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# Happy Labor Day!



**Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Labor Day**  
**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Grandparents Day**  
**Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Patriot Day**  
**Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, POW / MA Recognition Day**  
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#### TRESTLE BOARD

- Mon., Sept. 3 – Labor Day
- Wed., Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
- Sun., Sept. 9 – Grandparents Day
- Mon., Sept. 10 – Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown
- Tues., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day
- Wed., Sept. 19 – Yom Kippur begins at Sundown  
7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
- Fri., Sept. 21 – POW and MA Recognition Day

With September here, summer is beginning to draw to a close. With that, we are no longer “dim” and we will return to our normal two regular Stated Meetings per month. I look forward to reconvening and catching up with brethren. As a reminder! All regular stated meetings NOT involving degree work or Inspection will be business casual.

Coming up next month in October, is the 209<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The event will be held in Sandusky at Kalahari Resort & Convention Center. Dates span from the afternoon of Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to go and have not yet responded by RSVP, it is suggested you do so soon. Further information for registration is found on the Grand Lodge Website at [www.glohoio.com](http://www.glohoio.com) and details will also be e-mailed to members preceding the event.

On August 9<sup>th</sup> we left for our 165 mile journey to raise awareness for Congenital Heart Disease. I’m unaware of the numbers as of yet, but “Paddling For the Cure” might be in first place for fundraising for the “Heart Walk.” It was an amazing adventure traveling with nothing but a canoe and the gear on your back. In the first few hours Bro. Justin Walinga and I almost flipped our canoe

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**Fri., Sept 7, 7:00 p.m.** – Special Meeting, Fellow Craft Team

**Sun., Sept. 9** – Grandparents Day

**Mon., Sept. 10** – Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown

**Tues., Sept. 11** – Patriot Day, Fly Old Glory

**Fri., Sept. 14, 5:00 p.m.** - McKinley Observance at National Memorial

**6:00 p.m.** – Dinner at the Temple

**7:30 p.m.** -Stated Meeting

**Sat., Sept. 15. 5:00 p.m.** – Outdoor Lodge Dinner, Bill Bird's Nest

**7:00 p.m.** – Outdoor Master Mason Degree, Bill Bird's Nest

**Wed., Sept. 19** – Yom Kippur begins at Sundown

**Fri., Sept. 21** - POW and MA Recognition Day, Fly Old Gloty

**Fri., Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.** – Stated Meeting

Greetings Brethren! We will start the month with our McKinley Observance at the Canton McKinley National Memorial on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; than off to the Temple for a Spaghetti dinner at 6:00 p.m. and our Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Lodge Room with a program afterwards. The officers will be in tuxedos at the memorial service at the monument.

Our Annual Outdoor Master Mason Degree Raising is scheduled on September 15<sup>th</sup>. I'm thankful to Brother Bill Bird for graciously allowing us the use of his property for this meeting. Location of meeting is at 5169 Greenport Ave S.E. Canton, OH 44707. We will have an outdoor dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. and the lodge and degree work will proceed at 7:00 p.m. Dues Cards are required.

That's all I have now; hope to see you in lodge and stay safe.

God Bless

**Roger Summers, W. M.**

Brethren, keep in mind that your lodge will reach its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year and it has been suggested

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- Mon., Sept 3 - Labor Day
- Thurs, Sept 6, 6:00 p.m. – Dinner By Reservation, Widows and Guests  
 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Memorial Service
- Sun., Sept. 9 – Grandparents Day
- Mon., Sept. 10 – Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown
- Tues., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day, Fly Old Glory
- Wed., Sept. 19 – Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown
- Thurs., Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Fri., Sept. 21 – POW and MA Recognition Day, Fly Old Glory

Warm Greetings Brethren! I trust your summer has been enjoyable and hopefully all the “honey-do” projects have been completed. The Football HOF festivities are in the books as our city was once again in the national spotlight. Football season is around the corner and the Baseball Boys of summer are in full swing. I will be excited to see you all again. It seems that “going dark” always creates an opportunity to gather with a renewed passion for lodge.

As we prepare to return “to light”, our first Stated Meeting will once again include our Memorial Service Night and Spaghetti Dinner! We will take this opportunity to recognize those beloved Brothers who have met the Great Architect. For me, this is always a bitter sweet time and reinforces our brotherhood in a spiritual way. All Masonic widows will be treated to a free spaghetti dinner before the memorial service; others will be asked to donate \$10.00. Spaghetti, garlic bread, fruit cup and beverages will be served. This event is open to all. It will be Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. before our Stated Meeting. Please RSVP to Rick Oberhauser at [roberhauser@wltucker.com](mailto:roberhauser@wltucker.com) or (330) 352-0180, text or voice mail. Hope to see you there!

