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Sunday, September 10th, Grandparent's Day



Monday, September 11th, Patriot Day



Tuesday, September 19th, International Talk Like a Pirate Day (arrrr!)



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Mon., Sept. 4 – Labor Day

Wed., Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Sun., Sept. 10 - National Grandparents Day

Tues., Sept. 19 - International Talk Like a Pirate Day (arrrr!)

Wed., Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Past Masters Night

Wed., Sept. 20 - Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown

Fri., Sept. 29 – Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown

Greetings Brethren! The end of summer is upon us with all the memories of our various activities with family, friends and brethren. We have lost some of those brethren over the season. Please be sure to keep their families in your thoughts and prayers and attend, if possible, to any of their needs.

Monday, September 4th, Labor Day in the US and a public Holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of our country. It is a long weekend known as: Labor Day Weekend and is considered the unofficial end of summer and a Federal Holiday.

There are other things happening in September! First day of Autumn, and the US Army anniversary established in 1789 are some. On Wednesday, September 20th, it will be our evening to honor our Past Masters and their contributions over the years. I would ask all of them who attend to be prepared to share a story from their year that they would like to share with us. One last report: The lodge had its picnic at Craftsman's Park and it was well attended (26) and a great time was had by all. A special shout out to Wor. Bro. Mike Emery who was gracious enough to offer pontoon boat rides around the lake and use of his golf carts to tour this beautiful park. I know there are plans in the works to make a return visit and I fully support this and would encourage others to look at this opportunity with fresh eyes. Well my brethren, summer has gone its way, our labors

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Fri., Sept. 8, 5:00 p.m. – McKinley Observance at National Memorial

7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Wm. McKinley's Life Events

Sun., Sept. 10 – Grandparent's Day

Mon., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day

Fri., Sept. 15, 7:00 p.m. – Special Meeting, Degree Work

Wed., Sept. 20 – Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown

Fri., Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Plan for Outdoor Lodge

Sat., Sept. 23, 4:00 p.m. – Special Meeting, Outdoor Lodge, Bill Bird's Place

Fri., Sept. 29 – Yom Kippur begins at Sundown

Brethren! I trust and hope all had a wonderful summer filled with family, friends light and brotherhood. Also I would like to wish our Wor. Bro. Steve Morosko a speedy recovery from injuries recently and a hope he gets back on his feet soon.

As we approach fall and the return to school for the kids and autumn colors in the trees, I will take this moment to thank my officers for a great job in their perspective seats and all the Past Masters and members for their assistance and guidance so far. I have a quote I found that is very relevant to recent events; "If you see something wrong and don't correct it, you have just set a new standard." author, unknown.

Friday, September 8th, 5:00 p.m. is the lodge annual pilgrimage to the National Memorial of our lodge's namesake, Bro. Wm. McKinley for our observance. Afterword a dinner will be served in the Masonic Temple Dinning Room for those in attendance at 6:00 p.m. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. for a Stated Meeting and a program honoring Bro. McKinley's life.

Saturday, September 23rd a Master Mason Degree will be conferred, Outdoor Style on one candidate at Bill Bird's place on Greenport Road S.W. Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m. with lodge opening close after.

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Sun., Sept. 10 – Grandparent's Day
Mon., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day
Wed., Sept. 20 – Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown
Thurs., Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Fri., Sept. 29 – Yom Kippur begins at Sundown

I hope that all had an enjoyable summer. Recapping! In July we conferred two Entered Apprentice Degrees and in August we conferred two Fellow Craft Degrees.

Our Senior Warden Sam Volpe, was in the East for the E.A. Degrees and our Junior Warden Rick Oberhauser, was in the East for the F.C. degrees.

In June we, as a lodge, met for dinner at Main Street Grill and had a great time.

As most of you know, Wor. Bro. Reid McCloud passed in July and we held a memorial service and dinner at the lodge in his honor. His widow Trish was very moved by the Masonic Funeral and how many brethren came to show their respect.

Looking forward to great year! Fraternally,

Brad Cioca, Worshipful Master

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Mon., Sept. 4 - Labor Day

Tues., Sept. 5, 7:30 P.M. - Stated Meeting, Daughters of Makanna

Mon., Sept. 11 - Patriot Day

Tue. thru Sat., Sept. 12 thru 16 - D.O.M. Supreme Session, Canton Ohio

Wed., Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m. - Nazir Social Hour, Note: **Change of Date**

Due to D.O.M. Convention

6:30 p.m. - Dinner Served

7:30 p.m. - Nazir Stated Meeting

Monarch's Message

Prophets Needed! Nazir Grotto Membership Drive September 2017 through December 2018. Nazir Grotto will waive our \$75.00 initiation fee for all new members. All you need to pay is a \$25.00 joining fee. If you join in 2017 your dues for 2018 will be only \$25.00. Contact any of our officers for a petition or better yet, stop by for dinner on a Stated Meeting night. Our treat!

