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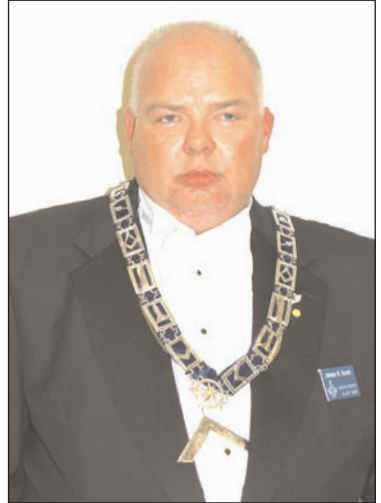
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## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

By now we should have the golf clubs dusted off and have already played a few holes of golf, for those who do that sort of thing. Spring has come, and summer is just around the corner.

On March 31, the Grand Master had a one-day class at 3615 Euclid Avenue, in Cleveland, Ohio, and John W. Barkley had eight new Brothers attend that class. Congratulations to all of them and WELCOME to John W. Barkley Lodge. We look forward to seeing all of you in Lodge often. Also, thanks to all the Brethren who were guides this year for our new members. We could not have done it without you. John W. Barkley was well represented at the one-day class with members taking part in the degree work that was done as well, and a big thank you goes out to them as well.



Worshipful Master  
Jimmy D. Scott

The bus trip to New York went well, but WB Dale Cashin could not make it due to illness. I heard that we had some winners and some not so winners. Try again next time. Dale tells me that he is working on another bus trip to somewhere in the near future.

We had our shut-in visitations, and thanks to all of the Brethren who went out to visit our shut-ins. Our visits to these Brethren mean a lot to them, but let us not forget that we should always visit our Brethren throughout the year.

We had our Inspection on April 11, 2007, and all went well, and the officers did a real nice job. Hats off to all of them for a job well done.

We also visited the Masonic Home in Medina, Ohio, and put on a Fellow Craft Degree for the Masonic Brethren who reside there. If you missed it, you should have been there.

Our Mothers Day dinner is May 9, 2007, with singer Scott Brotherton singing for us. Be sure to make your reservations because Scott does a real nice job, and the ladies love him.

We will have our baked goods auction on May 30, 2007. We had to cancel the earlier time due to weather, so we are looking forward to a lot of great baked good items for our auction.

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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY MAY THRU AUGUST 2007

On March 31st, at the Cleveland Masonic and Performing Arts Center, the *2007 Grand Masters One Day Class* was held. There 146 Brethren raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason that day. I am proud to say, seven of these Brethren were from John W. Barkley Lodge. Barkley Lodge was well represented by 14 of our members being present to be guides to the new members from our lodge or other lodges. Many of our Brethren also took part in the degree work that day.

We are planning on a few evenings for instruction to our new Brethren, as all they received that day was more than they could have absorbed (see the Trestle Board for these dates). The better informed you are, the more you will receive from Freemasonry.

I am sorry to say ten Brethren were suspended for nonpayment of their 2007 dues of \$40.00. One of these Brethren has already been reinstated

into membership. *This is my last ditch pitch to these Brethren who were suspended, please send in your 2007 dues and remain an active member of the greatest Fraternity in the world.*

Brethren, please start saving up, as I will be sending out 2008 dues notices in early September.

If you have **not received anything from me** via e-mail, it is because I do not have your e-mail address. If you would like to be added to the Lodge e-mail database, please e-mail me at [robert.jr2176@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robert.jr2176@sbcglobal.net). This way we can keep you informed of up-coming activities, events, dinners, illness and/or deaths in a very timely manner. Please put in the subject space: Barkley Lodge member and your Last Name." Please check your e-mail at least every other day. Presently I have 199 Brethren in the e-mail list.

Would any of the e-mail Brethren like to receive the *Barkley Light* via e-mail? Please let me know.

Our Inspection in the Fellow Craft Degree was on April 11th. As of this writing, it has not yet happened, but with all the practice we have had, and the officers we have, I am sure we did a great job.

I still need some Brethren to help with the Call Committee for Funeral Services for the Brethren who are not on e-mail. Please call me at 216-521-5557 if you can assist me with this important job.

Please try to bring in at least one new member into the Lodge so it may continue to exist for many years to come. ***Please bring one in!*** If you need a petition just call the Secretary at 216-521-5557 and I will send you one A.S.A.P.

