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- Tues., May 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- Wed., May 6, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, **Canceled**, Coronavirus
- Sun., May 10 – Mother’s Day
- Fri., May 15 – Endangered Species Day
- Wed., May 20, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, **Tentative**, COVID-19
- Mon., May 25 – Memorial Day
- Thurs., May 28 – Shavuot Begins at Sundown
- Sun., May 31 – Pentecost

Greetings Brothers! I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy with the current COVID-19 situation. Now more than ever it is important that we remember our Masonic vows. Please remember all of our brethren during this time, especially older brothers and our widows. Please reach out to see if you can help a members in any way and support them to get through these trying times. Most importantly, we our all brothers, we need to take care of each other.

As we start the month of May, our lodge is still dark. If you are able to participate in the online meetings and events, please do so. They are a great opportunity to visit and connect with our friends and brothers; and hopefully, we will return to light very soon.

Memorial Day is at the end of the month, Monday, May 25th. Please take a moment to reflect and honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom.

We are rapidly approaching our 200th Anniversary. 2021 will be our Lodge’s 200th Anniversary, what a great milestone for our lodge. We need your help in planning and organizing the events and activities. There are a lot of things yet to be done and you can make an impact. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact Worshipful Brother Mike Emery or myself.

Please keep all of our sick and distressed brethren in your thoughts and prayer and din’t forget Mom!

Fraternally,

Derek Netzly, Worshipful Master

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- Fri., May 15 – Endangered Species Day
- Fri., May 22, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, **Tentative**, COVID-19
- Mon., May 25 – Memorial Day
- Thurs., May 28 – Shavuot Begins at Sundown
- Sun., May 31 – Pentecost

Hello my Brethren! First off, I’d like to start by saying i hope all of you and your families are healthy and doing well. This has been a very difficult time for all of us but, as Americans always do what’s best we come out on top and we will be “O-Kay.”

We have had to deal with some unfortunate events, with the cancellation of meetings and all get together events including, going to church with our families as well. I hope everyone was able to enjoy a wonderful Easter Celebration with your families and got to what matters the most in times of difficulty, and that’s giving each other what we need the most, support!

All of our officers and myself, are dedicated to the needs of our fraternity and will be here for anything one of our brothers or their family needs. So please don’t hesitate to call any of us at any time as we will be there for you.

We have started to do virtual meetings online using the “zoom” application, thanks to the orders of our Most Worshipful Grand Master; so if any Brother is interested in joining a meeting, until this epidemic is over, please contact me or our Sr. Warden Brother Seelye for information on how to get set up. This is a very simple application to use and you can relax in the comfort of your home while we conduct business! Finally brethren, stay safe and stay in touch with each other, remeber Mom on this Mother’s Day and we will be back in lodge together soon!

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Sun., May 10 – Mother's Day

Fri., May 15 – Endangered Species Day

Thurs., May 21, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, **Tentative**, COVID-19

Mon., May 25 – Memorial Day

Thurs., May 28 – Shavuot Begins at Sundown

Sun., May 31 – Pentecost

Hello Brethren! I hope everyone had a great Easter. Wishing everyone well during this social distancing we are all going through. Be mindful to check on neighbors, the elderly, distressed, widowed and orphans. Remember to stay in contact with family and friends during these times when we cannot be together. These times play on the mind and well being of everyone. This pandemic is like nothing that we have been through before. Praying everyone is safe and healthy and remember your mother on Mother's Day. God Bless!

“Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light.”

Respectfully Yours,

Buck Haslam, Worshipful Master



Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2020 may have a new and special meaning as we anticipate the end of the spread of this dreaded killer, Coronavirus COVAD-19 across this country. This day has long shown our appreciation for the courage of those who gave their best for this country and the American way of life. These front line responders have certainly shown their courage and fortitude in this latest battle. **God Bless you one and all!**

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Sun., May 10 - Mother's Day

Wed., May 13, 5:30 p.m. – Social Hour Tentative

6:15 p.m. – Dinner, Tentative

7:00 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Tentative, New Start Time

Fri., May 15 – Endangered Species Day

Mon., May 25 - Memorial Day

Thurs., May 28 – Shavuot Begins at Sundown

Sun., May 31 – Pentecost

From the Monarch:

This virus has really done its number on the Grotto. We had to cancel both March and April's Stated Meetings because of the Coronavirus. We will tentatively plan to meet in May if the virus allows us or if the Grotto Hall is open which has been closed due to the COVID-19. If the meeting is canceled, we send out e-mails, texts and will be posted on "Facebook." Please stay safe!

