

# Barkley Light



John W. Barkley Lodge No. 621, F & A.M.

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## VIEW FROM THE EAST – A GREAT BEGINNING AND A GREAT ENDING



Front: RWB Phil Smith, DDGM; RWB Brad Goebel, Senior Grand Warden; WM Jason Stitak; MWB Charles Murphy, Grand Master of F.&A.M. of Ohio; RWB Robert Behner, DDGM.  
Back: WB Mark Bollinger, SW; RWB Robert Hager, DDGM; Bro. Tom Klecan, JW.

BRETHREN! How wonderful it is to be a Free & Accepted Mason in our 22nd District and at John W. Barkley Lodge! I have had many great experiences this year. As was the past years, this year was a learning year for me. Planning and executing events, coordinating with other bodies, dealing with unforeseen circumstances; this year had it all. The agenda was packed; we rarely had an off week. I hope that you feel that our events this year were not only successful but fun. Our meetings have been meaningful, and I am very happy about the amount of time we are able to spend together after they were over.

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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.

Please Remember Your Lodge in Your Will.  
Thank You, Very Much!

## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2009

Brethren, I made a new Barkley Directory the middle of June after we welcomed seven new Brethren into Barkley Lodge on June 13, 2009 thru the Grand Masters One Day Class. The *Barkley Light* was sent out the end of August and the 2010 dues notices were sent out in early September. From those mailings, we have found out 15 more of our Brethren have passed away.

I have received back many of the information sheets that were included with the 2010 dues notices. Thank you, thank you and thank you. Without this information our membership roster would not be as up to date as it is. Brethren, please go look at your marriage certificate and verify the date you were married. I have received many different dates for the wedding day than I had before.

As of the end of September, about 52% of the Brethren have returned their dues to me and I have all of their

cards back in the mail the next day. Keep them coming and maybe by the annual meeting all the dues will be in to the Lodge. Who am I kidding? Second notices will be going out around the middle of October and I hope you are not one whom I have to send to. Please send your \$40.00 2010 dues in ASAP.

We read three new petitions at our first stated meeting on September 2nd, elected another and he received his Entered Apprentice degree September 9th. We read three petitions at our September 16th stated meeting and elected one more. We conferred the Master Mason Degree on Bro. William Hill on September 30th and we still have four Entered Apprentices in the wings to give their exams. We read two new petitions at our October 7th stated meeting and elected two more for degrees. On October 24th we will confer the E.A. Degree on three new members. We still have a lot of degree work to do in the near future. What a nice problem to have!

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

Presently I have 315 Brethren on the Barkley e-mail list. 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) so we can keep you informed of up-coming activities, events, dinners, illnesses and/or deaths in a very timely manner.

With the last issue of the *Barkley Light*, I sent it to most of the e-mail

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## WISDOM FROM THE WEST

My brethren, the time has come for yet another “final” article. I am finishing up the year as your Senior Warden, and again I would like to thank the lodge for allowing me to assume this Station. I truly enjoy being an officer in John W. Barkley Lodge. Normally, I would be continuing as your Master for next year, but something has come up which will not permit me to continue in this capacity. It was my intention to continue on to the East for a fourth term, but things change. The reason for my not continuing will soon become apparent.

All of this has made me do a lot of thinking about our great Lodge. Do you know that we are now the largest Lodge in the 22nd District? That is great, and many other Masons throughout the area look to us as an example of what an active Lodge is. We do have many activities for not only our members, but for families and friends as well. I invite each of you to come out sometime to one of our many social opportunities; to reacquaint yourself with some old friends; and definitely to meet some new ones. There are also ample opportunities to come out and witness some of the finest degree work in the state, right here in your own Lodge. We have had several new petitions come in and it is exciting to be able to put on our degrees with a room full of members. Imagine how impressed the new candidates are when they see a full room!

I am trying to point out that there are many, many great things with John W. Barkley Lodge, but what surprises me, is the lack of officers that a group of our size has, or doesn't have as the case may be. Surely, this isn't because we don't have enough brethren – we have over 600 members! Maybe you wanted to become an officer before, but were unable due to certain circumstances. Maybe no one ever asked you if you wanted to become an officer. Maybe you thought that you couldn't do all the work that is necessary. Maybe you just weren't ready before and always said that you'd like to be one “someday,” but then life has kept you away. Whatever the reason, I am now imploring each and every one to consider joining the officer ranks. You have my personal guarantee to help you in whatever way I can, and I know that there are a lot of Past Masters just like me who are willing to help. We want to see our Lodge continue to grow and be the leader in Masonry in the 22nd District. We can only do this with your help. As much as I enjoy being an officer, I know that we constantly need an influx of other brethren to assume leadership roles. It can be a daunting task, but we have dozens of men who are more than willing to help you. I am asking you to consider taking on this responsibility. It's not as big as it may seem when you have all the support that we have to offer.