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**From the Desk of Your Secretary** —from page 2

Our Worshipful Master W.B. Jimmy Scott is planning many activities for the Brethren of the Lodge and their ladies to take part in. Please attend as many as possible.

Please read your **TRESTLE BOARD**, put the dates in your date book and be there as often as you can. **This is your Lodge, please support it as often as you can.**

*There are no strangers here, only friends you have not as yet met.*

Fraternally,  
Your Secretary  
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**MEMORIAL  
COLUMN**

A memorial has been submitted in loving memory of Alan G. Darling, P.M., 1971 and 1993, from his wife Nancy and their children.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

As I write these words, spring is finally here, and the promise of summer air once again brings a sense of renewal and accord. As Senior Warden, I am charged with Lodge harmony, and I've spent some time giving it a lot of thought. I began my quest by asking the simple question: What is harmony? As it turns out, it's a lot more than I ever previously imagined. Differentiating vastly from the modern era, the ancient world viewed harmony in three distinct way. They are Pythagorean, Greek and Roman.

In Pythagorean philosophy, harmony meant much more than everyone and everything "getting along." Harmony literally meant equilibrium in the midst of chaos, not void of it. The famed mathematician saw that out of the polarized depths of paired opposites, balance expressed equilibrium in accordance to a cosmic design or order. Indeed, the very word ORDER in Latin is "**Kosmos**"<sup>(1)</sup>. In Pythagorean philosophy, order or harmony was maintained by ratio, relation, proportion, geometry and mediation whereby all things were united by a law of "unity in multiplicity." Harmony, Pythagoras taught, was not the absence of struggling, but the correct understanding of the necessity of its existence (it's all Zen to me). He firmly believed that everything everywhere did fit into a "G.A.O.T. U." Masterpiece or symphony. So much in fact, he concluded that the All, us included, were basically musical in nature.

How? Because he saw that nature herself could be expressed musically (interchangeable with mathematics), and life therefore became in essence a symphony of the soul. To Pythagoras, even the planets' movements themselves expressed a "music of the spheres." According to famed Masonic writer Manly P. Hall: "Apparently the Chaldeans were the first people to conceive of the heavenly bodies, joining in a cosmic chant as they moved in stately manner across the sky"<sup>(6)</sup>. Interesting enough, modern scientists have succeeded in isolating the sounds each orbiting planet makes, and they found when recorded and played back in our hearing range, it make the most beautiful music. By gosh, the first man to call himself a philosopher, Pythagoras, was right. Surprised? Want to hear it? Just Google<sup>(2)</sup> "music of the spheres" as I did, and be amazed at the cosmic sounds of harmony. Relaxed and listening, we can imagine each of us as a note in a cosmic musical scale – and, when by played with proper pitch, tone, balance and harmony – eureka, music is made. This understanding made the wise Russian sage Gurdjieff<sup>(3)</sup> to proclaim that "everything is scale." As above, so below. The ancient philosophers called this musical universe theory, **Musica universalis**. The theory of musical tuning systems is called **Harmonica** (it means fitting together) and it is most certainly based on the very same laws that govern all natural phenomena, us included.

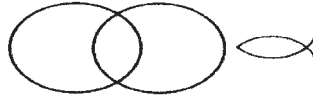
**Harmonia** is the name of the Greek goddess of harmony and accord. In Greek mythology, it is the god of light, Apollo, who gives his brother Hermes, a Caduceus<sup>(4)</sup> as a symbol of harmony. Apollo's temple at Delphi bears Socrates' famous words, "Know thyself," and a call to moderation by avoiding extremes and by taking the "middle way." Sounds to me a little like "circumscribe our desires and keep our passions in due bounds." Which, by the way, all the brothers at J. W. Barkley Lodge know is a pretty good method for keeping the harmony.



## Greetings from the West

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In Roman Mythology, **Concordia** was the goddess of harmony and agreement. She is often depicted in art as sitting with a cornucopia, reminding us of the gratitude we should always feel toward nature and each other. Her opposite is called Discordia. We don't want THAT!



One last interesting note: The symbol of the fish, or vessel of the fish, the “Vesica Piscis”<sup>(5)</sup> which predates Christianity, represents a net of unity or harmony. “*The Vesica Piscis is a symbol made from two circles of the same radius, intersecting in such a way that the center of each circle lies on the circumference of the other.*” The resulting figure looks like a stylized fish and has been the study of many esoteric and mystery schools throughout the ages. Pythagoreans considered it a holy emblem of *sacred geometry*.

