



MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE EAST

Well, my brethren, another year has come and gone again, and as always we sit and wonder where it all went and – wow – so fast. Our annual election of officers will be on November 7, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at the North Olmsted Masonic Temple, and I hope to see a lot of you there. All committee reports are due at that time so all chairmen will need to prepare them. If you will not be able to make the meeting, please make sure that your report does. You can e-mail it to me at jimmydscott@roadrunner.com if you need to or just give them to another Brother to bring in and give it to me. But better if you come in and read it yourself, and believe me – we like that better.



**Worshipful Master
Jimmy D. Scott**

After the break we hit the ground running. Two weeks back we raised another Master Mason and are still looking to do more ritual work. The officers are getting pretty good at doing the work, and it shows that they are taking the time to study the ritual book and memorize what they need to do.

Some of the officers have moved up a station and are doing quite well at them. It is nice to see some of the very new Brothers taking an interest in getting involved and just not sitting in on a meeting, but becoming a part of the meeting. But sitting around is nice at times as well, and maybe next year I will get an opportunity to do just that.

The roof has now been replaced, and we noticed a few leaks in it, but the Temple Board got right on it, and I am sure they will stay on top of it. No pun intended! Ha! Ha! After all they paid enough for it. So we will be high and dry for a good while now.

Well, as this year closes, I must think back on my year in the East, and I must say looking back over my calendar we stayed pretty busy. Due to work I had to miss a few meetings, but our junior officers stepped up as well as other brethren

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Article VII – Each member shall pay annually, in advance, the sum of FORTY DOLLARS into the funds of the Lodge, at or before the November stated meeting for the election of officers.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2007

I am writing my article in early October, and to date only 263 of the Brethren have sent in their 2008 dues. That still leaves 211 to go. Of our 50-year plus Brethren, 64 have responded to my letter to them. I still need to hear from 50 more of these Brethren.

Please send your \$40.00 check for your 2008 dues to the Secretary, made out to ***John W. Barkley Lodge No. 621***, ASAP so we can get this job behind us.

A second notice will be going out in mid-October to the Brethren who I have not heard from, just as you will be receiving this article in the *Barkley Light*. In order to vote at the annual meeting on November 7th, you must have a 2008 dues card to get into the meeting.

If you did not receive your 2008 dues notice, or you misplaced it, please let the Secretary know so he can send you another one.

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Would any of the e-mail Brethren like to receive the *Barkley Light* via e-mail? Please let me know. This would help the Lodge keep our costs down in the printing and postage costs; please consider it.

Grand Lodge was held on October 19th and 20th in Cincinnati, Ohio. We had a few Brethern attend, and we will be discussing the legislation enacted at Grand Lodge at a stated meeting in the near future.

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

Our Worshipful Master is planning many activities for the Brethren of the Lodge and their ladies to take part in. Please read your **TRESTLE BOARD**, put the dates in your date book, and support your Lodge by your attendance at our meetings and the activities.

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

Fraternally,
Your Secretary
Bob Hubert, Jr.

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THE LEVEL

When we hear the phrase “meet on the level,” most of us being Freemasons would turn around instantly. We *think* of a level as something even, straight and true. *Being* level we are compelled to be honest and straightforward.

In Freemasonry, the level is a symbol of equality. Not the equality which would conflict with the rank of the officers and ruling of the Lodge, but equality in the fraternal sense. It also teaches us that we are all equal to the effects of this world: the joy and happiness, the sickness and suffering, and finally in death.

We as Freemasons meet on the level through our common bond, and share in the joy of the Fraternity with those who otherwise we may never have met. No doubt this is one of the greatest assets of Freemasonry, enjoyed by all its members and symbolized by the level.

Bro. Jason Stitak, J.W.

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WELFARE

- Bro. Joseph Spence passed away on August 26th. He was a 48-year member of the fraternity. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Spence family.
- W. Bro. John T. Yantz went home to be with his Lord on September 5th, 2007. He was a very active 55-year member. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Yantz family.
- On September 8th, Chrysanthe Loizos, the mother of W. Bro. John Loizos and Bro. Michael Loizos, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Loizos family.
- On September 13th, Margaret Weston, mother of Donna Davenport (Larry Davenport PM), passed away at her other daughter's home while visiting in New Jersey. Our thought and prayers are with the Davenport family.
- Bro. Floyd Wiggers' wife Dorothy recently had surgery; we hope you are back up as soon as possible!
- Bro. James Goode's wife Ruth fell and broke her leg; we wish you a quick recovery.
- We recently found out that Bro. Steve R. Zorich passed away on May 10, 2007; he was a 53-year member.
- Bro. Earl Manuel passed away on September 23rd. He was 81 years old, and a 37-year member of the Fraternity.
- Bro. Howard Marti is in Lakewood Hospital recovering from a fall. Our thoughts and prayers are with Howard and his family.
- Jean Smith, widow of Thomas Smith PM, recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Smith family.
- The sister of Jo'Anna Thomson, wife of Bro. Richard Thomson, recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Thomson family.