Yours in Good Fellowship,

Tom Richards, P.M., Monarch


Secretary/Treasurer Notes:

This virus has put a crimp into my travels. My visits to El Rey and Aut Mori were canceled as the May OGA Conference was.. The June 15th Louisville KY., National Convention is still on, as of this writting.

I hope everyone is well and hope to see you soon.

Yours in Good Fellowship,

David A. McIntyre, Secretary



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Greetings companions! Well, I do not have to tell you that writing an article regarding planned items, that have happened and will happen, causes some heartburn as you all may know; and this quarantine shows that. There was no Inspections in March or April as were originally scheduled. There are some items I wanted to get on the schedule, I will try but, these times may make that hard to accomplish. It is my hope that while we have been away that each and every one of us has checked in on our fellow companions and helped as needed.

York Rite fact:

The organization of separate Chapters, independent from lodges, began in the 1780’s after the American Revolution. Several of these Chapters titled themselves Grand Chapters with the probable logic that as no Grand Chapters existed in the US, they might as well be one, and charter additional Chapters as the need arose. Also, the English Provincial Grand Lodges were no longer considered sovereign on this side of the ocean.

Fraternally,
 Ty Youngman, High Priest

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- Mon., May 25 - Memorial Day
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Greetings Companions! The good news is spring has finally come into full swing and most the flowers are in full bloom. It's a good day to celebrate life.

On a low note, this doesn't mean we are without challenges. As of the writing of this article, we're still unable to meet as a Council and I'm sure many are like me, in that this stay at home order has seriously put a monkey wrench into any plans we all wanted to do.


Regardless, there is still some things we can do. Among those things would be to stay in regular contact with other companions; maybe learn a new part or take the Grand Council's cell courses. The course itself can be found at <http://ohiograndcouncil.com/cell/>.

On a personal note, I wish I had all sorts of events to post but in this uncertainty of our current situation, it might be best to just pray for an early resolution to it all and for all to remain healthy and safe. Remember mother on Mother's day and I look forward to the next time we can all meet.

Fraternally,

Bob Wiley, Illustrious Master

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Sir Knights! I hope everyone is surviving our unfortunate incarceration. Hopefully by the time you read this article everything will be back to normal.

As you see from our busy Trestle Board we will hopefully have a Stated Meeting on May 19th. It will be the election of officers that night. So please come out and show your support for the Officers of our Commandry.

Not much else to say but to stay safe and keep healthy and for godness sake, do not forget Mom on Mothe's Day!

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By: Brian Handwerk for National Geographic News September 15, 2009

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FREEMASON MYTH No. 5

Freemasons Rule the World! Maybe it’s the impressive list of prominent Freemasons from Napoleon to F.D.R. to King Kamehameha (IV and V!) that’s led some to suggest the group is a small cabal running the globe. But Kinney, the Masonic historian, paints a picture of a largely decentralized group that might have trouble running anything with much efficiency. “I think the ideals that Masonry embodies, which have to do with universal brotherhood, are shared by Masons around the world regardless of religious, political, or national differences,” he said. “But having shared ideals is one thing, having some sort of shared hierarchy is something else altogether.” Kinney noted that the U.S. alone has 51 grand lodges, one for each state and the District of Columbia. Each of these largely independent organizations oversees its many local blue (or beginner) lodges and has little real coordination with other Grand Lodges. Internationally, Masonic lodges not only don’t speak with a single voice but sometimes refuse to even recognize each other’s existence. Also, many Masons are independent minded and tend to resist edicts from above, Kinney said. “There is no way that they could be run by a single hierarchy. There is no such entity.”

