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*Merry
Christmas*



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- Sun., Dec. 2** - Hanukkah begins at Sundown
- Wed., Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting
- Fri., Dec. 7** – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Fly Old Glory
- Sat., Dec. 18, 8:00 a.m.** – Deliver Christmas Remembrances
- Wed., Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting
- Fri., Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m.** - All Canton Lodges Christmas Party, Ballroom
- Tues., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m.** – Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast
- Mon., Dec. 31** – New Years Eve

It seems not long ago I had completed my term as Master of Canton Lodge, and a new Master had taken office. Here we are four years later and I've been honored once again to lead our lodge for another year. Things are similar, yet different; with a new group of officers and new objectives to meet. We were honored once again by several familiar faces serving on our Installing Team, to include among them our current Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Jess N. Raines, serving as Installing Officer. To him and the others, I wish to convey my many thanks for a job well done.

I'd also like to thank our immediate Past Master, Worshipful Brother Christian Vallance, for a great job over the past year; he set the bar high in several areas and it will be hard to keep up with.

This year will be a busy one. Our inspection will be February 13th 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellow Craft Degree. Most Worshipful Brother Raines is anticipated to come that evening as well. We should have plenty of practice by inspection night, so hopefully everyone will be ready by then.

The month of December brings several traditions with it and this year will be no exception. We will be delivering Christmas Remembrances to our venerable

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- Fri., Dec. 7** – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Fly Old Glory
7:00 p.m. – Open Installation, Light Dinner Following
- Fri., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting, New Officers, Open E.A.
- Sat., Dec. 15, 8:00 a.m.** – Deliver Christmas Cheer to Lodge Widows
- Fri., Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m.** – All Canton Lodges Christmas Party, Ballroom
- Tues., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m.** – Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast
- Sat., Dec. 28, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting, Open E.A. Discussion, the Apron
- Mon., Dec. 31** – New Years Eve

Greetings my Brothers! We are starting another year for our beloved fraternity and I am thrilled to be in the East at William McKinley No. 431 this year. I originally came from Canton No. 60, but I am proud to be the Master of McKinley this year because this is the lodge in which my grandfather, Jim Mulholland was a member.

Officers will be installed on December 7th in the Cryptic Room at 7:00 p.m. with a light dinner to follow. We have a strong and dedicated officer line-up this year and they are all working hard to make this year memorable for all of you. This year I hope to bring more education to the meetings and make the meetings something you will look forward to. Some of the educational topics for this year are: explaining excerpts from the code book each meeting, Masonic etiquette, the ancient charges and having discussions aboutt the lectures and charges. I hope this will be a combination of education and entertainment or “education.”

My hope this year is to bring back some of the old while also moving forwards towards the new. Bringing back the old, we will be using the Warden’s Columns during our meetings this year. A practice that was first used in 1760 representing the Senior

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- Thurs., Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meetings
- Fri., Dec. 7** – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Fly Old Glory
- Thurs., Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting
- Tues., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m.** – Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast
- Mon., Dec. 31** – New Year Eve
- Thurs., Jan. 24, 5:30 p.m.** - Spaghetti Dinner Benefit

Greetings Brethren! Cold weather is upon us and the winds are once again rewarding us with new officers as our annual Installation time frame kicks off. Good Luck to all incoming officers especially to the Trinity Brethren. I am fortunate to have a strong line of officers. They are teaching me a few things and I am grateful. I would like to thank all who attended our Installation. I was truly taken aback by the familiar and also the new faces in attendance.

A new Masonic year awaits us as do the Holidays. As we prepare for them both perhaps we should pause to allow ourselves to “Invest.” Invest in your family. Invest your chosen occupation. Invest in your community; and certainly Invest in your Lodge, your Brethren and the craft. To all you who are thinking you would like to attend our stated meetings once again, “Just do it.”

Have a Joyous Holiday Season!

