



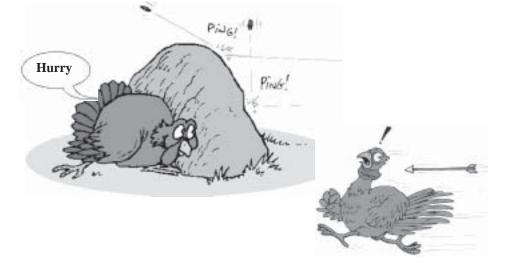
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Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Daylight Saving Time Ends Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Election Day Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Canton Lodge No. 60 Installation Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Lodge No. 710 Installation



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#### TRESTLE BOARD

Wed., Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Election of Officers
Sun., Nov. 6, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tues., Nov. 8 – Election Day, Exercise Your Right and Vote
Wed., Nov. 9, 6:00 p.m. – Installation Dinner, Ballroom 7:30 p.m. – Installation of Lodge Officers
Fri., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Remember Our Veterans Current and Past
Wed., Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day, Enjoy Family, Food and Football

Happy November Brethren! Yeah, November already. Where has the year gone? It's been a busy year. Canton Lodge has had some great successes this year and some things that I wish had gone better. On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> we had a lodge picnic in Robertsville Ohio. There were 32 people in attendance and the highlight was the bonfire provided by Bro. Chris Newman. Thanks Chris, for your efforts.

As of this writing, Grand Lodge is still two weeks in the future. We will be attending and will be receiving the Grand Master's Award for the second year in a row. Thank you to all who contributed to this effort. There was a lot of hard work put into achieving the goal and you should all be proud.

Election of officers and our Annual Meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. W.B. Vallance has told me he has a team of officers lined up for next year if he's elected. Installation of officers will be held on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the Installation will follow.

The incoming Grand Master, R.W.B. Steven M. Grindle has informed us that all parts of the ritual will be conferred by members of the lodge. This means that we will need your help to pull off a Master Mason Degree at our inspection.

Wor.Bro. Steve Morosko may be contacting you to help with that endeavor.

Finally Brethren, I would like to thank each of you for allowing me the

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Sun., Nov. 6, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tues., Nov. 8 – Election Day, Exercise Your Right and Vote
Fri., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Remember our Veterans Current and Past 7:30 p.m. – Election of 2023 Lodge Officers
Thurs., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day, Enjoy Family, Parades and Food
Fri., Nov 25, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Annual Awards Night

Happy Thanksgiving Brethren!

On Friday, November 11<sup>t1</sup> Stated Meeting, we will be holding our annual Officer Elections. Please come and join us and vote for our new officers showing your support for the future guidance of your lodge.

On Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> during the Stated Meeting we will have our Annual Awards Night honoring those Brethren who have been Masons for 50, 60, 65 and 70 years. Please join us as we honor these Brothers and show our appreciation for their years of service to this great fraternity.

Last month, while the officers were at Grand Lodge Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Past Master's of Wm. McKinley Lodge demonstrated there proficiency with their ritual by manning the stations for the Annual Past Masters Night at the Lodge. "The Brethren will cloth and the officers repair to their stations" – so far so good! Then some extra words started to appeare and other words seamed to disappear, but all went well and all had a great time. Lodge is never as exciting as when the Past Masters show off their ability to guide.

Enjoy Thanksgiving food, family and Football.

Todd M. Wike, Worshipful Master





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Thurs., Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Election of New Officers
Fri., Nov. 4, 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. – Benefit Spaghetti Dinner
Sun., Nov. 6, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tues., Nov. 8 – Election Day, Exercise Your Right and Vote
Fri., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Remember our Veterans Current and Past
Thurs., Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Master's Farewell
Thurs., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day, Enjoy Family and Great Food
Sat., Nov. 26. 6:00 p.m. – Installation of Officersn, Refreshments After

Greetings Brethren! I would like to thank everyone for the honor of serving you this year as Master of Trinity Lodge No. 710. My officers have been great this year and I am confident they will run our lodge well in the upcoming year.