Please call our Junior Warden, Jason Stitak, with any sunshine and/or welfare reports. We want and need to know, but we are not psychics; please be our eyes and ears for our Brethren, and report their needs and accomplishments.

SPORTS LEGENDS SUPPORT OHIO MASONIC HOME

The Ohio Masonic Home's Benevolent Endowment Foundation recently held its fifth annual Jim Perry Legends Golf Classic to raise funds for the Pathways Center for Alzheimer's Care at the Springfield Masonic Community and was its most successful yet.

The event at Greene Country Club in Fairborn featured sports figures such as former Cy Young Award-winning pitcher Jim Perry, former Ohio State head football coaches Earle Bruce and John Cooper, and several former ball players who are also brother Masons including Tommy Helms, Galen Cisco, Bill Virdon, Bob Friend and Billy Wynne.

"We appreciate the opportunity to raise some money that will help the people served by The Ohio Masonic Home," said Jim Perry.

"It's a pleasure to participate in this event supporting The Ohio Masonic Home," said Brother Helms, a former Cincinnati Reds all-star, gold glove-winner and manager who is also a member of the Syrian Shrine. "This is about charity and making you a better person."

"Anytime you can help a charity like The Ohio Masonic Home, you want to do it," said Brother Virdon, the 1955 National League Rookie of the Year for the St. Louis Cardinals. He also became a successful manager for the Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Yankees, Houston Astros and Montreal Expos.

"We appreciate the participation and support of these Brethren and all of the Legends as well as the sponsors, participants and volunteers," said Right Worshipful Brother Tim Strawn, President of the Benevolent Endowment Foundation. "They return year after year for fun, fellowship, food and charity." Strawn noted that Scottish Rite's Valley of Dayton and Valley of Cincinnati participated in sponsoring this year's event and looks forward to further participation from other Masonic bodies in the future. "We would like to expand this event to include even more of our Brethren," he said.

Strawn said next year's event is already set for September 15 and 16 at Greene Country Club. For more information, call Ken Hershberger at 1-888-248-2664, ext. 5 or go to www.jimperrylegends.com.



Cy Young Award winner Jim Perry, center, greets former Ohio State head football coaches John Cooper, left, and Earle Bruce prior to the start of the Jim Perry Legends Classic golf event Sept. 17 and 18 at Greene Country Club. They were part of 25 retired sports stars, coaches and referees who played golf to raise funds for the Pathways Center for Alzheimer's Care on the campus of Springfield Masonic Community.

TRESTLE BOARD OCTOBER-JANUARY

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

OCTOBER 2007

Wednesday 31 . . . Installation Practice, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2007

Wednesday 7 . . . Annual Meeting w/Election of Officers, 7:30 p.m.
Annual committee reports are due at this meeting.

Saturday 10 . . . Installation of Officers – in Tuxes, 7:30 p.m.
Photos at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 14 . . . Officers meeting/TBA, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 21 . . . Stated meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 28 . . . 741 Benefit Dinner at Max & Erma's
5020 Tiedeman Road
Time: With coupon flyer: lunch, dinner or take-out
Officers and guests meeting at 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 2007

Saturday 1 . . . Children's Christmas Party, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 5 . . . Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 12 . . . Special, Awards Night, Pot Luck Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 19 . . . Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 26 . . . Christmas Holiday, Lodge Dark,
Celebrate with family and friends

JANUARY 2008

Wednesday 2 . . . Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9 . . . Special, Possible Degree Work, TBA, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 16 . . . Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 23 . . . Special: Table Lodge, Dinner, 6:30 p.m., cost \$10.00

Wednesday 30 . . . Special, TBA

Please contact Bro. Brian J. Donovan, Senior Deacon, at 440-734-3096
for event information and reservations.

THE SUN IN THE SOUTH

Our year is coming to an end quickly and I do not know where it has gone! By the time we read this, our annual elections will be about to take place. This year was quick, but I think it was a good year.