Rick Oberhauser, Master

Moving? Tell the Bulletin!

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Tues., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. - Daughters of Mokanna, Stated Meeting

Fri., Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Fly Old Glory

Wed., Dec. 12 - 5:30 pm – Social Hour

6:30 pm - Dinner

7:30 pm – Stated Meeting, **Election and Installation**

Tues., Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas

Mon., Dec. 31- News Year Eve



Secretary/Treasurer Notes

December 12th will be our open Installation of Monarch Elect David Wm McIntyre and his core of officers. Please join the Grotto Highlander Installing Team for this special occasion. Please text or call David A. McIntyre (330) 605-2434 for reservations.

Due to many conflicts the Fall Conference hosted by Yusef Khan Grotto was postponed until February. It will still be held at the Holiday Inn Belden Village. The conference will be February 8th thru February 10th. See the O.G.A. website for the reservation forms.

Your 2019 Nazir Grotto Dues are due by December 31st.

My family and the Nazir Grotto family wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David A. McIntyre, P.M. S.C.D.D.
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My Companions! Where has the year gone! It’s hard to believe the year is coming to its end already. We have a very slow month in December, which is very good because this is the time of year we need to be with our families and friends. Our December Stated Meeting is basically all that is planned. Please try to attend and share some fellowship and brotherhood with other companions.

Christmas morning 6:00 a.m. sharp, we will all have a Masonic Christmas Breakfast with our Brothers and have a good time. Take this time to reflect upon what this holiday really means to you and if you can help someone out at this time of year. Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Richard Snider, H. P.

Canton Masonic Association

Brethren, as we now are past Thanksgiving and look on to the Holiday season, I would like to take the opportunity to present another way to help with the upkeep of our Temple. In addition to the monthly work parties, you or your Lodge may choose to adopt a project. There are many projects needing done and your adoption and completion of a project will get you or your Lodge recognition on the monitor that scrolls the Perfect Ashlar Guild at the rear entrance. Recognition levels will be determined by the adopted project size and complexity. This is an opportunity to join the Perfect Ashlar Guild without making a monetary donation. We can use any help that you wish to give. The regular work party days begin with coffee & donuts at 8:00 a.m. and work is usually concluded by 12:00 p.m. Please contact Paul Feaser at (330) 417-2309 to schedule your project adoption. Respectfully submitted!

Eric Muehlenbein, Canton Masonic Association



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Hello Companions! Well it is indeed already time for another Christmas. There is a song that says "days go slow and years go fast." That seems to get more true every year. With all the distractions, opportunities for entertainment and tragedies throughout the world, it can be very easy to lose track of what is going on right here at home. Christmas to me is always a very special time. I get to spend time with my whole family and laugh and enjoy just being together. This year I am going to try to add a new tradition. I am going to try and get in touch with a companion who hasn't been to a meeting for a while and try to bring him to the Christmas breakfast. Not just hoping that he will see what he has been missing but let him know we have missed him. I would challenge all of you to do this as well. Reach out to someone who hasn't been around for whatever reason and let them know they still matter.

To all companion, I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year. Be safe, laugh and love.

Larry Haines, Master

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- Fri., Dec. 7** – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Fly Old Glory
7:00 p.m. - Post Colors for McKinley Lodge Installation
- Mon., Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m.** – Order of Temple Practice
- Mon., Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m.** – Order of Temple Practice
- Tues., Dec. 18, 8:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting
- Tues., Dec. 25, 6:00 a.m.** – Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast
- Mon., Dec. 31** – New Years Eve




Greetings Sir Knights! We have to keep coming out and supporting our comandery in all of our activities. Our inspection is at this point just a month away and we are continuing with our practices and will continue on this path. Those Sir Knights who are still in need of uniforms, please contact me so we can see what we have available for you to borrow. For those who came out last month to assist in the posting of colors, thank you!