The time is now for stepping forward. Our annual meeting and election of officers is the first Wednesday in November. Won't you consider coming to Lodge and throwing in your hat? There are plenty of opportunities to become more active. It really is fun to be an officer when you have the backing of such an awesome group such as ours. It's exciting seeing a room full for a regular meeting. It's incredible to sell out the place for dinners and other activities. Even if you still don't want to be an officer, I invite you to come out and be a part of the excitement!

Again, I thank you all for your support and for allowing me to be an officer in our great Lodge. It seems like for years I was always one of the “young guys,” but as I will be receiving my 25 year pin this upcoming year, I no longer am one of the young guys, but am now in a position to be one of those members who will always be as willing to give information as we have newer and younger members who are anxious to receive it. Hope to see you in Lodge soon and maybe even in an officer's chair!

Mark J. Bollinger, PM – Senior Warden

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## ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?

Are you ready for this? I have been asked this a lot lately. Yes, I am ready for this, are you? We have just had a great year, and it will be hard to follow. Since it was a great year, it will be hard to improve upon. However it will be a great template to work with.

This is first and foremost your Lodge, and your participation is essential. What was really spectacular about this past year was the amount of participation from our members, especially our Past Masters, and our officers. Their participation and diligence provided a great framework, which translated into great events. I hope I can count on your continued participation as we roll into a new Masonic year.

So often you hear that you get more out of something if you put more into it. I believe that to be one of our keys to success for this past year. The brethren took turns assisting with the different events, shifting the loads occasionally so that those that worked a previous event could enjoy the next one. Participation keeps you invested in the working of the Lodge, with all the brethren and ladies appreciative of the effort you put forth. It's a great feeling to have been a contributor to an event that goes off well, and one that everyone enjoys.

So what about this year? Well, we are going to be doing many of the same things as last, building upon our past successes and trying to find some new ways to further involve the brethren.

Awards Night will be December 9, 2009, at 7:30, with a dinner preceding the presentation of the awards. Dinner will be at 6:30.

As another fund raiser, we will be having a chili cook off and luncheon on Saturday, December 19th. You can get that almost too late last minute shopping done, while stopping by the Lodge to refuel yourself. Where else can you get a great hot meal and great holiday fellowship for \$5.00? And in the process provide a donation for one of our Grand Master's worthy charities.

We are also very fortunate to have a nice supply of candidates in waiting, so I expect December and January and beyond to have plenty of degree work to do. For our most recent members, this is a chance to involve yourself in the degree work. We can always use some new faces for the work. You can start off with parts which offer little or no speaking, and work your way up. I have also found attendance to be beneficial in recalling my own initiation, and further enlightening me with the valuable lessons contained in the various degrees.

Our annual Post Holiday Party is tentatively scheduled for January 16th. Last year's event was quite memorable, and the snow that came down that night was pretty impressive too. Since our last few outings to Dimitri's have been "snow" (sorry, couldn't resist) I mean SO successful, it will most likely be there again.

I am currently also working on two other events. Our Canadian brethren have expressed an interest in attending our annual installation. I am attempting to set up a luncheon for the ladies, brethren, and families who would enjoy luncheon followed by a tour of Cleveland on Lolly the Trolley. If we get enough participation we can have an entire Trolley for ourselves. A minimal cost of about \$25.00 should cover both the luncheon and the tour.

I am also in discussions for a mid holiday dinner and fund raiser. I am thinking of having a dinner for the members and families on December 30th. With Christmas carols provided by a small group from the Singing Angels.

I look forward to seeing you at these different events, and to the wonderful year ahead of us.