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- Tues., Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m. - Daughters of Mokanna, Stated Meeting
- Tues., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day, Fly Old Glory
- Tues. thru Sat., Sept. 11 thru Sept. 15, - Daughters of Mokanna Convention, Middleburg Hts., Ohio
- Wed., Sept. 19, 5:30 pm – Social Hour, Date Change due to Convention
- 6:30 pm - Dinner
- 7:30 pm – Nazir Grotto Stated Meeting

### Monarch’s Message:

Calendar-wise, summer is over and our lodges and organizations are now active again for business and fun. I encourage all to attend their organizations, renew old friendships and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow brethren. The invitation is always open to join our fellow Prophets at Nazir Grotto where Good Fellowship prevails. See our trestle board above for time and dates.

God’s Blessings to you,

**David Cullison, P.M., Monarch**

### Secretary/Treasurer Notes:

Due to the Daughters of Mokanna Convention in Middleburg Hights, we will move our regular meeting night to the third Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be back to our normal meeting night in October.

We are coming around to the third quarter pole and there are a few Prophets who still have not paid their dues. Check your dues card; if it is not yellow you could be suspended for non-payment of dues.

Nazir Grotto would like to wish our new Grand Monarch Matthew Wissell a great year and congratulate Islam’s Grotto own Robert Lorenz on his election to Grand Captain of the Guard.

**David A. McIntyre, P.M., S..C.D.D., Secretary/Treasurer**



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### TRESTLE BOARD

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- Sun., Sept. 9 – Grandparents Day, Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown
- Mon., Sept. 10, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Mark Master Degree
- Tues., Sept. 11 – Patriot Day
- Mon., Sept. 17, 6:00 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner, Temple Dining Room
- Tues., Sept. 18, 7:00 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Wed., Sept. 19 – Yom Kippur begins at Sundown
- Sat., Sept. 22, 9:00 a.m. – Outdoor Mark Master, MacLearie Farm, Sheltersville
- Tues. thru Thurs., Oct. 9 thru 11 – Grand Chapter, Kalahari Resort

Greeting Companions! Where did the summer go? It seems we just took a break and it's time to get back to work in our Chapter. I look for a very exciting year coming up and I know we are going to be busy helping and supporting our new Grand High Priest this year.

We start out with a practice for our inspection on November 5<sup>th</sup> with the Mark Master degree. We will schedule as many practices as we feel we need between now and the inspection date.

Canton York Rite Bodies will be scheduling a Spaghetti Dinner at the Masonic Temple as a fund raiser on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Come out bring the family and enjoy a good cooked meal with your fellow companions.

Our first Stated Meeting will be the 18<sup>th</sup> and we will open in Full Form so let's show our district deputy Jim Collins how great a chapter he belongs to.

Get up early and come out and enjoy an Outdoor Mark Master Degree at the MacLearie Farm in Sheltersville, Ohio. We will start at 9:00 a.m. Now if your really brave, come out the night before and camp and solve all the world problems. I haven't seen it done yet but we keep trying. It's a Blast.

Grand Chapter will be held at Kalahari Resort this year on October 9<sup>th</sup> thru October 11<sup>th</sup>. R.E.C. Ross Black, II is from the 17<sup>th</sup> Capitular District so we should all be there to support him if possible. Plus you can bring the wife and family and have a great time.

**Richard P. Snider Sr., High Priest**

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Tues., Sept. 18, 7:45 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Wed., Sept. 19 – Yom Kippur begins at Sundown

Hello Companions! Welcome to another year of Cryptic masonry.

Most of you that read this are already aware of how important Council is to completing the store of Freemasonry. Many people that are not members of a council may not know. To that end I am including a excerpt from the Grand Councils web site: One Cryptic Masonry’s popularity is that it completes a story, a Masonic allegory. Freemasonry is very philosophical and teaches its ideals by allegory or story. This philosophy is moralistic and religious however Freemasonry is not a religion, nor a substitute for one. A requirement for membership in Freemasonry is a professed belief in God and eternal life. It is mandatory that a man profess a personal faith in a Supreme Being prior to becoming a Freemason. Freemasonry never attempts to alter any ones beliefs. Freemasonry offers no theology or plan of salvation. However, it does offer a moral plan to use in this world; leaving the Mason to look to his religion for salvation into the next world. Ancient Cryptic Masonry centers around the story of the preservation, loss and recovery of the Word. The Word represents mans search for life’s purpose and the nature of GOD. Symbolic Freemasonry, as in the Lodge, teaches of the loss of the Word and hope for its recovery. Royal Arch Masonry, as in the Chapter, teaches its recovery. Cryptic Masonry, as in the Council, completes this story by teaching of the Words initial preservation.