This months Knight Templar fun fact:

Only ten years after the Knights Templar came into existence, they were officially designated as an order of the Catholic Church at the Council of Troyes in 1129. Initially, members of the order were granted the use of white cloaks to be worn over their armor to distinguish their membership. Eventually, Pope Eugene III allowed the use of a simple red cross to symbolize the martyrdom of members who would die defending the faith. There was no single design of the cross. Instead, variations of the design would be worn by different chapters of the Knights Templar. These crosses appeared on cloth and were also worn over the armor of a member of the order as well as on flags carried into battle. They were also not to be removed while the owner was awake.

Ty Youngman, Commander

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Warden's authority during labor and the Junior Warden's authority during refreshment. We will also be doing all degrees this year wearing white gloves to intensify the hand motions of the due guards and signs. Moving forward to the new, I also hope to update the website and "Facebook" page and keep them current of all event times and dates. I would like to add a password protected part of the website for officers and members as well. I will be putting a suggestion link on the website and I hope to increase clear communication to all the officers and members as well.

If you are a Past Master of this Lodge, I implore you to come back to lodge and share your knowledge. All members who live within travel distance please come back at least once this year so this new line of officers can meet you. Everyone please come to our Inspection on February 22nd.

We will start the year opening in the Entered Apprentice Degree and our first meeting of the new officers will be on December 14th at 7:30 p.m. We will be reviewing lodge protocol and if you have not been to lodge in a while or have forgotten the due guards and signs, let an officers or myself know and we will gladly get you up to speed. The officers and I are here for you, the members.

Saturday, December 15th, we will be delivering poinsettias to Lodge Widows and Shut-ins.

Friday evening, December 21st, all the lodge children will meet Santa at the Canton Masonic Lodges Christmas party. Treats, games and a good time are promised for all who attend. Even if you don't have any children come on out for some food and refreshments.

Saturday, December 28th, we will have our second stated meeting of the new officer's line up. We will open in Entered Apprentice Degree and discuss the Apron in Masonry. This will be a moderated discussion done in the Arts and Sciences Lodge style and all Entered Apprentices and above are encouraged to participate.

Remember the Grand Master's motto for this year is INVEST. Invest in yourself. Invest in your lodge and invest in your community.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

Steve Morosko, Master Elect

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brethren on December 15th. We will meet in the Ballroom at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and planning delivery routes prior to heading out. As usual, all brethren are more than welcome to assist in this worthy endeavor so please join in the fellowship that morning.

This year, we will again join with McKinley Lodge for a family Christmas party. Stay tuned as details come out at our meetings! If you have any children or grandchildren who would like to attend, please contact me and I'll relay that information to help make sure they get a good chance at meeting with the big guy in the red suit.

Another tradition for Canton Lodge is setting up of the Ballroom on December 24th at 8:00 a.m. in preparation for the annual Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast. Please contact me regarding going out for breakfast before heading to the Temple. Plans are currently in the works for that as well.

As usual, we have the Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast on Christmas Morning, December 25th at 6:00 a.m. I have been informed this year's speaker should be exceptional so, I'd urge everyone who can attend to please do so. For those with young children, it's my understanding we should conclude by 7:00 a.m. however, if you're able to come in early or stay later there's a need for volunteers to help cook the pancakes and tidy up afterward.

I believe that is all I have for now but before ending this entry, I'd like to remind everyone, please keep in mind what this season is all about. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season complete with time well spent with those who you're close to. Also, please don't forget to keep our military service members in your prayers for their safe and speedy returns to their families.

Robert Wiley, Master

Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast 2018



Brethren! Christmas Day will soon be upon us. As we reflect on that day and the meaning of the Season, we hope each of you will consider the important role fellowship plays within this Holiday and join us for this annual event here at the Canton Masonic Temple. The breakfast is sponsored by The Canton Masonic Temple Association, the York Rite Bodies of Canton and the Blue Lodges of Canton and North Canton. As a result, you are cordially invited to attend along with your male guests and relatives. We will start promptly at 6:00 a.m. and will conclude at

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7:00 a.m. We will be serving pancakes and sausage along with orange juice and milk (for those that want it) plus the coffee will be hot. So bring your breakfast appetite. There will also be a food drive that morning as well, so please bring non-perishable food items with you for donation to The Total Living Center here in Canton. The breakfast is free of charge, but a collection will be taken to help offset the associated costs.