In August, Barkley participated in the North Olmsted Homecoming festival. We had the chance to meet quite a few Brethren from around the area, as well as a few from afar.

This September, we had the opportunity to raise Brother Said Abou Haidar to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Said has demonstrated his proficiency in the other degrees and we applauded him for the great job he has done.

In October, we will be in Cincinnati for the Grand Master's Communication/a.k.a. Grand Lodge, and a couple of weeks later we will be at our annual November elections to kick off the beginning of another Masonic year. The time just flies by ...

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE EAST

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in the Lodge to make sure that everything went well. Sadly we lost quite a few brethren from this Lodge who now meet above us in the real GRAND LODGE. We have had the ladies in for several events, had pretty good entertainment, and above all we have had fun doing it. I always enjoy having the ladies join us for events as they make the room shine. As always, if there is something the ladies would enjoy having as entertainment, let the Master know and he will do whatever he can to make it happen.

In my personal life, I have had some ups and downs, but we won't get into all of that here. But let me say it was always wonderful to have someone at Lodge to talk to about the problems I was having. Both the brethren and the ladies. Thanks to all.

It is hard to sit and say goodbye, because, no matter what, I am still going to be in Lodge doing something from time to time, I just won't have a designated place to sit now. DARN! ... Left side or right side? We will have to see when the time comes.

But I do want to thank the brethren of the Lodge, every one of you, for your great support of not only me, but to all of the officers this past year. Your support is what makes this Lodge the best Lodge around. When a Brother stands up in Lodge and says "that is the best lecture or the best charge he has heard in a long time," it makes someone feel good inside. We have heard a lot of that this year, not only in our own Lodge, but when we went to the Masonic Home in Medina. The brethren there were very pleased, and they let us know about it. You all are the greatest.

As always, if I can do anything for anyone, all you have to do is ask, and, if possible, I am always there. So thanks for the wonderful year, all of your support, and we will see each of you in Lodge someday, often. God bless all of you.

Jimmy D. Scott, PM
Worshipful Master

THE SUN IN THE SOUTH

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Personally, I would like to say that I've enjoyed working with all of the officers this year. It has been a real pleasure. I would like to think we set a high standard at Barkley in the work we do. I am honored to be a part of it. I hope to continue to work with you in the future.

** On a special note our **WB Jim Schultz** received the 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite. We congratulate Jimmy on receiving this honor and appreciate all of his work and efforts in Masonry. It is this type of dedication which keeps our Fraternity moving forward.

Bro. Jason Stitak, J.W.

NEW LIFE TO A WORTHY CAUSE

For many years we have been presenting scholarships to very deserving students in our Lodge's community at North Olmsted High School. In the past this was supported by our flower sale, but we need to add new life to this worthy cause, by doing something new and different.

There is a new kind of FUNdraiser that is so easy! You have to eat, right?! Well, you can feed your family and support the Lodge's scholarship fund at the Brooklyn location of Max & Erma's at Tiedeman and I-480 on November 28th. The more you eat, the more money we raise, as 20% of each check is donated back to the scholarship fund. The FUNdraiser is all day long. If you have friends, family and co-workers who want to have lunch, dinner, or carryout, send them in with the original or a **photocopy** of the flyer. Remember your church groups, book clubs, golf buddies, neighbors, organizations and associates, too. They all need to eat!

Since that Wednesday, the 28th, would normally be a meeting night for us, the Master has decided to decree this a family and fellowship get-together. The Master and the officers will be at the restaurant at approximately 6:30 p.m. that evening to show their joint support.

Many thanks in advance from John W. Barkley Lodge for your support and for dining at Max & Erma's on **Wednesday, November 28th**.

DON'T FORGET THE FLYER! Fliers will be available from any officer, at Lodge, on the Lodge's home page, <http://www.barkleylodge621.org> or e-mail me at rjw4@netzero.net. If you have difficulty with any of the above ways you can always call me at 330-274-0626 and leave a message with your address and I will mail one to you!

Hope to see you all there,
Robert J. Wakefield, PM

THE MASTER AND THE NEGRO

An old Negro had secured the use of a vacant lot. He had dug out the weeds, removed the stones and rubbish, plowed it, harrowed it, planted seed and cared for the plants until what had been a stony weed patch became a thing of beauty.