So it is, my Brothers, I've learned that harmony is much more than simply getting along. Then again, Harmony here at J. W. Barkley does come graciously and effortlessly, thanks to you. My Brothers, I am pleased to announce we are in the process of forming a Barkley Lodge “Study/Book Group.” We are planning to meet routinely, and you are very much encouraged to join with us in our quest for esoteric secrets, ancient knowledge and, of course, “further light.” See Bro. Jason Stitak, myself or Bro. Sean Masterson for details. It is our goal to really make these fun and highly interesting nights.

May Harmony and the G.A.O.T.U. be with You?

W. B. Richard Edmonds, S.W.

Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup>This is the correct Latin spelling of our word *cosmos*.

<sup>(2)</sup>Google “Carmen of the Spheres” – an astronomical approach to the Music of the Spheres, by Greg Fox. What's a “Google?” – see our knowledgeable J. W. Stitak.

<sup>(3)</sup>Mr. “G” as students called him, extremely worthy of Masonic study.

<sup>(4)</sup>The Caduceus is a staff with wings with two snakes around it.

<sup>(5)</sup>Visit [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesica\\_piscis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vesica_piscis) for quote or more information.

<sup>(6)</sup>THE SECRET TEACHINGS OF ALL AGES by Manly P. Hall, pg. 81.

## THE LEVEL

The use of the level in the hands of the operative mason is to lay levels and prove horizontals. As an emblem of Speculative Freemasonry, it demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, partakers of the same nature and sharers of the same hope. Although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, and to reward merit and ability, no eminence of station should make us forget that we are all brethren, for the time will come when all distinctions, save those of goodness and virtue, shall cease, and Death, the Grand Leveller of all human greatness, will reduce us to the same state.

The Emblems of Freemasonry!

—Jimmy D. Scott, P.M., W.M.

# TRESTLE BOARD MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER, 2007

*Stated Meetings, 7:30 PM first and third Wednesdays, September-June  
Special meetings as announced herein and/or by other special notification.*

## **MAY 2007**

- Wednesday 2 . . . Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 9 . . . Special Meeting and Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Mothers Day Dinner, Cost \$8.00; also singer Scott Brotherton will be with us
- Sunday 13 . . . Happy Mothers Day
- Wednesday 16 . . . Stated Meeting and Education Night, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 23 . . . Special Meeting and Strawberry & Widows' Night, 7:30 p.m., no cost
- Wednesday 30 . . . Special Meeting & Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Baked goods auction – Bring in your favorite baked goods to be auctioned for the benefit of Coats-Alcott Fund. Dinner, Cost \$8.00

## **JUNE 2007**

- Wednesday 6 . . . Stated Meeting and Memorial Night, 7:30 p.m., Officers in Tux
- Wednesday 13 . . . Special Meeting and Dinner, Flag Day, 6:30 p.m., Pot luck dinner, no cost to members
- Saturday 17 . . . Benefit Spaghetti Dinner, 4-6 p.m., to benefit D.A.R.E.
- Wednesday 20 . . . Special Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday 23 . . . Outdoor Raising and Steak Roast, cost \$10.00, Outdoor Raising at Noon, Roast to follow
- Wednesday 27 . . . Special Meeting and Lecture for the Outdoor Raising, 7:30 p.m.

## **JULY/AUGUST = SUMMER BREAK**

## **SEPTEMBER 2007**

- Wednesday 5 . . . Stated Meeting and Corn Roast, members only, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 12 . . . Special Meeting, TBD
- Wednesday 19 . . . Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 26 . . . Special Meeting and Dinner, Octoberfest, cost \$8.00

Please contact Bro. Brian J. Donovan, Senior Deacon, at 440-842-1793  
for event information and reservations.

## APRONS AND BADGES

A few more of the **Past Masters** of our Lodge continue to be caught displaying their award, or reward, for their many years of dedication to our fraternity, wearing their **Past Masters Apron** to demonstrate their belief in the teachings of the lessons of Freemasonry, and the time they devoted to perpetuate those teachings. I encourage **ALL Past Masters** to bring their **Apron** out of hiding and join US displaying them at our meetings, and all other **Masonic meetings**. You've worked hard to earn it, some more than once; let's be proud of it.