Thomas Klecan – Junior Warden

# TRESTLE BOARD

## NOVEMBER 2009 – JANUARY 2010

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

### NOVEMBER 2009

- Wednesday 4 . . . Stated Meeting and Election of Officers for 2010, 7:30 PM
- Wednesday 11 . . . Practice for Installation of Officers, 7:30 PM
- Saturday 14 . . . Past Masters Convocation, 2:00 PM, 3615 Euclid Ave.
- Saturday 14 . . . Installation, 7:30 PM; Hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 PM  
Lolly the Trolley Tour of Cleveland  
Luncheon at noon at the Power House,  
Tour to follow (tentative)
- Wednesday 18 . . . Stated Meeting
- Wednesday 25 . . . Officers' Meeting

### DECEMBER 2009

- Wednesday 2 . . . Stated Meeting
- Saturday 5 . . . Children's Christmas Party, 2:00 PM?????
- Wednesday 9 . . . Awards Night, Dinner at 6:30 PM
- Wednesday 16 . . . Stated Meeting
- Wednesday 23 . . . TBD (possible Degree work)
- Wednesday 30 . . . Fund raiser Holiday dinner with entertainment

### JANUARY 2009

- Wednesday 6 . . . Stated Meeting
- Wednesday 13 . . . TBD (possible Degree work)
- Saturday 16 . . . After Hoiday Party
- Wednesday 20 . . . Stated Meeting
- Wednesday 27 . . . TBD (possible Degree work)

## THE MASONIC FUNERAL

A new Worshipful Master in a small Georgia town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first Lodge meeting.

The following Thursday the Lodge was all but empty.

Accordingly, the Worshipful Master placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the Lodge was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Masonic burial.

The funeral would be held the following Monday afternoon, the notice said.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral."

In front of the Altar, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers.

After the Chaplain delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his Brethren to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead Lodge.

Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "Dead Lodge," all the Brethren eagerly lined up to look in the coffin.

Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look.

In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

Remember the obligation we all took my brethren. Attend and support your Lodge!!!!

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## VIEW FROM THE EAST

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It doesn't seem that long ago that I was preparing for Awards Night in December of 2008. After installation everything moved quickly; quicker than I expected. Two blinks later we had an after-holiday party, a chili cook-off, Past Masters' Night, an open house and then came inspection. It didn't end there!

Bro. Ramzi Jammal made the highest money making dish at our dessert auction, his baklava is still being talked about. We had a movie night, an outdoor Fellowcraft Degree, our first trip to St. George Lodge in Toronto, Ontario. Then immediately we had many officers take place in the One-Day Class. Next came our Table Lodge where we packed our dining area and had a great time!

September, a time that I thought would start the winding down of my year as Master, we had a capacity crowd at our Corn Roast, an EA degree, and then MWB Charles R. Murphy visited our Lodge! Then another capacity crowd at our Oktoberfest, more degree work, a benefit for our Temple, even more degree work, and now it is time to say good-bye. I've enjoyed this experience, and I encourage those who have not been an officer to consider it. I look forward to the coming years as our Junior Officers move up the Line. I am so very lucky to have been surrounded by a great bunch of true gentlemen. Thank you for the opportunity to serve John W. Barkley Lodge #621.

—Jason L. Stitak, WM

## THANK YOU'S ...

Now a Master may drive the schedule of events but without a supporting cast his year is in trouble. Of course your Officers are absolutely essential but as I've learned they are not the only ones that can make a year great. It is important to recognize the rest of your cast.

1. Bro. Ken Wurm, Bro. Mike Maminskas, and WB Jim Shultz. These three Brothers provided refreshments and dinners throughout this year. Their service (and quality) has been amazing. They have surpassed all expectations and for their extra time and efforts I cannot begin to thank them enough. (Ken, I owe you one!)

2. RWB Bud Cygan. This Brother, outside of being my Chaplain and keeping me in line, has extended himself in many of our events to ensure their success. From Awards Night, the North Olmsted festival booth, to the Corn Roast, and much more do I owe him gratitude for serving our Lodge in such a capacity.

3. WB Larry Davenport. He has taken a vital role in keeping our Fellowcraft Team up and running in a year when we were inspected in the MM degree. He's done a great job and I do say thank you.

4. Our Past Masters. Yes, I know that I am lumping a big group together but it is necessary because so many of them played a part this year. The amount of support I've received has been amazing, and for their guidance and patience I must say thank you.

5. RWB Robert Hager. Yes, our DDGM is a very busy man. I am of the Internet era and I communicate via e-mail all the time. I've worked with Bob on many occasions throughout this year and he's always made himself available in some way, shape, or form. I've bended his ear on many occasions and he's always been there. I do owe him a very big thank you.

