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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE EAST

**WELCOME BACK BRETHREN.** Well, brethren, another summer has come and gone, and it is back to work for us. We ended the business for our summer break with a lot of work. Our Senior Warden said that he had not seen that much business conducted during a Stated Meeting. Well, we are a busy lodge. But I think we like it like that.

June 29th, 2007, was the district awards night, and although we did not receive any awards this year, I am very proud of all the work that our officers have put in. We have come a long way and are only getting better as the months go by. Thanks to all of our officers for their superb work, done very well.

Our Flag Day celebration was really nice, and I would like to thank WB Larry Davenport for his work on putting the program together. As always, job well done, Larry.

Our outdoor raising was very special this year, because we had a real candidate to raise, and I believe Brother Jones will not soon forget his day. I wish to thank all of the brethren who came out on the beautiful Saturday afternoon to help us raise another Master Mason.

I would also like to thank WB Al Warner for allowing us to visit his estate in Granger Township to hold our outdoor raising. It was a bit of a travel for some, but well worth the trip. Also, thanks to Brother Ken Wurm for hosting the steak roast again this year. As we remember last year, we had to cancel it, because the river that runs behind Ken's home was just about IN his home. So thanks to these two brethren for allowing us to use their homes to conduct our business.

We used our last meeting of the month of June before we broke, to give our outdoor raising lecture, and to do an exam on another brother. We are busy, and I am sure that when we return to lodge after summer break, we will be just as busy, and I am looking forward to it.

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Worshipful Master  
Jimmy D. Scott

**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.

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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2007

As of this writing in early July, I hope you have a fun filled summer planned, or if you are just going to sit on your porch and do as little as possible, please rest up. Come back to your Lodge rested up and ready to do the work that is ours to do. We have many Brethren joining our Lodge by affiliation and a few who are joining the Fraternity. We will have a good deal of degree work to do this fall.

The year for our current officers is winding down quickly, but the busy time of the year for the Secretary and Treasurer is just starting again. **DUES, DUES and DUES.** Brethren, please start saving up now to pay your 2008 dues on time.

Our dues are still only \$40.00, and you all should be receiving your 2008 dues notice in early September. Please return your \$40.00 check for your dues to the Secretary, made out to *John W. Barkley Lodge No. 621* as

soon as you can. In 2007, we have 494 members, and the sooner we can get this job behind us, the better.

If you do not receive your 2008 dues notice by the end of September, please let the Secretary know ASAP so he can send you another one.

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 upcoming 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 on e-mail.

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

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, just call the Secretary at 216-521-5557 and he will send you one ASAP.

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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**IT'S THE END OF A SEASON –  
 SUMMER  
 AND TIME TO ROAST A  
 NEW LODGE YEAR!**

That's right. We will again start the new Lodge Year with a Corn Roast on September 5th, 2007, at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.) before our first Stated Meeting of the new season. We'll see ya there, one and all, y'all! Another tradition continues!

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## THE MIDDLE PILLAR

I have found reflections on a “Middle Pillar” a useful Masonic tool, that can, for research purposes, be divided basically into three groups:

- 1) Israel Regardie’s mystical ritual and famous book
- 2) The middle way of Buddhism
- 3) The Jewish Kabbalah

What I find interesting about a “Middle Pillar” is how the middle or Third leg forms a Triad, one of the most stable structures. The third leg creates stability by ensuring balance between opposites. Good examples would be a three-legged stool, a pyramid, a tricycle, a tripod or the simple Triangle. Indeed the Triangle is the most stable of geometrical shapes and is considered by many the most durable shape possible, because its endpoints have hinges that will never change unless one of its three sides is bent.

Throughout history the number 3 has been considered sacred by many diverse peoples and cultures. The middle pillar creates a trinity which fully expresses the mysticism and power of the number 3. In Chinese Taoist philosophy (it’s nearly 3,000 years old!), the Trinity is explained as: Tao (the unknown) begets One; one begets two; two begets three; three begets all things (Tao Te Ching, Chapter 42). Indeed, most religions deem a Trinity or Triad as a sacredness integral to their dogma. It is believed that some Trinity-Triad religious imagery and symbolism date back some 5,000 years in time!