And wearing your **name badge** to our meetings and other functions enables new members and visitors to recognize your affiliation with the fraternity, as well as identifying some brothers who have been away on extended journeys. It may also prompt some non-Masons to ask questions, like "**How can I become a member?**" This is even more important now with a greater number of Brethren and their ladies coming together as one big, happy family. And more and more visiting brothers in our chambers, too. Let's get our name badges out of the drawers and onto our jackets. Many do already, let's increase that number.

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## THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

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W.B. Larry Davenport P.M. has promised us a great Flag Day event, so plan to come and join us. If anyone would like to assist, or has any suggestions, please advise me and/or W.B. Davenport.

Our outdoor raising and steak roast is back. **PLAN TO ATTEND. THIS IS ALWAYS A GREAT TIME!** Check the Trestle Board for details.

I am very impressed with the great work our junior officers are making with their ritual work and the new things each of them is working on. And it is encouraging to hear that some of our Brethren are looking forward to joining the officer rank. This is one of the reasons that John W. Barkley Lodge is such A GREAT LODGE!

As we break for the summer, please travel with care. We want everyone back in September. Try not to over-indulge too much. OK, maybe on some things, but be safe as you travel.

Keep those petitions coming in, Brethren. We are starting to grow again. Let's keep growing!

Also, Brethren, remember that there is more light in Masonry. But joining other Masonic bodies, and as always, if you can consider one more order, you not only help them, but greatly increase your knowledge of MASONRY.

**HAVE A SAFE AND SUPER SUMMER! SEE YOU AFTER THE BREAK!**

Jimmy D. Scott PM  
Worshipful Master

## THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS

Many have heard of the Book of Constitutions, but may not know what it is or what it means to Freemasonry. The Book of Constitutions is a work that contains the rules and regulations by which the Fraternity is governed. The earliest record of these constitutions dates back to 1723 by the Rev. James Anderson who is regarded as the compiler of the Book of Constitutions. Both Anderson and William Preston state that the writings existed during earlier periods and were destroyed over time.

History states that the Grand Lodge of London was established in 1717 during a low time in Freemasonry, as an attempt to revive it. It was soon after that the Grand Lodge sought any old and ancient writings and records pertaining to Masonry, and in 1721 charged Anderson to assemble them in a "new and better method." When the work was finished, the Grand Lodge formed a committee for its review. Soon after it was formally approved and was ordered to be printed for the benefit of all the Lodges.

The original Book of Constitutions contained a history of Masonry, the *Ancient Charges*, and the *General Regulations*. Countless revisions have been made to this text over time but it is still an integral part of our structure and history.

—Bro. Jason L. Stitak, J.W.  
(ref: Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Mackey & McClenachan)

## THE VIEW FROM THE SOUTH

Easter season is winding down and so is inspection season. Barkley had its inspection on Wednesday, April 11th, in the Fellow Craft Degree. We had a great turnout with 84 Brethren present, 23 of them being Past Masters of Barkley Lodge! We also had over 30 visiting Brethren come out to see us. Our candidate was Bro. Bryan Jones who was recently initiated an Entered Apprentice and passed his EA proficiency the week before, congratulations Bryan! Congratulations also to the officers for a degree well done as the night went very well. RWB Behner had some very kind words about Barkley and then gave the Lodge a certificate for passing its inspection.

March included a few big events for us, a spaghetti dinner to raise money for the Special Olympics and a bus trip to New York (which I heard went over very well). Barkley put on a "double" Entered Apprentice degree for Bro. Bryan Jones and Bro. David Huerster. We had seven additional candidates who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the Grand Master's One Day Class. We look forward to laboring with all of these new Brethren as our Fraternity continues to grow. Barkley Lodge was well represented in the degrees at the One Day Class.

- WB and Ill. Elect Jimmy Schultz was the Master in the EA Degree.
- WM Jimmy Scott was the Junior Warden in the EA and Junior Deacon in the MM Degree.
- RWB Robert C. Cygan was the Master in the first section of the MM Degree.
- WB Henry Mack was the Marshall in the EA Degree.
- WB Mark Bollinger gave the lecture for the MM Degree.
- Bro. Jason Stitak gave the charge for the MM Degree.

A very impressive showing by Barkley Lodge!

We had a Benefit Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 21st (8:00 a.m.), and then we traveled to the Medina Masonic Home on the 25th to put on the Fellow Craft Degree for the Masonic residents there. May is packed with our Mothers Day Dinner, Strawberry Social, and Baked Goods Auction. Be sure to check the Trestle Board for dates and times.

—Bro. Jason L. Stitak, J.W.