FREEMASON MYTH No. 6

Freemasonry Is a Religion; or a Cult! But Masons stress that their organization is not a religion; that is it has no unique theology and does not represent a path for believers to salvation or other divine rewards. Even so, to be accepted into Freemasonry, initiates must believe in a god, any god. Christians may be in the majority, but Jews, Muslims, and others are well represented in Masonic circles. At lodge meetings religious discussion is traditionally taboo, Kinney and Tabbert said. But some religious leaders believe that Masonic rituals and beliefs, with its temples, altars and oaths; do constitute an opposing faith. And the Masonic refusal to rank one religion above the others hasn’t always been popular. A 1983 Catholic declaration approved by Pope John Paul II, for example, said that “Catholics enrolled in Masonic associations are involved in serious sin and may not approach Holy Communion.”

FREEMASON MYTH No. 7

Freemasons Started the American Revolution! Prominent Freemasons like Ben Franklin and George Washington played essential roles in the American Revolution. And among the ranks of Freemasons are 9 signers of the Declaration of Independence and 13 signers of the Constitution. But Freemasonry, born in Britain after all, had adherents on both sides of the conflict. Tabbert, of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, said Masonic groups allowed men on both sides of the revolution to come together as brothers, not to promote a political view, which would be against Masonic

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tradition. “For many years Masons claimed in their own quasi-scholarship that all of these revolutionaries and Founding Fathers were Freemasons,” Tabbert said. “A fair number of them were, but they weren’t doing these things because they were Freemasons.”

FREEMASON MYTH No. 8

Membership Requires Shadowy Connections! Contrary to The Lost Symbol, you don’t have to drink wine from a skull to become a ranking Freemason. In fact, tradition dictates that Masons don’t recruit members but simply accept those who approach them of their own free will. When Freemasonry hit its peak in the U.S. during the late 1950s, Kinney, the Masonic historian said, almost one of every ten eligible adult males was a member. A total of some four million and hardly a tiny elite. Today membership numbers, like those of other fraternal organizations, have declined dramatically, and only about 1.5 million U.S. men are Masons. But with The Lost Symbol already igniting interest in Freemasonry, Masonic centers are bracing for tourists and maybe a few new recruits.

Letter from the Editor!

Dear Brethren; It is difficult to edit and publish a Bulletin when there are no meetings and really little news other than Coronavirus COVIT-19 to report. With the Grand Master’s edict closing all Masonic functions until May 10th, Mother’s Day, which has a good chance of being extended because health experts informing this is not the time to let our guard down and may cause a re-insurgency of this dreaded killer. Even than, life as we knew it may change until a vaccine is developed making larger gatherings feasible. Social distancing, wearing masks, gloves and bumping elbows rather than shaking hands may very well be the norm rather than the extreme. The cell phone started the trend of polarization and now the Coronaviris may further add to it. Those of us who have worked in the kitchen wearing gloves, offering an elbow rather than a hand, appreciate others respecting it’s for their wellbeing. Work place ethics may alter dramatically with more on line and text meetings; and re-hashing of yesterdays ball game around the drinking fountain may be a thing of the past. I would expect development of working from home and online schooling to expand. Food service will definitely change with expanded take-out window pick-up. For the computer savvy, online lodge meetings, now starting, may be a way for many to visit brethren. Large concerts and crowded movie theaters may never recover from public distancing. Sad, but necessary! But Masonry will always find a way and so will I to keep you informed. Of course, this means I will be expounding more of my own pious thoughts into written words to fill empty pages. So now you have another reason to want this pandemic to end!

Your Editor, Bobel 🍷

A Revelation In Lodge Attendance, Response!

