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- Mon., May 1, 7:00 p.m.** - Fellowcraft Degree Practice
- Wed., May 3, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting
- Wed., May 10, 7:00 p.m.** - Fellowcraft Degree
- Wed., May 17, 7:30 p.m.** - Stated Meeting

Dear Brethren,

As we reach the midpoint of the year, it is a good time to reflect on the progress we have made as a lodge and to look ahead to the future. I am pleased to report that we have had a successful first half of the year, with many productive meetings and meaningful degrees conferred.

However, I have received feedback from several of our members who have expressed a desire for more fellowship outside of our regular business meetings. As the Master of our lodge, I share this sentiment and believe that we should continue to strengthen our bond of brotherhood beyond our regular meetings.

To this end, I propose that we modify our second meeting of each month to be an abbreviated business meeting, followed by a group dinner at a local restaurant. We welcome all brethren to bring their wives or significant others to join us for these dinners. Our goal is to have a relaxed and enjoyable time together, while still addressing any necessary lodge business during the abbreviated meeting.

This change will be in effect until the end of my term as Master. I hope that it will provide a welcome opportunity for us to spend more time together and deepen our bonds of friendship and brotherhood.

“As the sand in the hourglass, so are the days of our lives.” - Unknown

Christian Vallance
Worshipful Master



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- Fri., May 12, 7:30p.m.** – Stated Meeting
- Fri., May 26, 7:30p.m.** – Stated Meeting

Brethren,

As we head into May and cross the midpoint of the Masonic year around Memorial Day, this is a good month to reflect on our journey so far in 2023. McKinley Lodge has held many of our traditional events with more to come after summer. We have begun an introspective assessment of our lodge and what the future holds for us.

We are starting to see an active interest in Masonry as potential candidates meet with us and learn about the craft. All of this hard work is only possible with the tireless efforts of our officers and dedicated members. Much thanks to all of them for making this year an advancement for our lodge and Masonry.

In May, we look forward to continuing our discussions about what McKinley Lodge means to each of us and how we can enhance those feelings going forward. The Officers will prepare for a couple EA degrees either in late May or early June. As the Brethren works together our Lodge will continue driving toward a successful second half of our Masonic year. It’s an exciting time to be part of McKinley Lodge.

Until next month, see you in lodge!

Andrew Chellinsky
 Worshipful Master

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- Thur. May 4, 7:30 pm - Stated Meeting
- Sun., May 14, - Mother's Day
- Thur., May 18, 7:30 pm - Stated Meeting
- Sat., May 20, - Armed Forces Day
- Mon., May 29, - Memorial Day (Observed)

Brothers,

I want to start this article by thanking everyone who came to our Spaghetti Dinner. Without all of you we could not do what we do to help all the families in need like we do.

To our Brothers that work these events, I thank you even more, you are the heart and soul of these events and Masonry, in my opinion, should be.

Our obligations are taken within the walls of the lodge, but they should extend far beyond them. As the weather warms, and we all spend more time out in the world, try to find a way to live and expand on those obligations everyday. One simple act of kindness to a random person, by each and every Brother, would be a huge step in changing our community.

Everyone stay safe, and as it gets warmer, stay cool as needed, especially our Brethren that are more susceptible to the heat.

Fraternally,

Joe Buchanan
Worshipful Master





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- Sun., May 14,** - Mother’s Day
- Tue., May 16, 8:30 pm** - Canton Commandery Stated Conclave
- Sat., May 20,** - “All Order Day” at Canton Asylum
- Sat., May 20,** - Armed Forces Day
- Sun., May 28,** - Pentecost
- Mon., May 29,** - Memorial Day (Observed)

Greetings, Sir Knights!

Along with blowing over a lot of trees, the April showers have indeed popped those May flowers and along with that, everyone’s seasonal allergies. Hang in there! At least we don’t have to shovel pollen!

May also brings our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. You’ll want to attend this meeting so you won’t be surprised next month when you read in this space which office you were elected to fill next year! If you are interested in joining our officer line in any capacity, please let one of the current officers know so we can save you a seat.

I want to thank the Sir Knights that have been getting out to the Inspections in our Division. It’s great to see Canton Commandery represented and recognized as we travel. I would also like to thank those who joined us for the “Living Last Supper” in Smithville. It was a moving way to celebrate the significance of Easter.

Stay tuned for the final, updated details for the “All Order Day” on May 20. All three of the Commandery Orders will be exemplified in our Asylum. We look forward to hosting Sir Knights from across and outside of our Division for this very special day. It is anticipated that we will welcome several new Sir Knights into our valiant and magnanimous Order.