**Israel Regardie** – Israel Regardie’s esoteric classic “The Middle Pillar” is a book studied in small circles and dimly lit rooms around the world. He calls the middle pillar, “the way of the reconciler.” Regardie believed that the path “between the pillars” (opposites and extremes of nature) could lead one to a balanced and harmonious reconciliation which he called the “key” to life. His work is an exercise in ritual and self empowerment, but is for the serious esoteric student only. In Chapter One he proclaims this concerning the two pillars: “half way between the east and west ... in a properly instituted temple are placed two up-right pillars ... every pair of conceivable opposites to the human mind find their representation in the implication of these two pillars ... unbalanced power is the ebbing away of life.” Israel Regardie taught that all the religions are valid and all prophets true. Don’t know about you, but this middle way sounds very Masonic to me.

**The middle way** – In Buddhism the **Middle Way** or **Middle Path** represents the Buddhist transcendental practice of non-extremism and moderation. Buddha in his first discourse taught that the Middle Pillar or Way can lead to vision, insight, knowledge, enlightenment and ultimately, calm or peace. Buddha taught that the middle way was a noble eight fold path of moderation: Right Action, Right Livelihood, Right Effort, Right Understanding, Right Thought, Right Speech, Right Mindfulness and Right Concentration.

**The Kabbalah** – The Kabbalah has been called the “secret doctrine of Israel.” It is an extraordinary system of Jewish mysticism and wisdom. Famed Masonic Scholar General Albert Pike 33° believed it was the “key” to unlocking many of Freemasonry’s hidden doors and inner sanctums. The Kabbalah is most widely known to us through the “Tree of Life” or Sefiroth. It’s a symbol of three pillars, 10 spheres, 22 paths (the number of letters in the Hebrew alphabet and the major arcana of a tarot deck) and a snake\* that winds its way through it all. Standing between the pillars of Mercy and Severity, the pillar of mildness, the Middle Pillar is “Keter the Crown” which represents the un-manifest (Tao) from which the

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“ALL” flowed. Famous Masonic author Manly P. Hall states bluntly in his masterpiece book “The Secret Teachings of All Ages:” “The theories of the Kabbalah are inextricably interwoven with the tenants of Alchemy, Hermeticism, Rosicrucianism, and Freemasonry.” (Pg. 158)

My brothers, with this article I’ve but dabbled into the awesome and inspiring symbolism which is the Middle Pillar. So much more, so worthy of our valuable time and attention. King Solomon perhaps said it best when he commented on the Middle Pillar or Triad in Ecclesiastes 4:12: “A three-ply cord is not easily severed.” Seems to me the principle officers of the Lodge, the WM, the SW and the JW, form such a triad or “three-ness” and that is the core of their strength, an inherited, coded, geometrical stability. An ancient cord not easily cut.

It’s just food for thought, or is that thought for food ...

After reading my own article, I suppose I should take a more “Middle Pillar” philosophical approach: “Food-Thought.”

Fraternally, W.B. Richard D. Edmonds, P.M.

\*It’s noteworthy: The snake, symbolically and historically speaking, is more often used as a symbol of Wisdom than evil.

## ABBOTT AND COSTELLO’S COMPUTER CONVERSATION

You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello, and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those of us who sometimes get flustered by our computers, please read on ...

If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, “Who’s on first?” might have turned out something like this: Costello calls to buy a computer from Abbott –

Abbott: Super Duper Computer Store. Can I help you?

Costello: Thanks, I’m setting up an office in my den and I’m thinking about buying a computer.

Abbott: Mac?

Costello: No, the name’s Lou.

Abbott: Your computer?

Costello: I don’t own a computer. I want to buy one.

Abbott: Mac?

Costello: I told you, my name’s Lou.

Abbott: What about Windows?

Costello: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

Abbott: Do you want a computer with Windows?

Costello: I don’t know. What will I see when I look at the windows?

Abbott: Wallpaper.

Costello: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.

Abbott: Software for Windows?

Costello: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?

Abbott: Office.

Costello: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

Abbott: I just did.

Costello: You just did what?

Abbott: Recommend something.

Costello: You recommended something?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: For my office?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: OK, what did you recommend for my office?

Abbott: Office.

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## TRESTLE BOARD

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

### SEPTEMBER 2007

- Wednesday 5 . . . Stated Meeting & Corn Roast, 6:30 p.m. for Corn Roast,  
No Cost; Education Night & Memorial Night
- Wednesday 12 . . . Special Meeting, Degree Work, Officers Tux, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 19 . . . Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 26 . . . Special Meeting, Octoberfest Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
Ladies Welcome, cost \$8.00

### OCTOBER 2007

- Wednesday 3 . . . Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 10 . . . Special Meeting, Degree Work, Officers Tux, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 17 . . . Special Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday and 19  
Saturday 20 . . . Grand Lodge in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Wednesday 24 . . . Special Meeting, Halloween Party/Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
Pot Luck, Lodge will provide meat, side dishes needed,  
no cost, wear costumes
- Wednesday 31 . . . Special Meeting, 7:30 p.m., TBD

### NOVEMBER 2007

- Wednesday 7 . . . Stated Meeting & Election of Officers, 7:30 p.m.  
Annual Reports are due at this time!