Congratulations to Yusef Khan's Dave Korb, who was elected to the Supreme line at this year's National Convention in Perrysburg.

Our Secretary/Treasurer has moved please send all correspondence to his new address also shown above: Nazir Grotto co David A. McIntyre, 500 Carnwise St SW, Canton, OH 44706.

Due to the D.O.M., National Convention, we will be moving our September Stated Meeting to the 20th of the month and we wish Supreme Mighty Chosen Cindy Gay well as she holds her National Convention here in Canton.

I will also thank all the customers and volunteers who came to make our Steak Fry's a great success. Attend your Blue Lodge Prophets!

Gary Gruber, Monarch

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Tues., Sept. 19, 7:00 p.m. – Stated Meeting

In June I was honored by being elected by the Companions of Canton Chapter to serve as their High Priest for the next term. Please check the Grand Chapter website for a listing of all the other officers. District 17 has many events planned centered around getting prepared for Grand Chapter this year and also preparing for our Grand Scribe, Ross R. Black II becoming the Grand High Priest of the State of Ohio in about 14 months. Companions please try to come and support these events to support Right Eminent Black. The district will host a hospitality room at Grand Chapter.

Remember to come and support your York Rite bodies. Fraternally,
Brad Cioca. High priest

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

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If you have never been present at a Master Mason Lecture recited by bon fire and “Teeke” Torch light, you have never seen the most impressive degree conferred yet. It is something out of the ordinary!

Word of the month: a stream of water, or a full ear of corn, based on the idea of plenty in harvest because of abundance of water. The Gileadites under Jephthah, who had just won a great victory over revolutionary Ephraimites, adopted this word as a test of soldiers fleeing across the Jordan because of the inability of the Ephraimites to pronounce the word correctly.

Jeffrey Hager, Master



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Tues., Sept. 19, 7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Sun., Oct. 1 – Grand Council, Vespers Service
Mon., Oct. 2 – Grand Council, Sandusky, Ohio

Welcome back from the pleasures of summer! Wouldn't you know it, the beginning of fall is already on the 22nd of September and it is time to get back to the business of helping bring new men into both Blue Lodge and Chapter, so we can have candidates for York Rite Council! Remember, without those bodies prospering, Council will not.

Grand Council will begin this year with a Vespers Service Sunday night, October 1st. The following day, October 2nd, will be the opening of the Grand Council Assembly at the Kalahari Resort outside of Sandusky. Activities conclude the next day and the Grand officers are installed. Grand Council always kicks off the week-long assemblies of the Grand Council, Grand Chapter, and Grand Commandery. All dues card carrying members are welcome to all three events. Please remember to bring your dues card and an appropriate apron to Council and Chapter.

We hope to see you at Canton Council, September 19th at the Stated Meeting. We would really like to see you there. Let us know how we can serve you better.

Wes Webber, Illustrious Master

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Tues., Sept. 19, 8:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Fri. and Sat., Oct. 6 and 7 – Annual Conclave, Columbus

Greetings Sir Knights! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. A new year in our Commandery is upon us and we have plenty of events coming up in the approaching months.

I'll begin with thanking everyone who attended or helped with the dinners we've served and especially with our annual corn roast. I think everyone had a great time and some even became better acquainted.

It appears at this time there will be ample opportunity for our officers to gain more experience delivering their parts for the Order of the Temple Degree, and this is a very good thing. Currently I'm aware of a few companions who will likely be receiving their Order of the Temple Degree in the upcoming months. There will be practices held on several upcoming Monday evenings to help everyone with this.

During our September meeting, I'd encourage everyone to bring their calendars so we can update them with the dates for C.T.A. meetings, inspections and Monday night practices. Speaking of inspections, ours is set for Saturday, January 20th beginning at 2:00 p.m. Sir Knight Richard Ganion and his lady Debbie will be visiting Canton on that day for the inspection and dinner. Please mark your calendars early and plan to attend the dinner and welcome our newest Sir Knights.

Another issue to mention is our Annual Conclave which will be

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must resume so join us in lodge, mingle with your brethren, share your stories, introduce yourselves to our newer members and see the desire of further light. Who knows, maybe you will be able to help them on their journey!

Ty Youngman, Worshipful Master

Canton Commandery No. 38, Knights Templar

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October 6th and 7th in Columbus. Sir Knight Ron Vicars, has been doing a wonderful job this past year as Grand Commander. Additionally our own Sir Knight Larry Haines is expected to be installed as our next Deputy Division Commander during the conclave, so it would be wonderful to have as many from our Commandery as possible there to show support for both Ron and Larry during this time.