Our first Stated Meeting in November, Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, is our annual election of new officers. Please make this a priority meeting to attend.

November 4<sup>th</sup> is our spaghetti benefit for Brother Haines's daughter Kaitlyn. As many of you are aware, she has to undergo several medical procedures and needs help with medical bills. I appreciate all the brothers who can come out and help and show their support.

Mark your calendars: Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> is our Installation of new Officers and our yearly dues are due this month also.

In closing, thank you Brethren for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Worshipful Master. I have learned so many things throughout the journey and as a member of this lodge. I am looking forward to learning even more in the years to come.







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Tues., Nov. 8 – Election Day, Exercise Your Right and Vote
Fri., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Remember our Veterans Current and Past
Tues., Nov. 15, 8:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day, Enjoy Family, Food and Football
Mon., Nov. 28, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Order of Temple Degree

Greetings, Sir Knights! As I sit down to write this, I have recently returned from Grand Commandery in Sandusky. It was my first visit and like all things "Grand" it was a busy, fun and informative three days. Kudos to SK Larry Haines and the other Sir Knights who were tasked with setting everything up and making it run smoothly. They did an excellent job. Speaking of SK Haines, congratulations to Canton No. 38's Generalissimo and the North Central Division Commander who, at this Conclave, was elected to Grand Line as Grand Junior Warden. Well done, SK Haines!

As of this writing, I am not aware of any requests for us to post colors at Blue Lodge Installations, but in true Masonic fashion, I expect those to be rolling in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Please watch your e-mail for a request to assist.

Practices for our Inspection order have commenced. Our November practice will be on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> and the December practice will be on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>. I know our experienced Sir Knights just need a little brushing up but having as many Sir Knights available as possible will help those of us learning parts for the first time. Our Inspection is scheduled for Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Another reminder, if you are not receiving e-mails from Canton Commandery, please contact our Recorder, SK Randy Hahn at sirknights38@gmail.com or me steve.warren@ballysports.com to update your address or to be added to the e-mail list.

Hope to see you all at our monthly meeting. Have a Happy Thanksgiving wherever you might gather with friends or family.

With warm fraternal regards,

Steve Warren, Commander

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Sun., Nov. 6, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tues., Nov. 8 – Election Day, Vote!
Fri., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Recognize a Veteran
Tues., Nov. 15, 7:45 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day, Enjoy Your Day with Family

Greetings Companions! Hope everyone and their families had a great Halloween celebration. Our Inspection in the Royal Masters Degree is Thursday, March. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, The main roles are filled but we do need extras, so please help if you can. The practice days are: Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday's, February.13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday's, March 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. Try to get to as many practices as you can.

Have a great Thanksgiving and remember our elderly and sick and distressed Companions.

Dave Becker, Master

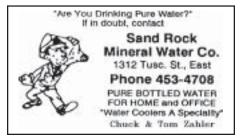
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opportunity to serve you this year as Worshipful Master. There have been some

ups and downs, but for the most part, its been a fun time. I hope to see you in lodge in the future.

Terry Selby, W. M.







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Tues., Nov. 8 – Election Day, Exercise Your Right and Vote
Fri., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Remember our Veterans Current and Past
Mon., Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Past Master's Degree
Tues., Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m. - Chapter Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day, Enjoy Family, Food and Football

Greetings Companions! November is my favorite month. Hunting season is ramping up and Thanksgiving is also my favorite Holiday. This month we have the opportunity to vote regardless of the party you belong to; those who we honor on Veterans Day, made sure we continue to have this right. Thank a veteran and offer to help them in some way to show your thanks.

We will be practicing for our annual inspection in the Past Master Degree on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please Study your parts as we have our cast filled. If you are not able to fill your roll this term, please let me know ASAP. The Chapter Inspection date is: Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Take some time to reflect on Thanksgiving and all you have to be thankful for; give the Grand Architect of the Universe thanks for what he has given you.

Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving to you and family!

**Russ Myers Jr. High Priest** 



# **Canton Masonic Association**

Greeting Brethren! Be sure to welcome Wor Bro James C. Lewers as our new Building Manager!

It has been another busy month for maintenance here at the Canton Masonic Temple. By the time you get this letter, the boilers will have been turned on after and a lot of much needed maintenance on them. Hard to believe it's heating season again, but it's here unfortunately. We have upgraded the Condensate Pumps for the boiler which will make future maintenance much easier. Also, the interiors of the boilers have been cleaned and the North Boiler needed the burner control replaced. We should be set for the heating season.

Also, we have done a few painting projects in the building including the hallways around Blue Lode and the Large blue squares between the large white columns in the Blue Lodge Room; new carpet has been installed in the hallway outside the elevator to the Scottish Rite Candidates Room and the carpet in the Candidates Room was cleaned on October 19<sup>th</sup>, getting ready for the fall Reunion. There are many other things planned, so stay tuned for more updates!

John Vergis, Vice President/Canton Masonic Association

Difficult Questions About Freemasonry by Roger Firestone

What about allegations that Freemasonry is Satanic or pagan?

Most fabrications; the rest are misunderstandings of the institution and its rituals. A number of forgeries and alleged exposes of Masonry were created during the last century. The claims of "Satanism" in Masonry can be traced to one or two of these fraudulent sources and other allegations are made up about what various Masonic emblems and symbols stand for.

For example, it is sometimes claimed that the letter "G" found in the Master Mason's jewel, is a substitute for a phallic symbol. But there is nothing in Masonry to support such a statement; it is complete fiction. The letter "G" stands for God. It is used by Masons who speak other languages due to the modern origins of Masonry in English speaking countries. In the Scottish Rite, the Hebrew letter yodh, which is the first letter of the Tetragrammaton, or Ineffable Name, plays the same role.

Another example that came up recently was a discussion of the Blazing Star, one of the "ornaments" of a lodge, introduced in the Entered Apprentice Degree. A non Mason insisted that Masons worship the Blazing Star because it is identified with Lucifer (based on the verse Isaiah 14:12) the Blazing Star

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is the "false dawn" that can then be identified with a false light (in competition with the true Light of Jesus) and therefore Masons engage in devil worship.

The facts are: Isaiah 14 is a chapter with a prophecy against the kings of Babylon, specifically Nebuchadnezzar. The verse as rendered in my Bible is, "Day-star, son of the morning, how hast thou fallen?" In this passage, the prophet alleges that the arrogant king of Babylon has thought himself as a celestial body, but that the destruction of the kingdom shall bring him back to earth. The word here translated as "day-star" is in Hebrew, "heyleyl," and refers to the planet Venus. The ancient Greeks and Romans both used different words for this planet as it appeared in the morning sky from in the evening. The Greeks called it Hesperus in the evening and Phosphorus in the morning; the Romans, Venus in the evening and Lucifer in the morning. Hence, the translation of the Hebrew, via Greek, into Latin naturally would introduce the word "Lucifer" as the correct Latin translation of the Hebrew.

The term "Lucifer" a name for the Devil or Satan, cannot be traced any farther back than the Middle Ages, and was only widely popularized by Milton's poem, "Paradise Lost."

The Blazing Star is mentioned for about 3 seconds in a 30 minute lecture in the first degree only, an amount of attention that could scarcely be described as "worship."

The "false dawn" is not heralded by Venus, but is a phenomenon produced by a band of dust lying in the plane of the Earth's orbit, which most prominently appears as a sky glow before sunrise in the fall and after sunset in the spring.

In other words, the allegation about Masonry in this case combines many errors: Taking a portion of a single verse of the Bible out of context, misinterpreting its translation, misunderstanding an astronomical term, misidentifying a Masonic emblem and mischaracterizing the importance of that symbol in the ritual.