Larry Haines, Illustrious Master

Advertisement for Arnold Funeral Service, featuring a 100th Anniversary logo and contact information for Canton and Hartville.

Advertisement for Dignity Memorial, listing locations at Sunset Hills Burial Park & Memorial Gardens and Forest Hill Cemetery, with contact information.



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### TRESTLE BOARD

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- Tues., Sept. 18, 8:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Wed., Sept. 19 – Yom Kippur begins at Sundown

Greetings Sir Knights! Well we have made it through summer and even though we were not meeting we were busy. The corn roast was a big success and a great big thank you to all who were able to help with this great event. There is a lot going on this year and I am going to do the best I can to keep you all informed and do what is right for Canton Commandery No.38. There are some important dates I need all sir knights to put in your calendars and here is one of them:

Saturday, January 19th 2019, Our Inspection date in the Order of the Temple Degree starting time will be 1:30 p.m. and there will be practices for the line officers posted soon. This will also be a Grand Commander’s Visitation so at all meetings the officers will please be in uniform. That being said, if you do not have a uniform let’s talk and see what can be put together or what the options may be. When practice dates and times are announced I would like everyone to attend; if you have scheduling conflicts please let me know.

I am hoping to add a little Templar History each month and this is the start of what I hope to be an educational minute that we can read and reflect on.

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## *New Grand Master Installed*



### **Most Wor. Bro. Thomas D. Zahler, Grand Master of Masons of Ohio**

During impressive Grand Lodge ceremonies on Oct. 16, 1993, Thomas D. Zahler of Canton, Ohio was installed as Grand Master of Masons of Ohio. Most Wor. Bro. Zahler was raised a Master Mason on Nov. 21, 1966 in Clinton Lodge No. 47, F. & AM. Of Massillon and served as Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1971--72. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 21<sup>st</sup> Masonic District in 1976-78. He is affiliated with all York Rite Bodies: Hiram Chapter No. 18; Massillon Commandery No.4, and Canton Council No. 35, R. & S.M.

Grand Master Zahler is a past Worthy

Patron of Hadassah Chapter No. 108, O.E.S., past Commander-in-Chief of Stark Consistory, AAS.R., Valley of Canton and was coroneted a thirty-third degree Mason in Boston, on September 26, 1984.

He was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ohio on October 13, 1984, became Junior Grand Deacon in 1986 and subsequently appointed Senior Grand Deacon in 1987, Grand Marshal in 1988 and Grand Orator in 1989; then elected Junior Grand Warden in 1990, Senior Grand Warden in 1991 and Deputy Grand Master in 1992.

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## New Grand Master Installed

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A life member of the First United Church of Christ in Canton, he has served as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher for over thirty years.

M. W. Bro. Zahler and his wife Jodine celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary, on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Editors Note: Article spacing altered for Bulletin use. Article was not abridged.*

*Do you remember this occasion? I'll bet Most Worshipful Tom Zahler does! As we look back at past Bulletins many memories come to light. Many of the younger members may not have that feeling of yester-year memories that the Baby-Boomers do. Those were great times with family, friends and the Masonic Fraternity!*



**Canton Masonic Temple 1926** By: Robert R. Martelet M.S.A.

This picture of the Canton Masonic Temple surfaced during the summer months of 2018 and brings a host of memories to mind. This picture is unusual because it was taken south of the building on Market Avenue showing the south side of the structure. The reader will note both drives in position, the north side drive entering and the southern exiting from the rear parking facilities which were built in the early 20's. As noted in an earlier article, the city moved Ninth Street many years after this picture was taken. Looking closely one can see the red brick two story home to the North of the Temple which was raised in the 40's or 50's. A one story office building was erected on the site and later moved to the northwest corner of Ninth Street and Walnut Avenue. Also the reader will note, looking at the picture, the south side of the Masonic Temple building is

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## Canton Masonic Temple 1926