In regard to the article appearing in the April Masonic Bulletin, page 11, the Bulletin has never received to date such a Brethrens participation response then we received about that article. Realizing quickly we had hit upon a subject that many recognized as critical as responders were questioned about their thoughts. It seems that although we covered a great deal of their concerns, we missed several others that I will now bring to light. One Past Master remarked that the Master should always review any motion put on the floor before asking for a vote to make certain every brother understands what the motion covers. As... "Brethren, there is a motion and second on the floor to: bls...bla...bla." This assures, that all heard and understand. Great idea! Another comment addresses the exchange between a candidate being examined and the brother conducting the examination, pointing out: "This is not a private conversation between these two people although it appears as such. It is an examination to ascertain if the candidate has a full grasp and understanding of that degree he has just passed through and it is the duty of the **LODGE BRETHERN** to make this determination; if they cannot hear, well?" Another brethren remarked; "Although someone will always stand a make the motion for acceptance, the Master should review this before asking for a vote. He even suggested if a brother could not hear the exchange, he should immediately ask for a clarification, stating the reason, which is within his right. Of course, the Master can overrule this request as he added with a chuckle; that will bring an end to the private conversations between the candidate and the examiner." Radical! Maybe! But still a great point and thank you! Another brother remarked that he would like to hear the exchange between the Junior Deacon and the Tyler at the door. He also made a comment that the code reads that the door of the lodge should be fully opened during this exchange. I believe he is correct on that point! And, there were also others who did not see a problem but admitted the volume of lodge proceedings could be higher. And remember, P.A. systems are of little use if adjusted poorly. Too much base makes the speaker grumble!

I will not go on further with the comments other than to thank all who thought it relevant to respond on that article. Now we know that many, yes many do read this publication.

Thr Masonic Ring

The Masonic (Square and Compasses) ring is not an official item of Masonic Jewelry. General consensus seems to be that if the wearer wishes to advise others that he is a Master Mason, then he should wear the ring with the Compasses points toward the fingertips. If the ring is worn to remind the wearer that he is a Master Mason, then he should wear it with the compasses points toward the wrist.

Masonic Trivia



Thoughts from the past!



This recent “shelter in place” suggestions, imposed by our leaders for our protection from the COVID 19 Coronavirus, with empty shelves at many stores selling household supplies, reminds me of past times during the Second World War. I was just a small child during that period but I do remember shopping on my Mother’s hand trying to purchase food staples for the family. There were only two major grocery stores in the Canton area at that time; Acme Super Store and A&P grocery chain! I can remember Mother commenting; “The boys on the “front lines” must be eating well because there isn’t much to choose from here” Many shelves were nearly bare in those days as they appear today. The difference was, in those days, the supply chain supplying these stores was also empty equated with today, it is full with some taking advantage and purchase five times what their family’s needs are. The stores were much different than also. You didn’t purchase milk and many dairy products in those stores. These products were delivered to your home by the “Milk Man,” in quart of half gallon glass bottles with a waxed cardboard cap snapped into the top of the bottle. The empty bottles were washed and placed out for collection every other day as deliveries of fresh milk, coffee cream, butter and sometimes cheese were made as preordered. Bread and pastry was another item not usually found in most grocery stores. They were delivered by Sterling Bakery, now long gone and by the way, on a horse drawn wagon with usually a young woman as delivery person. She would walk with her large metal basket from door to door leaving bread and pastry as preordered collecting payment once a week for the whole week. As she traveled from property to property delivering, the horse would amble along the street pulling the wagon and keeping up with her progress. The horse knew the route as well as she did. Tom was the horse on our route and we would give him carrots or apples as he knew us as well. The “Ice Man” was another horse drawn community delivery person. Although electric refrigeration was common, many older families still had an “Ice Box” in their kitchens. The occasional pile of “poop” on the street was expected by all as the way it was. Cleaned up, it was used by home owners as a helpful additive for their “Victory Gardens.” People were quite different in those days and it surprises me how little they really needed for survival. There were few young men around and the older guys were busy working sometimes 13 hours a day for the war effort. On Sunday, their only day off, many would offer help to those women raising families alone while their young husbands were in the thick of it. “Clothe Lines” stretching across the back yard or the basement, were common place as this was how clothing was dried! Saturday morning was wash day and Mom would prepare the washing machine for a day of labor. It was