Pastor, Mike Brown Family

Our speaker this year will be Pastor Michael Brown, currently the Student Ministries / Children's Pastor for Faith Bible Church in Canton (Plain Township) where he has been serving since 2005. He became the student ministries director in January of 2006. After many years of Church Based Theological Education, pastoral-internships and a time of apprenticeship, he was officially ordained as a Pastor/Elder in January of 2014. Mike is also currently enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary working towards a Master in Divinity Degree. At Faith Bible Church, besides daily pastoral care, he has oversight of the Children's Ministries, Student Ministries, and home study groups. Mike is married to his lovely wife, Sheryl, and they have four precious girls and one boy with another baby girl due in January. I know you will enjoy his message that morning.

Additionally, this function will always be in need of volunteers to help on Christmas Morning with some set-up, cooking, serving and/or clean-up afterwards. If you can help in any one of these areas, please contact Rt. Wor. Bro. William D. Stratton at the Canton Masonic Temple (330) 455-6300 and inform him of your availability.

Brethren, this function is for your betterment in Freemasonry and for your enjoyment. Help make this year as successful as those of the past. So if you plan to attend and will have eight (8) or more in your party, please call or e-mail me and provide me with your name and total number in your party so I can reserve a table for you. I can be reached at (330) 353-2947 or miller-[rick@att.net](mailto:miller-rick@att.net). Otherwise, just come and enjoy the breakfast. I hope to see you at the Canton Masonic Temple for breakfast Christmas morning. Regardless of your decision, I pray each and every one of you have a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah holiday season as well as a prosperous New Year.

Fraternally;

Rick L. Miller, Christmas Morning Breakfast Chairman

December 7, 1941. Pearl Harbor Attack



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Fidelity, Masonry and Christmas, A Story

The following story was forwarded to us by RW Bob Cunningham, PDDGM-2010, and distributed to the December meeting of 17th District Master's and Warden's Association at South Seminole by outgoing President Wor. Ed Rees P.M., Mokanna. The author is unknown, as are many of these types of communications, but, this story sadly rings as a true statement for many Lodges, not only those close to us, but also others all around the world. The question is: After reading this, can we continue to allow this, and other similar oversights happen? The answer lies within every true

There it sat, wrapped in green paper with drawings of little candy canes, surrounded by a carefully tied broad red ribbon. The smell of the cookies inside the package lingered in the air. The Master's wife had baked several dozen of the Christmas treats and put them into little parcels to be delivered to the widows of members of the Lodge. The

Master had driven around to drop them off, along with a card and a holiday wish from their late husband's brothers in Masonry. But one package remained on the dining room table.

"All of the guys jumped up and volunteered at the last meeting to take these to the widows, but I'm the only one who's been doing it," thought the Master to himself, I know! I'll call around and see who can deliver the last one."

He punched some numbers into his cell phone. The Senior Warden answered. "Dave, it's Rick," said the Master cheerfully. "Mrs. Wilson's cookies are over here and I was wondering if you could drop them off? We talked to her a few days ago and told her we'd do it tonight, and..." "Yeah, I'd like to," replied the Senior Warden, "but tonight's a really bad night. You know Thursday's my Warcraft night and I'm kicking ass." "Can't you play some other night?" "Not now. I'm the middle of this. Maybe tomorrow! if I'm not at a new level in a few hours."