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not like the existing building today. The freight elevator extension at the rear was erected some years later on the southeast corner outside of the main building. Probably for this reason the second internal elevator was never installed in its prebuilt enclosure located on the east side of the lobby where a water fountain stands today. As we work in and inhabit this fine old structure, we do not realize the changes that have accrued over the years and tend to take for granted that things are as they were years ago. The parking facilities for example were somewhat small compared to today's standards. Automobiles were one to a family and not all families owned one. Public transportation was the thing in the 20's until the 60's. Bus and street car routs were plentiful and ran every 10 to 15 minutes at a cost of .05 to .10 cents with a transfer. The public square was awash with city bus and street car traffic most of the day as a transfer point to all parts of the city. In later years the Temple Committee purchased the aging houses along the west side of Walnut Avenue, had them raised and built the existing parking facilities. And yes! I have seen this large parking lot full to capacity many times with many visitors forced to park across Market Avenue at the funeral home which is now closed, out of business and gone. Time marches on and things change and are forgotten. Many Brethren do not realize or remember when originally built, the Masonic Temple was cooled in the summer months with cold water. That's right! An early form of air conditioning! Water was pumped from one of the two large wells located under the building through the heating system and than drained back into the ground by the aid of the second well. When city water was instituted, the wells were sealed and that ended the cooling process as designed into the original structure. The sky-light located at the top of the main stair-well was a real focal point of the building. Stained glass for sun light to project through. It was beautiful during the day and early evening. But in the 90's when energy prices skyrocketed, it had to be covered to keep the heat from escaping through to glass ceiling. Remember in the 40's, coal used for heating, was only about \$10.00 to \$12.00 a ton delivered. \$500.00 went a long way! Even the trees on the front lawn were removed several times over the years. We've gone from that ragged looking Elm to Maples and than to Blue Spruce back to Hard Maples and than to what we have now. And when the wind bent the flag pole located on the highest point of the Temple, where Old Glory flew in all its majestic power, had to be removed and installed on the front lawn, it was a Canton icon gone. Many looked to it for wind direction and speed as it towered over the city. Oh! I could go on for hundreds more words writing about what you and I remember. And like the Masonic Bulletin celebrating 100 years of publication, the Canton Masonic Temple is nearing its centennial and is for all appearance still a worthy statue representing a better life through Masonry still standing tall on the corner of Ninth Street and North Market Avenue. **So-mot-it-be.**

## **Canton Commandery No. 38, Knights Templar**

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The Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon, also known as the Order of Solomon's Temple, the Knights Templar or simply as Templars, were a Catholic military order recognized in 1139 by papal bull Omne Datum Optimum of the Holy See. The order was founded in 1119 and was active until about 1312.

**Ty Youngman, Commander**

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

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that rather than having one giant several day long bash celebrating this occasion, we have several smaller events showcasing the Sesquicentennial of Wm. McKinley Lodge No. 431. The officers have many plans in the works and we hope all who are able will donate time and talent to this project. 150 years is a monumental accomplishment and should be experienced with prompt, circumstance, reverence and humility. It is a once in a lifetime event and most of us recognize this. Many lodges never reach this mile-stone step on times latter. It's a time to look back to those who donated their time and talent making Wm. McKinley Lodge what it is today and it's our duty to further put forth the effort and time keeping this tradition alive. I hope we will show the Canton area and the profane that Masonry is alive, well and pushing forward with their theme of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Proving that we respect our country, its laws, its stars and stripes banner as a symbol of what we believe; we respect humanity as all men are equal in the eyes of the Great Architect and we love being known as: Not just a man, but a Freemason.

**Bobel**

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## **Masonic Service Association of North America October 2015**

We know which of the U.S. Presidents have been Masons, but how active were some of these Brethren in their Lodges? Their Grand Lodges? Other Masonic Bodies? Gary A. Littlefield, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, reported on his research: Two Presidents have held the Office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodges - Andrew Jackson of Tennessee and Harry S. Truman of Missouri. Two Presidents served as District Deputy Grand Masters; James Buchanan of Pennsylvania & Truman. Four were Worshipful Masters of their Lodges; George Washington of Virginia, Jackson, Buchanan and Truman. Besides those who presided over their Lodges, two others served in their lodge in the Officer Lines; James Garfield of Ohio and James K. Polk of Tennessee and North Carolina. Eight U.S. Presidents were Royal Arch

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## Grand Success Brings About: Second Annual Canton Masonic Temple Halloween Party to Be Held



The Canton Masonic Temple held a “Trick or Treat at the Temple” on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2017. We welcomed over fifty guests that evening and I am fairly certain that they all made it out of the building. There were a number of candy stops and the Ballroom was decorated accordingly. Guests enjoyed refreshments and had an opportunity to compare the spoils of their efforts.