One day the parson passed that way and entered into conversation with the old Negro, who was loosening the soil with his hoe and pushing it up around the roots of the plants. The parson remarked, "Brudder Jackson, you and de Lord has sure worked miracles with this old vacant lot." The Negro responded, "Yes, suh, pahson, yes suh, me and the Lord sure has done a fine job here; you ought to of seen all the weeds and stones and rubbish there wuz here when the Lord was looking after it all by hisself."

That's only a story. It may never have happened, but in it are lessons for Masons, just as there are lessons for them in some of the things that never happened that we teach in Masonry. Freemasonry give the Brother only the rough. Yes, it provides him with the vacant lot, with the implements, and even the seed, but it is up to the Brother to do the hoeing, the harrowing, the planting and the cultivating that will bring out the plants and the beauty. He must push the soil up around the roots of the plants.

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THE MASTER AND THE NEGRO

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The Master, working alone, can't make Freemasonry bloom in this Lodge room, any more than the Lord was able to make a flower garden grow on the vacant lot without the help of the old Negro. Without the help of the Brethren, there will be here only a weed patch strewn with stones and rubbish. There will be no beauty of it. Put your mind to it and you may be astonished at the pleasure you will derive from seeing the soil become productive through your efforts. You may be astonished at the pleasure you will get from seeing the seeds of wisdom send up shoots that climb upward, turn their blossoms to the sun and burst into beautiful flowers of Masonic knowledge.

James T. Schultz, 33°
Lodge Education Officer

THE DOOR TO MY HEART

An artist by the name of Holman Hunt painted a picture he called "The Light of the World," which showed Christ at midnight, with a lantern in His upraised left hand, while with his right hand, He is knocking on a heavily paneled door. When the picture was unveiled, a critic is said to have exclaimed, "Mr Hunt, you haven't finished your picture, there is not a handle on that door!" Mr. Hunt responded, "That is the door to the human heart, it can be opened only from the inside."

Doesn't that teach us something in Freemasonry? All of us have often heard that passage of Scripture, "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Have you noted that the important words, "Ask," "seek," and "knock" are composed of a progressive number of letters, three in "ask," four in "seek," and five in "knock," giving us three of the mysterious and sacred numbers of Masonry. Also the first initials of the three words, "A," "S" and "K" give a repetition of the first word, "ask."

We use this passage of Scripture to point out that the one wishing to become a Mason can't rush up to the door, open it and crash in. He must wait for it to be opened from the inside. Symbolically there is no handle on the outside of our preparation room door. Then, after we have received the degrees, we have to open our hearts to the lessons and teachings of Freemasonry. They can't be pumped into us through our ears. We have to open our hearts and invite inside what Freemasonry has to offer, what it is ready to give.

There is now handle on the outside. Open you hearts, Brethren, to our beautiful symbols, our beautiful allegories and our beautiful teachings.

James T. Schultz, P.M., 33°
Lodge Education Officer

MAJOR FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2007

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| 15 Years on November 7th | Gary & Georgia Allen |
| 50 Years on November 9th | James & Carol Sanford |
| 60 Years on November 22nd | Eugene & Marjorie Smith |
| 40 Years on November 24th | Charles & Marlene Jenkins |
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| 15 Years on December 5th | Gary & Colleen Zelonis |
| 50 Years on December 14th | Alex & Margaret Stitt |
| 45 Years on December 17th | William & Betty Costner |
| 55 Years on December 23rd | Daniel & Rose Koncos |
| 50 Years on December 28th | Raymond & Gay Menning |
| 45 Years on December 29th | Albert & Pamela Schofield |

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Let's face it – English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, two geese. So one moose, two meese? One index, two indices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend, that you comb through annals of history but not a single annal? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? If you wrote a letter, perhaps you bote your tongue?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Park on driveways and drive on parkways?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? How can overlook and oversee be opposites, while quite a lot and quite a few are alike? How can the weather be hot as hell one day and cold as hell another?

Have you noticed that we talk about certain things only when they are absent? Have you ever seen a horseful carriage or a strapful gown? Met a sung hero or experienced requited love? Have you ever run into someone who was combobulated, grunted, ruly or peccable? And where are all those people who ARE spring chickens, or who would ACTUALLY hurt a fly?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't a race at all). That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. And why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it.

Your editor

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RENAISSANCE FAIRE DRAWS 5,500 VISITORS

Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina drew a record 5,500 visitors to its campus when it hosted its second annual Renaissance Faire September 8-9.