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Sun., May 14 - Mother's Day
Sat., May 20 - Armed Forces Day
Mon., May 29 - Memorial Day

Greetings Companions,

As I recover from recent surgeries I must thank all of you for your hard work and dedication. Our successful Inspection is behind us and many of you stepped up to help us avoid the many last minute changes that were needed. I look forward to the day that I can rejoin all of you!

David E. Becker
Master

Companions,

It was brought up at the March Council that while the Chapter and Commandry York Rite bodies are financially in good shape, Canton Council #35 is not. Our treasurer brought this up and our secretary informed us that per diem is going to increase a little each year over the next couple of years too. It was proposed to raise Council dues by only \$15. Our treasurer feels that this will be enough to bring Council back from descending into the red and back into the black. This was laid over to notify the Companions of Canton Council #35 RSM

Russ Myers Jr. PCW
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- Fri., May 5** - Cinco de Mayo
- Tue., May 9, 7:00 PM** - Royal Arch Degree Practice
- Sun., May 14** - Mother’s Day
- Mon., May 15, 7:00 PM** - Royal Arch Degree Conferral
- Tue., May 6, 7:00 PM** - Stated Meeting / Election of Officers
- Mon., May 29** - Memorial Day

Greetings Companions!

May is upon us and Spring is bringing new life. We have some work to finish up on a candidate. May 9th, we will practice the Royal Arch degree and on May 15 confer the RA degree. That should finish up our work for the year and Canton Chapter RAM will have brought in 3 new companions without a York Rite Festival.

Remember your mother on Mother’s Day and if you cannot spend time with her that day or call her reflect back on what she did for you.

May 16 is our Stated meeting and election of officers, please come out and support and see who our new officers will be.

Memorial Day brings the beginning of Summer, vacations and onto a busy time of the year and pushes us into June. It is also a time to remember loved ones and friends who are no longer with us and those who sacrificed so much so that we can live in a free nation and practice Freemasonry.

Fraternally,
Russ Myers Jr.
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Canton Masonic Association

Greetings Brethren!

Once again, we have had a busy month since our last article. We are constantly improving our building and trying to make it more appealing to any new potential candidates and also the public so that our building is appealing to rent out. During this last month, we made long overdue improvements to the 2M Candidates Room. We installed all new ceiling tile and repainted the walls. This gave the room a more updated and fresh look. In the future, we will be installing some outlets and a large TV monitor on the North wall so the room can be used for various presentations. As of now, there is only one outlet. Not very user friendly. In addition to this, we repaired the walls and repainted the small hallway leading from the Cathedral Room balcony to the West hallway. The walls in this area needed much attention.

Just as an FYI to everyone, we have purposely removed part of the ceiling in the Blue lodge Candidates room so that we could more easily access the water lines to the Scottish Rite rest room above, since they are in dire need of replacement. I can't even begin to properly describe how you had to access this space before. Masons must have been smaller back in the day. lol

Since our last article, the CMA voted to approve the installation of 2 Large TV monitors and two smaller ones in the Ballroom along with an updated sound system. There will also be a camera installed to be able to view the speaker from any monitor. This is very exciting and will make larger events more enjoyable particularly, the Scottish Rite Reunions. We are hoping to have this done by May but with product supply, there may be a slight delay. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible thus far.

Lastly, with the weather now staring to improve, we will start to move outside to address those maintenance items.

That's all I have for now, so until next time Brothers, be kind to one another.

Fraternally,

John Vergis

Vice President/CMA

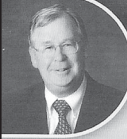


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Looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting.