In fact, many of the early teachings of the Church depended heavily on the works of such "pagan" philosophers as Plato and Aristotle. Christianity has absorbed such pagan elements as the Christmas Tree, the actual date of Christmas (pre-empting the Roman's pagan winter solstice festival), the name Easter (from a pagan fertility goddess) and the mythos about the fall of Lucifer from heaven to the underworld, derived from (Vulcan) who fell from Mt. Olympus to the nether regions and in ancient art is depicted as lame from the fall. There have been many thinkers and learned men in cultures other than that of the West in the Judaeo-Christian era, and it is not "paganism" to study them.

### **Comment from your Editor**

I have made no secret of the fact that Melinda, faithful wife and forever companion, at our age are making plans to move south putting us closer to the only family we have left on this earth. The purchase of land on which to build our final home is the first step in this adventure. Moving out of a house we have occupied for over 50 years is an ongoing and at times overwhelming project; as to what to keep and what to rid ourselves of, seems to be next on that agenda. It appeared we had plenty of time but as always, that commodity seems to be disappearing more quickly than one can comprehend. Disposing of life long treasures which have great value to us but little to others is a monumental task. Who would want a regulation sizes ping-pong table where the net and paddles have long since disappeared or, tools of the trade which have not been used in that trade sense the advent of the computer; only someone 60 years or older would even know how to utilize them; so I am succumbing, at my age, to the reality of assigning the whole project to professionals which may be the proper course of action. But to a Mason, you must remember there is one thing that will cause a new community to feel more like home rather than a one acre flat piece of land, or a new house with modern attire or a community where golf-carts and lawn tractors are used extensively and that is his Masonic Lodge! Now my feeing is to always belong to that that best fits your needs and Saint John's Lodge No. 3 AF & AM fit the bill perfectly. At 250 years of age, chartered from the Grand Lodge of England, located in New Bern, with a strong southern heritage; I fell in love with the Brethren at my first visitation so I petitioned for affiliation and was accepted after a Past Grand Master of North Carolina contacted a brother here in Ohio for some information. Receiving my new white dues card several weeks later was reward enough and at my next visit I proudly displayed my new dues card to the Tyler and was treated as if Hiram himself had returned from the grave to visit and sit in lodge with the brethren. Not being as formal as northern lodges, I was told to remove my coat, loosen my neck tie and relax as I was asked to introduce myself to the open lodge and explain my need for affiliation upon which time I was escorted through that 250 year old building and its adjoining annex. Priceless, ancient and beautiful are the only words I can use to explain that fine old structure. Tiered ceilings, Masonic paintings on each wall panel etc ... Than to my amazement, some days later after returning to Ohio, I received by mail my personal door Key-Card giving me full access to that fine old structure and all its many treasures, just because I was a member. To me, after 52 years of living and working in the closely controlled chosen atmosphere of so called "security" of the Canton Masonic Organization, this seemed extraordinarily proper even if in my mind amazing!

**Bobel**, your Editor



### Stark County Blue Lodge Association

### TRESTLE BOARD

Sat., Nov 12, 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast, Clinton Lodge. Massillon, OH 9:00 a.m. – Monthly Meeting, Ekection of Officers

Hello Brethren! Well it's November and that means, elections are upon us once again. We have Midterm Elections as well as Lodge Elections. Stark County Blue Lodge Association is no different and we will be holding our election of officers Saturday, November 12th at 9:00 a.m. at Clinton Lodge. There is a free will breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. Clinton Lodge is located 333 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW in Massillon, Ohio. Come on out and see who will be leading SCBLA and what they have in store as we continue to reshape the organization.

### Lawrence Mullins, President



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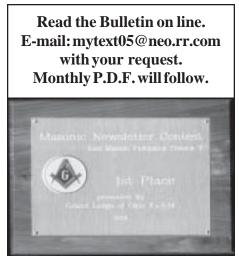
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