proportion worldwide. Outside of the S.J. of the USA, Albert Pike is of much less influence than many non-Masons (and certainly anti-Masons) suppose. (The same is true of later works which also elucidate the degrees of the S.J. of the USA, such as Clausen’s *Commentaries* and Hutchens’ *A Bridge to Light*.)

Similarly, anti-Masons like to quote (out of context, quite often) Manly Hall (who wrote many of his books before becoming a Freemason,) Coil’s *Masonic Encyclopedia*, Albert Mackey and others. Many of these men did their writing a century or more ago and use an idiom not well understood by those living today who are not familiar with such writing styles. These books are useful reference sources for those who seek to improve their knowledge of Masonry and who wish to sharpen their wits against the whetstone of great thinkers, but they are not doctrine.

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Sat., Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m. - Clinton Lodge
Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Greetings Brethren! This will be my last letter from the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association. I have served my allotted term; and I wish to thank everyone for all their support and help. This last year has been very successful and rewarding. The M.W.&D.A. has had picnics and bus trips to many interesting places. I hope these activities continue as I know they will under new leadership.

The next meeting will be held at Clinton lodge No. 47, November 11th at 10.00 a.m. As always there will be a breakfast which starts at 8:00 a.m. and continues till 10.00 a.m. Please come early for food and fellowship. This meeting will be our election of officers which have been selected. So come out and vote.

By the time you read this communication, Grand Lodge will be completed and the new D.D.G.M. will be at this meeting in November so come out and met him.

Fraternally
Daniel Schario, President

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