Onto the topic of uniforms: If you do not have a uniform or are having issues with your present uniform, please see Sir Knight Richard Snider to assist you. It would be wonderful to have as many Sir Knights as possible fill our lines as we confer the Orders and need as many as possible dressed properly to do that.

Thank you in advance for all your help and support of our Commandery! God Bless!

Bob Wiley, Commander

Myths and Fact

Myths and Facts by: Allen Roberts, Northern Light Magazine

Note: *The following is taken from the Northern Light Magazine. Masonic myths and outright falsehood are continually spread concerning Freemasonry. This is an attempt to set and keep the history of the Craft straight.*

Myth. The story of Hiram as we portray it in our Lodges is based on truth.

Fact. It isn't. It has been called an "allegory," but factually it isn't. An allegory is a story within a story. What we portray is actually a fable. But it's a fable that teaches valuable and unforgettable lessons. The Temple Solomon had built to the glory of God was a fact. The story as told in the third, or Master

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Masons Degree, is not meant to be factual. In a broad sense it can be called a legend. The “Hiramic Legend” is an important part of the teachings graphically imprinted on the mind of the candidate. I put it this way in *The Craft and Its Symbols*: “The lessons found in the Legend of Hiram Abif reach to the roots of the soul and spirit. They are instilled in the heart forever. You were an active participant, so that these lessons would be deeply implanted, never to be lost.... “The ultimate triumph of good over evil, and life over death, has been depicted throughout the ages in drama, song and story. Legends depicting a central figure being killed and then returned to life were common to many religions and rites. These undoubtedly had a bearing on the development of the lessons the ritualists of Freemasonry believed had to be taught. But the Hiramic Legend is more intense, moralistic, and meaningful than any that preceded it. “Hiram Abif did exist. He was a skillful worker in brass and other metals. He was sent to assist King Solomon.... [But] the Hiram Abif who actually worked at beautifying the Temple of Solomon lived to an old age! He died of natural causes!”

Myth. The Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, a non-sectarian foundation, has been accepted by all religions.

Fact. Not so. Briefly: the story begins on February 3, 1943 when the U.S. Troop ship *Dorchester* was torpedoed. As it was sinking four chaplains (Methodist, Rabbi, Catholic Priest, Reformed [Dutch] Church Minister) handed their life jackets to soldiers as they plunged into the sea. With arms linked, and singing, the chaplains went down with the ship. In 1948 Dr. Daniel A. Poling, father of one of the chaplains, became Chaplain of the Chapel. The father and son were Freemasons. Men of all faiths were invited to memorialize the heroism of the chaplains in 1951. Congressman John F. Kennedy was invited and accepted. He didn’t show up — his Cardinal Dougherty wouldn’t let him! Later General James O’Neil, Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Army was invited to dedication ceremonies. He accepted, but he, also, didn’t show up. The same Dougherty wouldn’t let him! Two employees of the government had refused! During the latter dedication Brother Harry S. Truman said these chaplains had obeyed a Divine command, and “this is an old faith in our country. It is shared by all churches and all denominations.” This is one time Brother Truman erred.

ADDENDUM. In my segment about the Chapel of the Four Chaplains I wasn’t as clear as I should have been. (May I blame this on space constraints? - Nahhhh.) I wrote: “Dr. Daniel A. Poling, father of one of the chaplains, became Chaplain of the Chapel.” True. But I added: “The father and son were

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Masters, Wardens & Deacons
Association of Stark County

TRESTLE BOARD

Sat., Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m. - Hoover Lodge
Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Greetings all! I hope this letter finds everyone well and has weath-ered this outstanding summer.

This up coming year will be an outstanding one. With the 21st District picnic behind us, there may be a Christmas party in the works for this year. The Masters Wardens & Deacons Association had one set back during the summer; the Special Olympic Opening was concealed that Saturday do to the bad weather and rescheduled; so the brethren returned home disappointed. We are hoping to have another trip next year, with new ideas for eating and a tour to interest all.

Please do not forget the M. W. & D. Meeting is to be held at Hoover Lodge at 10:00 a.m. Saturday September 9th. There will be a breakfast before hand.

Hope to see all you at Hoover Lodge Saturday, September 9th! Fraternally,

Daniel Schario, President

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Freemasons.” A son was — but not the chaplain who gave his life jacket to a soldier. (Later the father did say this son planned on becoming a Freemason.) I didn’t mention (and should have) that George L. Fox, one of the four chaplains, was a member of Moose River Lodge No. 82, Concord, Vermont. In World War I he had earned a Purple Heart, a Silver Medal, the Croix de Guerre with palms, and the Victory Medal with six battle bars.

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