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**THANK YOU'S**

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6. WB Bob Hubert & WB Bob Wakefield, AKA (the Bob's). By far the most important officers of the Lodge are the Secretary and Treasurer. I have had a very good time with both of them. We've had open lines of communication the entire year which has kept us close and coordinated. I've worked with WB Wakefield quite a bit on the financials and I'm positive that I'm fairly well known throughout the Hubert residence by this point. To these gentlemen I tip my hat in gratitude and say "job well done."

7. Lastly to my wife Carol, daughter Maddy, and son Adam. You need help and support at home, and I had it. For the many Wednesdays, Saturdays, and every other day when something Masonic was happening that I had to attend; they were patient. To them I say thank you, I love you, and I look forward to a not-so-crazy 2010!

—Jason L. Stitak, WM

**MAJOR FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2009**

- 30 Years on Nov. 3rd . . . . . Dale & Barbara Nitzsche
- 45 Years on Nov. 7th . . . . . Lewis & Gerda Dolezal
- 45 Years on Nov. 7th . . . . . John & Sara Painter
- 30 Years on Nov. 17th . . . . . Donald & Loretta Gorsuch
- 10 Years on Nov. 25th . . . . . Gerald & Margaret Ackerman
- 65 Years on Nov. 28th . . . . . James & Romaine Matthias
- 60 Years on Nov. 30th . . . . . Clark & Beryl Peck
- 65 Years on Dec. 8th . . . . . James & Lillian Barr
- 25 Years on Dec. 14th . . . . . Joseph & Sara Stevens
- 5 Years on Dec. 22nd . . . . . Frank & Maria Delaney
- 65 Years on Dec. 30th . . . . . Fred & Virginia Mitchel

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## IN MEMORIAM

*Since our last Barkley Light, we have several brethren and other family members that have passed through the pearly gates to the Lord's heavenly home.*

Stanley F. Etterman passed away in his hometown, Woodstock, Georgia, on January 26, 2009. He was 74, raised in O. N. Steele Lodge in 1967, a 41 year member. His wife Margaret passed away a few months later.

Bro. Donald E. Wenner passed away on April 11, 2009, a 52 year member of North Olmstead Lodge.

Bro. James H. Smith Jr. passed away on May 7, 2009. He was a 52 year member of North Olmstead and is survived by wife Caroline.

Bro. Adrian A. Newkirk passed away on May 9, 2009. He was 95, survived by wife Louise.

Bro. George L. Roscoe passed away on May 30, 2009. He was 89, and a 55 year member.

Bro. Ralph P. Trefney of Sequim, Washington, passed away on July 1, 2009. He was single, 69, and a 46 year O. N. Steele members.

Bro. Archie R. Stephen passed away on July 6, 2009 at 94, survived by wife Hazel. He was a 61 year member from O. N. Steele.

Sister Rose Finitzer, beloved wife of WM Bro. Steve F. Finitzer, passed away on July 10, 2009.

Bro. Steve Kriska, a 55 year member from O. N. Steele Lodge, passed away on July 31, 2009. He was 91.

WB Bro. Clyde J. Maurer passed away on August 24, 2009. He was 83, raised in North Olmsted Lodge 741, survived by wife Gwendolyn.

Bro. Peter A. Vellos, a 61 year member from O. N. Steele 621, passed away on August 31, 2009. He was 91.

Lorene Zoldsey, wife of Bro. Ernest Zoldsey for 62 years, passed away on September 2, 2009.

Bro. Lewis Cromwell passed away in his hometown of McConnellsville, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2009. He was 79, survived by wife Sara, a 45 year member from O. N. Steele Lodge. A Masonic service was performed by Mt. Zion Lodge #774 in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Calvin Chany passed away on September 19, 2009. He was 84, survived by wife Ruth, a 57 year member of O. N. Steele Lodge.

WB Bro. Robert M. Packe passed away on September 20, 2009. He was 98, a 57 year member from North Olmsted Lodge.

Marcia Petryshyn, wife of WB Michael G. Petryshyn, lost her father, Harvey C. Vogt, on September 25, 2009. He led a long and wonderful life, loved by all.

Bro. Ken Wurm's mother, Marie Wynn, passed away on October 14, 2009.

*Our thoughts, prayers and memories are with their families and friends left behind.*

## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY

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brethren. **If you would like to keep receiving a hard copy, you must let me know.** To help your Lodge save some money, I need to hear from you.

Some of the Brethren say they can't open the *Barkley Light* file in pdf format. If you can't open the file please let me know ASAP so you can still receive a hard copy.