# Happy Mother's Day

*May 13, 2007*



## LODGE WELFARE

- WB Clarence Dahlke passed away in February. He was 85 and a 41-year member.
- WB Ed Leetch had his gallbladder removed in February and then had further complications. He has been out of commission for a while, but has informed us that he will be back soon.
- WB Jim Schultz gave us all a scare when he was admitted in the hospital. He is back in full form keeping the officers in order.
- Our own WM Jimmy Scott had a very bad case of shingles and missed a few meetings, but is now back in the East.
- Bro. Bob Siegmyer has been in and out of the hospital and has recently broken his leg. We all wish him a quick recovery.
- Bro. Ed Hallman had shoulder problems for a while and is having surgery this month of April. We all hope the surgery goes well and recovery is quick!
- Bro. George Charboneau had been out with a pinched nerve in his back, but has been back in Lodge.
- WB John Yantz has been receiving tests and treatment for some illnesses. He needs our prayers.

Winter is *almost* over, but, being in Ohio, we can expect 80 degrees then snow. With all the changes of weather and variations of the flu going around, try to stay warm (when it applies) and cool (when it applies) and avoid getting sick!

—Bro. Jason L. Stitak, J.W.

## L.E.O. NIGHT WILL BE MAY 16th

Please mark May 16th, 2007, on your calendar. It is L.E.O. night at Barkley Lodge and I have again put together a very informational program for the meeting.

I promise you an evening filled with Masonic information that I'm sure you will appreciate. Please come out to Lodge, renew old acquaintances and receive some additional light in Masonry.

Best of all, I will be bringing the refreshments that evening, and I know that everyone will enjoy what I have planned for the eats.

—Jim Schultz, L.E.O.



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## LOSSES IN THE LODGE FAMILY

We have lost only one of our Brothers since our last issue.

**W.B. Clarence "Barney" W. Dahlke** passed away on February 19, 2007. He was a 41-year member. He was Worshipful Master in 1971 in O.N. Steele Lodge No. 621.



Other family members who have crossed that great divide:

Bro. Gerald L. Wagner, brother of our late W.B. Leonard Wagner, Jr., passed away in California. He was a member of Harding-Concordia Lodge.

Fay M. Meyer, widow of our late Bro. Frank Meyer, passed away on February 15, 2007.

Dolores E. Catavolos, wife of our Bro. Peter George Catavolos, passed away on March 14, 2007.

Jeanne E. Olsen, wife of our late Bro. Carl W. Olsen, passed away on March 24, 2007.

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## CHILD SAFETY

My Brethren,

I found this piece of information about child safety. Many of you have young children and grandchildren, so I thought I'd pass it along to you.

April marks the start of "trauma season" in North America because of the increased number of concussions, according to the Emergency Department at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. It lasts through September, and doctors speculate that the rise in head injuries results from the increase in outdoor activities that accompany warmer weather. In addition, children play more outdoor sports, often without helmets.

Review safety rules with your children and insist they wear helmets for rolling sports such as biking and skateboarding, as well as for sports like baseball and football. If your child does suffer a blow to the head, watch for these signs of concussion:

- Loss of consciousness
- Vomiting
- Amnesia
- Vision problems
- Change in other senses
- Feeling dazed or hazy
- Constant headache
- Balance problems
- Seizures
- Shaking or tremors
- Change in muscle tone and weakness

If your child has any of these signs, he or she should be seen by a doctor right away. "Parents need to know there is no such thing as a simple concussion," says Dr. Tom Abramo. Doctors report that head injuries and concussions have the highest rate of lasting complications.

—James T. Schultz, L.E.O.

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## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

### NOAH'S ARK, 2007 STYLE

In the year 2007, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in the United States, and said, "Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save 02 of every living thing, along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying, "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard, but no Ark. "Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Deveopment Appeal Board for a decision.

"Then the Department of Transportation demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving the power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls – but no go!

"When I started gathering the animals, an animal rights group sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

"Then the EPA ruled that I couldn't built the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood. I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew.

"Immigration and Naturalization is checking the green card status of most of the people who want to work.

"The trade unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only union workers with Ark-building experience.

"To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

"So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord. "The government has beat me to it."

Submitted by Robert A. Cygan, P.M.