The Master thanked him and put a call in to the Junior Deacon. "Steve, remember you said you could help deliver the widows' Christmas presents? Mrs. Wilson's is sitting here..." "I'm sorry," said the Junior Deacon. "I know I said that, but my office Christmas party is tonight and I have to go to that. The boss kind of expects it." "Can't you say 'no' to him?" "Well, you know he doesn't have a high opinion of us to begin with because he wants me to work late all the time and I can't if something with the Lodge is happening. Besides, drinks are free. Talk to you next meeting."

The Junior Deacon hung up. Somewhat forlornly, the Master tried a few other members, all of whom had promised they would personally hand out gifts to

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the widows. But one was going out with some buddies that night. Another was too tired after work. Yet another said the widow lived too far out of the way for him. Still another had a concordant body meeting he wanted to go to. Finally, the Master tried the last person on his list, a Past Master of the Lodge. “I need your help. Last meeting you said you’d help deliver the widow’s gifts. Mrs. Wilson’s is sitting here and...”

“Wilson?!” he interrupted. “Did you know her husband? He dumped on me the whole year I was in the chair. He kept giving me hell for all kinds of little things.” “That doesn’t have anything to do with his widow. It’s a Lodge tradition we go out and deliver...” “And another thing,” butted in the Past Master. “Last meeting you came down to the altar at the wrong time. And you gave the wrong knocks to close the Lodge. Can’t you follow traditions? Don’t you pay attention at practices or know what’s in your ritual book?” “We were talking about Mrs. Wilson...” “Wilson. The hell with him.” The cell went dead.

The Master prepared to pick up the lonely little parcel when the phone rang unexpectedly in the other room. He picked up the receiver. “My name is Mrs. Lane,” the feeble old voice at the other end quavered. “I live next door to Gladys Wilson. I thought I’d better call you. She has been taken to the hospital.” “What!?” answered the stunned Master. “I had invited her over for dinner tonight, but she said she couldn’t come because she was waiting for the Masons. She got a little tired while waiting and went to call someone to see if there was a problem, but she slipped on the carpet and fell. I think she had been on the floor for awhile. It looks pretty serious. I thought I’d better call you.” “My father was a Mason a long time ago,” Mrs. Lane went on. “He didn’t talk about it much, but all I know is when I was a girl during the Depression, the Masons helped us. One Christmas we had nothing. And there was about two feet of snow. But a bunch of the Masons came over with a tree and a huge baked turkey. They put up the tree and decorated it, then we ate the turkey and they sang Christmas carols to me and my three sisters until it was bedtime. It was so wonderful. I learned then when times are tough, you can depend on Masons.”

“Thank you for calling me, Mrs. Lane,” said the Master. “It’s just too bad someone didn’t get here a little earlier because this probably wouldn’t have happened,” added the old woman. “But God bless you Masons.” “Yes, thanks again,” replied the Master, and gently hung up the phone.

And as the Master put on his jacket, and picked up the little wrapped parcel to take to the hospital in the clear, moon-lit evening, he wondered if the Masons today really were as dependable as their forefathers. Or, if the admonition of not letting “public and private avocations” interfere with Masonry had turned into nothing more than a convenient excuse.



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Sat., Dec. 8, 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast Clinton Lodge 47

10:00 a.m. - Monthly Meetibg, M.M. Degree Open Riyule



Greetings to all Master, Wardens and Deacons of Stark County! I want to personally invite the officers and members of all Stark County Lodges to attend our meetings. We discuss the open ritual and where it will be next to assist in your degree work. We are here for your benefit and I do not think that omr hour on one Saturday a month is a lot to offer this great fraternity. As our year moves along I will be making the rounds at your Stated Meetings as best I can to promote this organization and I will start with the lodges that have the lowest participation rate; so know that I am coming and I want participation. There are many ideas and activities that we discuss and you need to be involved. Now on the off chance you are not aware of the meetings or what all we do, my contact information is as follows cell (330) 204-1530 and my email is ty_youngman@yahoo.com. I am looking forward to a year with improved participation and growing our fraternal bonds.

Ty Youngman, President

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