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filled with hot water and one cup of soap powder, I believe it was “Dreft;” there were only two or three different brands of soap powder in those days. Then she would cut up half a bar of “Phils-napha” brown bar soap into the hot water, with the paring knife dedicated for that purpose, kept on the back of the “Stationary Tubs.” These tubs would be filled with warm rinse water as the wet clothing was passed through the wringer, mounted on and driven by the washing machine, from one tub to the other. Whites went into the washer first with “Dad’s” work clothing last. There was no changing of water between loads as today! That practice would waste soap which could only be purchased with the aid of “coupons” issued once a month by the Government due to the war effort. Many times we walked to the store and even work because the issued “gasoline coupons” ran out before the end of the month. The small pieces of used bath soap were saved and melted together into larger bars. There were no reprieves, you waited and did not complain. The boys “over there” needed the fuel and supplies. And tires, I’m not sure what were installed on most ram-shackled automobiles could be classified as tires. They were round with the inside canvas showing on most and an inner tube was needed to keep air in them. Between each feature attraction at the Movie Theater, one of few forms of entertainment; was a news film informing the public of what was happening “over there.” These were usually three months behind the actual war effort. We found things too do without television having been invented yet and radio was all the rage! News flashes of the war effort were transmitted via “Extra” printed daily papers and radio broadcasting; and having a metal toy rather than one made of wood, was really a big deal. Oh, and how we protected a pocket knives if we were lucky enough to have one; they were priceless. Shortages were real in those days, not artificially caused by the media and gluttonous selfish hoarding of today’s empty shelves. Many families net worth increased many fold not because of being frugal, but because there was very little to purchase. Yes! I do remember and although never being much of a boob-tube watcher; but now becoming one during these trying special times and with a keen desire to keep what sanity I have remaining; I realize my TV watching education is increasing dramatically. For instance: I now know that “Geico Insurance” has a pet “Gecko” who delivers his Mom’s secret receipt cookies to all the new neighbors, Farmer’s Insurance, knows a “thing or two” and “Liberty Mutual” has “Sesame Street’s” “Big Bird” on their payroll! Also, most things ordered from TV ads are \$19.99 with a second one free for only the handling charges. They are also delivered free. I know that a 30 minute news broadcast is one news flash with ten

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commercials between and TV sensationalism is now the norm. A 75 minute “shoot-em-up” cowboy movie, that I watched as a teenager now takes three and a half hours on Cable TV with its 10 to 15, 15 to 30 second commercials between each 10 minute movie sections. And how about that ear piercing (aaaac aaaac aaac) defining sound, warning you of something that may be happening 400 miles away, called the “Early Warning System.” Now remember, that educated idiot manning the noise maker breaking into the most important part of the TV show with his lengthy dissertation, has to have a job too. I remember my Grandmother’s comment to me as a very young lad, “By golly’s, the 20th century is one not to have missed. I rode into Canton with my new husband Rob in a horse drawn buggy and now I’m watching a man walk on the Moon on this T and V thing.” And did she ever love to watch the fake wrestling matches when that form of entertainment was popular! Yes! Times have certainly changed and have I really missed all that mush by not being an advent TV watcher? What I do miss though, is the sight of that yellow brick building on the corner of 9th Street and Market Avenue North, the smiles of Brethren with the aroma of a large cooking meal rising up the steps from that oversized kitchen; or the rap of a gavel opening another lodge for business! Soon my Brethren! Soon! And if I miss my guess, when this health emergency is over and we are all back to a somewhat normal existence again; the Washington Bureaucrats will see fit to insist that Congress hold hearings to determine whether the Whitehouse warned the people in a timely enough manner so we may have avoided this dilemma. Come on Brethren! Let’s see some humor in this whole thing. After all! Someone has to take the blame for it. We’ll be back soon, oh my goodness Brethren, I hope soon!

Bobel 

H A P P Y
Mother's Day



From all of us!



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Greetings to all Master, Wardens and Deacons, Greetings brothers!

After e-mail discussions with the heads of TMBLA and SLOA and because of the stopping of all Masonic activities and meetings, there is not enough time to plan for a successful picnic in August in its current form. The picnic will be cancelled for this calendar year and planning can begin in earnest for next year with some changes that have been mentioned. If you have any questions regarding this decision please contact me.

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 e-mail: 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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