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## MAJOR FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY THRU AUGUST 2007

50 Years on May 4th .....	Cecil & Joyce Nottingham
45 Years on May 5th .....	Larry & Donna Davenport
40 Years on May 13th .....	Charles & Darla Walter
30 Years on May 14th .....	Ronald & Marilyn Myers
10 Years on May 17th .....	William & Susanne Martin
60 Years on May 21st .....	Emil & Lillian White
50 Years on June 8th .....	Almon & Lillian Szafranski
45 Years on June 9th .....	Norman & Barbara Geschke
5 Years on June 22nd .....	Jeffrey & Cathleen Edmonds, Jr.
50 Years on June 30th .....	Paul & Helen Diamantis
15 Years on July 1st .....	Jerald & Jenny Motyka
5 Years on July 3rd .....	Jerry & Rosina Ketchum
30 Years on July 10th .....	Ronald & Carol Ketchum
60 Years on July 12th .....	Charles & Evelyn Tweddell
15 Years on July 12th .....	William & Robin Schlatterbeck
30 Years on July 16th .....	Robert & Jean Neumann
55 Years on July 27th .....	Steve & Tulla Chaly, Jr.
15 Years on July 28th .....	Mark & Liz Kacirek
65 Years on August 8th .....	Harvey & Janet Denk
45 Years on August 10th .....	Rudolph & Louanna Villanueva
20 Years on August 15th .....	Michael & Donna Maminskas
50 Years on August 24th .....	Walter & Catherine Hlavin
60 Years on August 28th .....	Arnold & Lucille Reiland
45 Years on August 28th .....	Lewis & Helen Woody
60 Years on August 30th .....	Robert & Jeanette Thorley

*If any dates or names are missing or incorrect,  
please let the Secretary know.*

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## WESTERN RESERVE MASONIC COMMUNITY STAYS ACTIVE

Western Reserve Masonic Community, 4931 Nettleton Road, Medina, has been quite busy so far in 2007 with several community events and others to follow. Things kicked off with the Medina County Art League Exhibit in February.

For the third consecutive year, the chapel had more than 100 paintings and photographs by local artists on display. A public reception was also a part of the event, which lasted from February 11 to 23 with Western Reserve Masonic Community's resident ambassador helping showcase the campus as well as the artwork.

In March, Western Reserve was the place to unwind with the third annual Ready, Set, Relax Spa Day. Several health organizations came to the chapel to show relaxation techniques and services.

The best is still to come with Western Reserve's signature event, Renaissance Faire, in September. The first Renaissance Faire last year was such a success with around 3,000 people attending, so it has been expanded to two days in 2007, September 8 and 9. Attendees can see jousting knights and dragons, hear music, taste different food and take part in archery and kids games. There will also be a range of crafts and other goods for sale. Staff and residents get into the spirit by wearing their own costumes and participating in the Renaissance Faire. There's always something for the entire family at the Renaissance Faire, and there is no cost to attend.

At noon the third Wednesday of each month, Western Reserve Masonic Community presents its Lunch and Learn sessions, where prospective residents come in to dine and explore the retirement living options the campus offers.

Western Reserve Masonic Community is also the home of the SeniorNet program, teaching seniors computer skills and program education.

Western Reserve Masonic Community is conveniently located near Route 18 and Interstate 71. For more information, call 721-3000 or 1-866-433-1514.

### THE MEANING OF MASONRY, 1858 by "Albert Pike"

"If all men had always obeyed with all their hearts, the mild and gentle teachings of Masonry, that world would always have been a paradise; while Intolerance and Persecution make of it a hell. For this is the Masonic creed: BELIEVE, in God's infinite benevolence, wisdom and justice; HOPE, for the final triumph of good over evil, and for the perfect harmony as the final result of all the concords and discords of the universe; and be CHARITABLE, as God is, towards the unfaithful, the errors, the follies and the faults of men; for all are one great Brotherhood."

Can I look in the mirror today and say that I am truly a part of this Brotherhood?

—James T. Schultz, L.E.O.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY & JUNE

### MAY 2007 BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Robert L. Carpenter, PM  
Clarence A. Watters
- 2 – Eugene R. Smith  
Gerald J. Noble
- 4 – John T. Loizos, PM
- 5 – Paul A. Malling  
Keith I. Marquardt, PM
- 6 – Walter H. Vogler
- 7 – Donald A. Novotny  
Bruce R. Willingham, Jr.
- 8 – Robert G. Barker  
Robert H. Fitzer  
Glenn L. Schroth
- 9 – Archie Catavolos  
Richard W. Thomson
- 10 – Harold C. Knecht  
William C. Martin
- 11 – David E. Scott  
Jason Davis
- 12 – William E. Sebesta