This would not have been possible without the generous support of countless brethren and their families. Many of you stepped forward with cash donations, bags of candy, drinks and time; and I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you. I also want to thank Canton Commandery No. 38 for their generous financial support and Brother Roger Offenberger and his lady Vicki, who drove up from Strasburg in their hearse and provided a great deal of extra enjoyment with their decorations! Because of the success of this first attempt, I am pleased to invite you and your family and friends to the Second Annual Canton Masonic Temple Halloween Party on Sunday, October 21, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. In addition to the numerous candy stations and Ballroom refreshments, there will be Halloween-themed games.

More information about the 2018 event will be forthcoming and I hope to see many of you and your guests there. I will ask for volunteers to help escort guests around the Temple Building, pass out candy and do their part to show our community what Freemasonry is all about.

Until then, I remain, and will remain, ever grateful for your support and if there is anything that I can do for you, do not hesitate to contact me.

**Best wishes, Jim Seelye, Ph.D.**

**Senior Deacon, William McKinley Lodge**

**Chairperson, Board of Governors, Children’s Dyslexia Center of Canton**

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Masons; Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Andrew Johnson of Tennessee, Garfield, William McKinley and Warren Harding, both of Ohio, and Truman. Knights Templar among the Masonic Presidents included Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Harding, and Truman.

Those who were Scottish Rite Masons were: Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, McKinley, Truman, Johnson, Garfield, and Harding. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree was conferred on Truman & Ford. Harding was elected to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree but passed before receiving it.

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and I lost most of my food. The Tuscarawas River water level was extremely low and the boat dragged almost the whole first day; not getting to camp until about 9:00 o'clock. After paddling and portaging 30 miles, we sat up camp in Newcomerstown, demoralized wondering if we would complete the trip.

The second day went a lot smoother as the river widened and water levels deepened. Still, a very long day as we paddled 35 miles. We were lucky enough to be invited to stay at a cabin in Dresden. The owners made us feel very welcomed and even cooked dinner.

Feeling refreshed with a good meal and dry feet made the portage at the Ellis Dam a lot easier. We canoed all the way south of Duncan Falls where we made camp on a small island with sandy shores. Brother Walinga and I very much enjoyed our summer sausage and mashed potato wraps that night.

Day four was a cloudless day with strong headwinds and no current. Reaching our last lock before Stockport we met a very nice family with a pontoon boat. Feeling demoralized from the very slow current and the strong headwind; we asked the nice family with the pontoon boat for a tow. Agreeing they towed us from a little north of Stockport where we pulled off the river and they asked if we wanted to stay there for the night. Luckily they had an extra cabin aborad with beds and yes, we were very fortunate.

Setting off in the morning the family then towed us the rest of the way to Stockport Lock. We made quick work of the trip from Stockport Lock to Lowell; setting up camp underneath a bridge and feeling like true vagrants.

The last day was bittersweet as we knew our trip was coming to an end. That morning we were met with coffee and donuts from our Deputy Grand Master Jess Raines. He said we might see him for a portion of the trip next year! We stopped into the Edgewater Tavern in Marietta for a burger and maybe a few too many well deserved beers. We made one more portage around the last lock and finally arrived at our destination, Williamstown, West Virginia.

All in all it was a great trip! I've made new friends and strengthened friendships. I'm glad that I was able to go on this adventure and represent Canton Lodge amd Masonry on this amazing journey.

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." - Mark Twain

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North Canton Temple

10:00 a.m. - Monthly Meeting, Officers Nominations, Hoover Lodge

Hello Brethren! It’s a bitter sweet time of year when summer is coming to a close, but we begin meeting regularly again! I’m glad to report the 21<sup>st</sup> District Picnic was again a success with the support of all who attended as well as the contributions from the lodges as well as that of S.L.O.A., T.M.B.L.A., Tadmor Shrine and the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association. It was also great to see assistance from the Jobs Daughters and DeMolay. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

Our next meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at the Canton Masonic Temple. I would encourage all brethren to attend, as it helps everyone learn what is happening with the district as well as the individual lodges. Your participation also allows everyone to offer their ideas for new events or maybe improving existing ones. I hope to see everyone there!

Fraternally,  
**Bob Wiley, President**

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