With warm Fraternal regards,

Steve Warren

Commander

Entered Apprentice Quiz - Test your Knowledge

1. **How many Master Mason members of a Lodge must be present to “open” a Lodge of Entered Apprentices?** a. 3, b. 5, c. 7, d. 9
2. **Where does the Worshipful Master sit?.** a. In the North, b. In the South, c. In the East, d.. in the West.
3. **Where does the Senior Warden sit in the Lodge?** a. In the North, b. In the South, c. In the East, d. In the West
4. **Where does the Junior Warden sit in the Lodge?** a. In the North, b. In the South, c. In the East, d. In the West
5. **What are the “Three Great Lights” of the Lodge?** a. The light over the Masters Seat, the Gavel, the Holy Scriptures, b. The Holy Scriptures, Square and Compass, c. The Square, Altar and Holy Scriptures, d. The Square, Compass and Worshipful Master
6. **What do the “ Three Lesser Lights” represent?** a. The Square, Compass and the Holy Bible, b. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, c. The Sun, Moon and the Worshipful Master, d. The three lights by the Altar
7. **What is a Hoodwink?** a. A secret Masonic device, b. A blindfold, c. The hat worn by the Worshipful Master, d. A shoe worn by the Candidate
8. **What is a Cable-Tow?** a. A tow rope to pull a car, b. A cord worn by the Candidate, c. An infant’s umbilical cord , d. The knocks to gain admission to the Lodge
9. **What does the open Bible or other Holy Scriptures signify in the Lodge?** a. The Lodge is open, b. The Lodge is closed, c. The Chaplain is conducting a prayer, d. The Worshipful Master is present
10. **Who are the Patron Saints of Freemasonry?** a. The Saints John and Mark ,b. The Saints Paul and Simon, c. The Saints Mark and Simon, d. The Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist

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Entered Apprentice Quiz continued

- 11. **What is the significance of the obligation?** a. Paying the initiation fee, b. Wearing of the Apron, c. Evidence of the Candidate’s sincerity of purpose, d. Chaplain’s prayer
- 12. **Why were you divested of metallic substances?** a. To teach you a lesson in Honesty, b. To teach you a lesson in Truth, c. To teach you a lesson in Brotherly Love, d. To teach you a lesson in Charity
- 13. **Why is the Entered Apprentice placed in the Northeast corner of the Lodge?** a. To signify that he has begun his Masonic life, b. For the Lodge to observe him, c. Because it is close to the Worshipful Master, d. To teach a lesson in Charity
- 14. **What do three raps of the Worshipful Master’s gavel mean?** a. Only Officers should rise, b. Everyone should be seated, c. Everyone should rise, d. Only Officers should be seated
- 15. **What is a “Cowan”?** a. Someone who masquerades as a Mason, b. The Gavel of the Worshipful Master, c. A member of another Lodge, d. One of the Working Tools
- 16. **What is an “Eavesdropper”** a. Another name for the Tiler’s door, b. Someone who attempts to steal the secrets of Masonry, c. An item of clothing, d. Another term for the Hoodwink
- 17. **What are the principle working tools of an Entered Apprentice?** a. The Square and Compass, b. The Level and the Plumb, c. The Gavel and the Square, d. The Gavel and the Twenty-Four Inch Gauge
- 18. **The Apron of an Entered Apprentice is turned which way?** a. Down, b. Up, c. Not Important
- 19. **Which number is the most often seen and used within Freemasonry?** a.3, b.5, c.7, d. 9
- 20. **What are the three “Supports” of the Lodge?** a. Wisdom, Ritual and Education, b. Wisdom, Strength and Harmony, c. Harmony, Brotherhood and Charity, d. Wisdom, Strength and Beauty

And now the answers:

14 C, 15 A, 16 B, 17 D, 18 B, 19 A, 20 D
1 C, 2 C, 3 D, 4 B, 5 B, 6 C, 7 B, 8 B, 9 A, 10 D, 11 C, 12 D, 13 A,

Editor’s note - Brethren, I hope you enjoyed this little knowledge quiz, I did NOT get all of them right. If you learned / remembered ONE thing from this it was worth your time....coming next month, a Fellow Craft quiz!!

Stark County Blue Lodge Association



TRESTLE BOARD

Sat., May 13 - 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Clinton Lodge
9:00 a.m. - Training

Greetings Brethren!

At our last meeting we briefly discussed our open initiatives and the progress made towards our goals thus far. We have settled on the communications platform “Band”. This application is currently available on all mobile devices at no cost, and will allow us to chat, comment, share files and has an integral calendar which can import events to your personal calendar as well. I am looking forward to seeing how this can help us to share information quicker and more effectively, as well as raise awareness of events happening throughout the Fraternity.

On Saturday May 13, the Wardens and Deacons Workshop will be held at Clinton Lodge with registration starting at 8 am, and training starting promptly at 9 am. Clinton Lodge will be providing a freewill breakfast which will be available starting at 8 am as well.

In lieu of our business meeting, I would take this as an opportunity for service. We are expecting a larger than usual crowd for breakfast, and making sure that all goes well.

I would like to thank all those who took the time to attend our last meeting. Above all things, I truly believe that our time is most valuable.

Fraternally, **Tim McGowen**

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