- 14 – Lewis Woody  
Edward W. Bammerlin
- 15 – Harvey W. Denk
- 19 – Eugene L. Mezera
- 20 – David W. Huerster  
Archie R. Stephen  
Richard S. Sapp
- 21 – Allan M. Anderson
- 23 – Norman B. Krueger
- 24 – Donald N. Ahlegian  
Thomas R. Klecan
- 25 – Richard J. Spragg  
John W. Thornburg
- 26 – William J. Stuehler  
Lee D. Andres  
Victor L. Galazin
- 27 – Edward C. Olson
- 28 – Wayne A. Sauer
- 29 – Robert A. Cygan, PM
- 30 – Henry Mack Jr., PM
- 31 – Steven R. Zorich  
Kenneth D. Waibel, PM  
Salvatore M. Santora



### JUNE 2007 BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – John Kostov  
Kenneth E. Schroeder
- 2 – James T. Schultz, PM  
David J. Batista
- 5 – Rev. Robert D. West  
Fint N. Parsons  
Kenneth L. Cobbs  
William E. Bammerlin
- 6 – Joseph F. Wilson, PM  
Edward Kytta
- 7 – Robert E. Henkle
- 9 – Daniel J. Haughton  
Clifford A. Perry
- 10 – Larry Brenner
- 11 – John G. Monkovich  
Robert E. Laurie
- 12 – William R. Ryan
- 13 – Calvin J. Chany  
Eugene R. Haettich, Jr.
- 14 – Richard A. Puzziello
- 17 – John M. Piskura  
Ronald H. Hager  
Dominic E. Palmieri
- 18 – Paul Diamantis
- 19 – Martin A. Bean, Jr.
- 21 – Michael A. Edel
- 22 – Frederick W. Mitchell  
William L. Schlatterbeck,  
PM
- 23 – Richard A. Rieger  
William M. Davey, PM  
William L. Buettner, PM
- 24 – John R. Mismas  
Richard Matzelle
- 25 – Jeremy S. Belshaw
- 26 – Frank C. Collister
- 27 – Gregory M. McDanels
- 28 – Paul T. Sayler, Jr.
- 29 – Frank A. Albrecht  
Jeffrey W. Oberg
- 30 – James R. Dukes

## BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY & AUGUST

# Happy Birthday



### JULY 2007 BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Carl A. Reimann  
Charles N. Jenkins  
Donald J. Placko, PM  
Shawn R. Devan
- 2 – Charles W. Rager  
Walter J. Mermis  
Roger E. Johnston  
Robert W. Hubert, Jr., PM
- 4 – Donald G. Sharp, Jr.
- 5 – Ernest R. Riddick
- 6 – Roy J. Pucher  
Dennis R. Taylor  
Guy R. Hamilton
- 7 – George B. Charboneau, PM  
Gary G. Mikoch, PM
- 9 – John V. Hategan  
Scott A. Klammer  
Adam M. LaGorin
- 11 – Joseph E. Bitonti  
Eugene G. Peters, PM  
Wesley E. Morgan
- 12 – Robert N. Johnston
- 15 – Thomas A. Robinson

### AUGUST 2007 BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Carl F. Eschbach  
James D. Duman
- 2 – Samuel J. Krupla
- 3 – Randell L. Forster
- 4 – Larry W. Sowders
- 6 – Carl E. Abrahamson, PM  
James C. Sanford
- 7 – Robert J. Williams  
David E. Schroth
- 8 – Francesco G. Costa  
Dan W. Reichel
- 9 – Donald A. Baker  
Ernest Adams  
William B. Sarver
- 10 – Charles E. Burkett, PM  
Arthur F. Schroeder
- 11 – John M. Smith  
Joseph D. Takitch, PM
- 13 – Nicholas Terec
- 16 – Arthur E. Chipchase