There were more vendors and activities for the attendees, who celebrated late summer and Grandparents Day with a trip back to the 16th century to see armored knights risk life and limb during jousting competitions. Master of Fire Will Sommers swallowed fire. Children rode ponies, saw a baby dragon hatch and watched puppet shows. Others shot a bow and arrow. People were serenaded by the Royal Chamber Singers and musicians.

Those inspired by the sights and sounds could get into the spirit by shopping for various goods such as swords or period costumes, take home a souvenir cup or get a caricature drawing. After that, you could go on a scavenger hunt all over the campus. All that running around made some people hungry, so you could get your energy back with shepherd's pie, scotch eggs, turkey legs or other food you won't find at the local fast food chain.

Western Reserve even had its own Antiqua Ensemble, comprised of residents and staff, entertain with its musical stylings. The Renaissance Faire is put together by the Western Reserve staff, which wore its own costumes for the occasion, and Kyng Henry's Touring Company. Everybody involved was willing to go above and beyond to make this year's event memorable.

"We couldn't have asked for better people to work on this event or to attend it," said Western Reserve Masonic Community President Jay Dettorre. "We asked a lot of our staff and of Kyng Henry's Touring Company to top last year and to see it succeed at this level just shows the dedication of everybody involved."

It was especially gratifying for Western Reserve's residents to enjoy some time with neighbors, family, friends and visitors. Many proudly talked to visitors about the place they call home.

The admission price also couldn't be beat – there wasn't one. The smiles and laughter were payment enough for Jay.

"This was a great time and we're already looking forward to next year," he said.



The Master of Fire amazes the crowd with his fire breathing talents at the Western Reserve Masonic Community's Renaissance Faire on September 9th.

THE TEMPLAR KNIGHTS

Briefly, The Knights Templar were started in 1118 by Hugues de Payen and eight others. In the space of ten years, they had grown to number in the hundreds, received a Papal Charter answering only to the Pope, and started amassing enormous wealth. During their history they became an organization feared and admired, and probably the most wealthy and powerful of the Chivalric Orders of their time. With vast holdings of money/wealth, land, a merchant fleet and armed escorts, a reputation of battlefield expertise, renown for courage, bravery and ability, they became the equals of Sovereigns and Potentates. By the end of the 1200s they also became the target of King Phillip (Phillip the Fair) of France. He was broke, and they had money. He just had to convince the Pope that the Knights were a Papal nuisance, that he should have permission to destroy them and assume the power and wealth for his crown. Eventually he got his permission (there is very much history here: Avignon, Captivity, Popes, maybe in a different article).

On October 13, 1307, the King of France ordered the arrest of all Templar Knights in the country. The presiding Grand Master of the Order at that time was Jacques DeMolay. Why was he in France and allowed himself to be arrested? Paris was the financial hub of the Order at the time, and arrangements had to be made to protect the assets and the secrets, and secure the future of the Order. In 1312, the Order was officially dissolved by the Pope, and on March 18, 1314, they burned DeMolay and others at the stake. Thus ended the existence of the Order Of Knights Templar. That is the history. There is absolutely so much more to it.

Unlucky Friday the 13th comes from the arrests of 1307. The men responsible for extracting the Templar confessions during the almost seven years of torture go on to be the leaders of what became known as The Spanish Inquisition. Banking, as we know it today (the use of cheques specifically), and international finance we owe to the Order.

Only France managed to arrest and kill the knights (those that they could find and who would not disavow the Order). Spain did not even respond to the arrest warrants. England resisted for over a year and when they did respond, they could only find the old and infirm. They did nothing to these old men.

Most Knights simply moved elsewhere (Scotland, read Bannockburn for example), or joined other Chivalric orders. The Fleet was never found. The treasure that Phillip coveted and connived for never materialized. The Secrets believed held by the Knights were never revealed, even under six-plus years of torture. Because the bulk of the Knighthood went "underground" to other places, it would be very hard to make the case for the total extinction of The Knights Templar.

The bond between Freemasonry and The Knights Templar seems so interwoven that many hypotheses exist about the end of one organization and the beginnings of the other. Suppose there was no end as much as a variation, a mutation if you will. It seems there is no proof of a specific beginning of Freemasonry, but we exist.

Today, the Templar Knights are not history. They exist. Here is something to reflect upon: The Knights of 1307 were tortured for confessions of misdeeds that would prove their guilt and cause their demise. They were tortured for the location of their treasure. The Bond of their Oaths is the example here. Under pain of death they revealed nothing because they took an Oath. We take Oaths in Freemasonry. There is no difference. Their resolve is our example.

Submitted by Bro. Larry Dooley

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