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

Fraternally Your Secretary, Bob Hubert, Jr.  
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**THE APRON:** There is not one of the symbols of Speculative Freemasonry more important in their teachings, or more interesting in its history, than the lambskin, or white leather apron. Commencing its lessons at an early period in the Freemason's progress, it is impressed upon his memory as the first gift which he receives, the first symbol which is explained to him, and the first tangible evidence of his admission into the Fraternity.

Whatever may be his future advancement in the Fraternity, his eternal devotion to the mystic institution or his thirst for knowledge may subsequently lead him, with the the lambskin apron, his first investiture, he will never part. Changing, perhaps, its form and its decorations, and conveying at each step, some new but still beautiful allusion, its substance is still there, and continues to claim the honored title by which it was first made known to him on the night of his initiation, *as the badge of a Mason.*

It has been found that the use of the apron, or some equivalent mode of investiture, as a mystic symbol, was common to many nations of the earth from the earliest periods. Some examples are the Israelites, the Mithras of Persia, the Hindustan's, the Jews, the Japanese, the Scandinavians, the Ethiopians, and the Egyptians, just to name a few.

Our apron is derived from that of the Mason who was a Master of his Craft, who was born free and at liberty to go where he chose in the days when it was a rule that the toiler was either a bondsman of a guildsman, and, in each case, as a rule confined to one locality. He was one who had a true love for his art, who designed the structure and built it, and whose anxiety to build fair work and square work was greater than his anxiety to build the greatest number of feet per day.

James Schultz, PM, LEO, 33°

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1 – Jeffrey C. Herwick	9 – Franklin D. Novak	23 – Daniel M. Koncos
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8 – Peter W. Findlay	19 – Alan V. LaGorin	30 – Gerald J. Martinak
	19 – Ronald E. Thomas	
	19 – Joseph F. Grzyb	
	20 – George L. Vagner, PM	

**SUNSHINE REPORT**

WB Michael Petryshyn had an emergency appendectomy in August, and is contemplating (?) both knee replacements and his second hip surgery within the next year or two. He can be reached at home, and is back to work at Dillard's (Strongsville) after his August episode. He is doing great now and we pray that he keeps it that way. His bride, Marcie, is taking good care of him, and we look forward to seeing him/them soon in Lodge and at other functions.

Bro. Robert Williams is recovering, albeit slowly, after a hernia operation. We look for Bob's return to Lodge soon, and his place on the Fellow Craft Team is still his.

WB Steve Finitzer is staying at The Pleasantview N.H., Ridge at Pleasant Valley Roads, Parma, in Room 162. It was good to see him at Lodge and Grotto recently, and look for him to be at more meetings. He is making good recovery progress and is awaiting his return home.

Sister Jean Eschbach took a tumble recently and ended up with four broken bones in her left (?) hand. Bro. Carl, you should walk more carefully when Jean has the floor. Kidding, Carl. He really does take care of his lovely bride.

Bro. Norman Wengatz is currently staying at Parkside Villa, Middleburg Hts., recovering from a leg injury. His daughter, Gina Hansen, is checking in with him, and his e-mail and snail mail till he can return home, and she keeps us informed.

Cards, calls and visits would probably be very welcomed by our shut-ins so they know that they are remembered and loved by their Brothers and Sisters.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the above members of our Masonic Family, and any and all persons that we have not yet been apprised of their health condition and concerns. If you know of someone in need of our attention and prayers, please call or e-mail our secretary or editor. Their contact info is on pages two and three. Please be our eyes and ears. We don't know if you don't tell!