- 18 – Floyd R. Wiggers  
John B. Simpson
- 19 – George P. Catavolos  
Lawrence Dooley
- 20 – Ellsworth G. Grumney  
Donald G. Sharp, Sr.  
David P. Pulice
- 21 – Ronald H. Goetz
- 22 – Gerald J. Murphy
- 24 – Earl E. Manuel
- 25 – Leonard F. Rock
- 26 – Jack D. Price  
Alex J. Sonkoly  
Robert C. Hebebrand
- 27 – Harold A. Littlefield  
Martin H. Schurdell  
Michael A. Mannarino
- 28 – Robert J. Wakefield, PM
- 29 – Homer L. Cotton
- 30 – David W. Stetler  
James E. Williams, Jr.
- 31 – Cecil C. Nottingham, PM  
Cullen S. Johnson
- 19 – Donald A. Dettman
- 21 – John G. Osadcky  
Dewey H. Limpert  
Clarence C. Cudney, PM  
Everett L. Knight  
Walter M. Hlavin  
Rino G. Costa
- 22 – Glenn J. Bollinger, PM, 33°  
Robert L. Harrison
- 23 – William Kopp
- 24 – Almon J. Szafranski  
Clyde J. Maurer, PM
- 25 – Robert A. McKinney
- 26 – William R. Jackson  
George E. Vogel  
Donald E. Meade
- 28 – Robert Laurie  
Robert C. Huge
- 29 – Joseph C. Chervenka  
Jeffrey T. Edmonds, Jr.  
Mark A. Moreschi

## THE LAMBSKIN APRON

The highest honor of all is the lambskin apron. It is interesting to consider why this, the greatest of all Masonic honors, is bestowed upon a man during his very first few minutes as an obligated Mason. He has not at that point rendered any service to the Fraternity. It is not known at that moment if he will bring glory or embarrassment to the Institution. Why, then, you may ask, is he not required to prove his worth before receiving this great honor?

The answer to that question may be contained in some ancient Masonic writings that we have not seen, or, like the reasons for so many customs and practices of the Fraternity, the explanation of the apron's early presentation may be forever lost. Nevertheless, one may speculate concerning the reasoning of those ancient Brethren in centuries past, and endeavor to advance an acceptable logic for this custom.

I like to think this great honor is bestowed so early in a man's Masonic life for a two-fold purpose. First, to assure him we accept him as a good man and true, one worthy to join us in wearing the unblemished badge of a Mason. Secondly, to challenge him to do those things that will preserve the purity of his apron, avoiding actions that would dirty its spotless surface.

**A point to ponder:** He who doesn't read is as ignorant as he who can't read.

—James T. Schultz, P.M., L.E.O.



## FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION

Freemasonry can better insist upon belief in God as one of the conditions of Grand Lodge recognition, and individual membership, with all that it means to Freemasonry around the world, because that belief does not imply or demand doctrinal definition. It involves a basic faith in God, which unites men who hold all varieties of doctrine or creed. It is when we formulate our beliefs about God that we create divisions. Faith in God unites us, but belief about God, which is theology, divides us.

Freemasonry has no theology. It does not go from faith to speculation, which is theology, but from faith to demonstration, which is life. It makes no attempt to put a label on God that would place him at the front of the Masonic procession. It leaves that to the denominations. It insists that no exclusive religion is true, for God cannot be monopolized, and he cannot be manipulated.

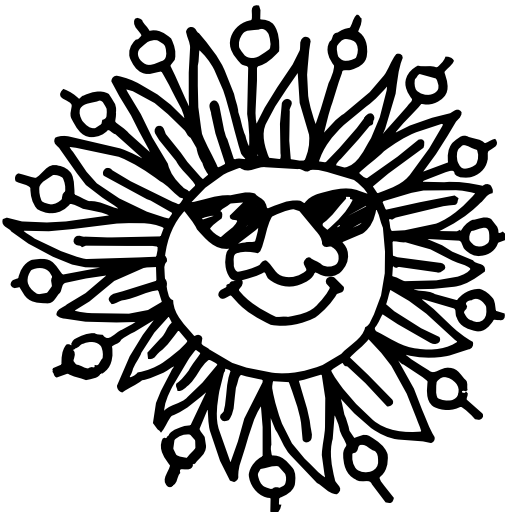
When any one group claims to have the only true religion, it creates the impression that it knows everything there is to know about God, which, of course, is ridiculous on the face of it. It is this broadly inclusive position taken by Freemasonry that enables men of all religions to join hands across the world, for we are a completely tolerant organization. Our tolerance is not that which permits every man his own belief, but the tolerance which acknowledges the right of every man to his own interpretation of the spiritual realities involved for him under the name of religion.

We are united in the belief in God that will help every Mason to be an instrument for the fulfillment of the purpose of God for all mankind.

**A point to ponder on:** "People can be divided into three groups: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened."

Which group did you put yourself into? Something to think about!!!!!!!

—James T. Schultz, L.E.O.



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