Reported by Our Sunshine Committee and our Lodge Brethren

**DECEMBER 2009****BIRTHDAYS**

1 – James H. Matthias	7 – Michael E. Kurnot	22 – Paul N. Phillips
1 – Wayne A. Diehl	8 – Robert M. Siegmyer	23 – Lowell McGhee
2 – Eugene H. Hixenbaugh	8 – William N. Amtsberg	23 – Edward Dresp, PM
2 – Jackie L. Waugh	9 – Thomas A. Kellums	25 – Jack J. Belcher
3 – Clarence J. Quine, PM	9 – Thomas W. Able	26 – Allen C. Fuller
3 – Walter D. Dennis	9 – Edward R. Griffiths	26 – Emil White
3 – Christopher M. Villanueva	10 – Manford J. Pugh	26 – Norman J. Geschke
4 – Ronald W. Johnson	10 – Rev. James W. Ricketts	27 – Scott C. McKenzie, PM
4 – Joseph E. West	10 – Robert J. Tomasch	27 – Walter L. Gutzky, PM
4 – Sean C. Merat	14 – Antonio M. Fransetta	27 – William A. Hill
5 – Andrew Korsnak, Jr.	16 – Bruce R. Willingham, Sr.	27 – Jerry R. Ketchum
6 – Thomas G. LeDuc	17 – Robert L. Flandermeyer	28 – Robert C. Cavey
6 – Daniel N. Melaragno	18 – Jack E. Webster	28 – Michael T. Loizos
7 – Frederick Emch	18 – Robert E. Carpenter	28 – Melvin J. Eckersley, PM
7 – Gary A. Haneberg	18 – John F. Dendorfer, Jr.	29 – John E. Carroll
7 – Donald J. Duman	18 – James R. Holan, PM	30 – Harold Schattschneider
	19 – Robert B. Hunt	30 – Gary W. Allen
	20 – Gregory M. Nelson	30 – Ronald P. Rogers
	20 – Robert M. Krewson	

**THE CHURCH CAKE:** Alice was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church ladies group bake sale in Tuscaloosa, but forgot until the morning of the bake sale. After rummaging through cabinets, she found an angelfood cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair; dressing and helping her son Bryan pack for Scout Camp. When Alice took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured. She said, “Oh dear, there’s no time to bake another cake.” This cake was so important to Alice because she desperately wanted to fit in at her new church and in her new community of new friends.

So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. Alice found it in the bathroom – a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect! Before Alice left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, she woke her daughter Amanda and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the minute it opened at 9:30, and buy that cake and bring it home. When Amanda arrived at the sale, the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. She grabbed her cell phone and called her mom. Alice was horrified. She was beside herself. Everyone would know, what would they think? Oh my, she wailed! She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed. All night Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing their fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself that she would try not to think about the cake, and she would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a friend and try to have a good time. Alice did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa. Having already RSVPed, she could not think of a believable excuse to stay home. The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south and to Alice’s horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake. She started out of her chair to tell the hostess about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor’s wife said, “What a beautiful cake!” Alice, who was still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (a prominent church member) say, “Thank you, I baked it myself.” Alice smiled and thought to herself, “God is good.”

Author unknown – submitted by Robert A. Cygan

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## THE WISDOM OF LARRY THE CABLE GUY ...

1. A day without sunshine is night.
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
4. 99 percent of all lawyers give the rest a bad name.
5. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
6. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
7. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
8. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
9. Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
10. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
11. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
12. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
13. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
14. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
15. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
16. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
17. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
18. What happens if you get scared half to death, twice? Do we die?
19. Why do psychics have to ask you your name?
20. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, "What the heck happened?"
21. Just remember – if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.
22. Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
23. Life isn't like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today, might burn your butt tomorrow.

**RIDING THE GOAT:** The vulgar idea that riding the goat constitutes a part of the ceremonies of initiation in a Masonic Lodge has its real origin in the superstition of old. The early Greeks and Romans portrayed their mystical God "Pan" in horns and hoof and shaggy hide and called him goat-footed. When the demonology of the classics was adopted and modified by the early Christians, Pan gave way to Satan, who naturally inherited his attributes. So that to the common mind, the devil was represented by a He-Goat, and his best-known marks were the horns, the beard, and the cloven hoofs.

Then came the witch stories of the Middle Ages, and the belief in the witch orgies, where, it was said, the devil appeared riding on a goat. These orgies of the witches, where, amid fearfully blasphemous ceremonies, they practiced initiation into their satanic rites, became, to the vulgar and illiterate, a part of Masonic mysteries. It has been said that in England, a common belief that the Freemasons were accustomed to their lodges, "to raise the devil." So riding the goat, which was believed to be practiced by the witches, was transferred to the Freemasons. The saying remains to this day, although the belief has long since died out.

Food for thought: A Lodge had just opened. As the Master looked about the lodge room, he noticed a brother in the back row of the southwest corner who was wearing a hat. Not wanting to embarrass the brother, the Master called on the Sr. Deacon to quietly ascertain why the brother was wearing a hat. After a whispered conversation with the offending brother, the brother stood up and said, "Worshipful, I'm so glad that you've inquired into why I'm wearing a hat. This is the third time I have attended this Lodge and this is the first time anyone has spoken to me." Brethren, let us not allow this to happen at Barkley

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