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

## THE PLUMB-LINE

The Plumb-line, which is used by the operative mason to try and adjust all uprights while fixing them on their proper basis, is to the the Speculative Mason an emblem of justness and uprightness of life and actions. It admonishes him to walk uprightly in whatever station he may be placed, to hold the scales of justice with an equal poise, and to observe the just medium between avarice and profusion, and to make his passions and prejudices coincide with the exact line of duty. To steer the barque of this life over the rough seas of passion without quitting the helm of rectitude is one of the highest degrees of perfection to which human nature may attain.

Jimmy D. Scott, Worshipful Master

## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

We have had the misfortune to lose four Brethren, but thankfully only four, since mid-April 2007. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of:

- W.B. Edgar N. Leetch on April 17, 2007, a 36-year member.
- Bro. Darryl Bruck on April 28, 2007, a 35-year member.
- Bro. Gilbert R. Gundlach on May 8, 2007, a 44-year member.
- Bro. Dale Fulmer on July 18, 2007, a 47-year member.

**New Address!** R.W. Bro. Glenn J. Bollinger and his bride, Dana, have moved. Their new address is 3612 Chelsea Dr., Brunswick 44212. Their phone number remains the same, 440-238-0686. I'm sure he/they would like some calls and cards, and some visits, but I suggest calling ahead to be sure that they will be there when you get there.

### WELFARE

- W.B. Michael Petryshyn has been under doctor's care this past spring, but is back to work (didn't miss much work as it was). Our thoughts and prayers for W.B. Michael and his bride, Marcie.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE EAST

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September will start off with our corn roast, and, of course, this is at no cost to our members. The start time will be 6:30 p.m. See ya there!

Watch the Trestle Board for all upcoming events, as we are staying real busy, and look forward to having each of you back in lodge, as we finish this year out.

November is fast approaching, and it is time to start thinking about next year, and what you want to do or see done in the future. The officers would really like to hear from you on this matter. If you would like a chair or be on a committee, please see the officers so they are aware of your wishes, and they can see if something can be done. I always say, "REMEMBER NOVEMBER." Ha ha ha!

To all of the members, thank you for a wonderful first half. Now let's end this year with a bang and really get some things done. Trips are planned, degree work to do, and a lot of fun to be had by all.

Hope to see all of you back from the summer break, and bring back a member who has not been to lodge for a while. It would be nice to see them, or if you need a ride, let me know so something can be arranged to get you to lodge.

As always, the best way to reach me is by my cell phone at 216-244-0607. We apologize for the incorrect number being listed in the *Barkley Light*. It should be corrected now.

Jimmy D. Scott  
Worshipful Master

### **NEW BARKLEY WEBSITE!**

John W. Barkley Lodge has a new website!  
You can check it out at  
<http://www.BarkleyLodge621.org>

## NEWS/WELFARE OF OUR MEMBERS

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- Bro. Harold Marti is back in the hospital and hoping to be home by now.
- Bro. Floyd Wiggers' wife was also in the hospital and should have been home by June 29th.
- W.B. John Yantz has been chosen to receive the Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award. Congratulations, John! He received it during an awards program on June 29, 2007. Our prayers, too, for John as he continues to receive medical care.
- Marlene Lowther asks for our prayers for W.B. James Segner, as he continues his brave fight against cancer that has spread to his hip and back bone areas, receiving daily radiation treatments.
- W.B. Bob Wakefield will receive the honor of Mummer of the Year from the Scottish Rite. Congratulations, Bob!

## HOW BEAUTIFUL IS THE SOUTH?

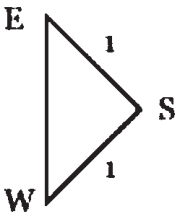
As the sun in the South at high-twelve is the *beauty* and glory of the day, so is the Junior Warden in the South. Other than the rituals stated reasons, he is strategically placed between the Senior Warden and the Worshipful Master. This location is deliberate and has more meaning than the mere association to the Cardinal directions of the Sun. Those who have served as an officer in the Lodge will know the Junior Warden has a limited function. He takes a small part in the ritual, calls the Brethren to order, and observes the degrees and the proceedings of the Lodge. It is a year set aside for preparation and learning ritual and the rules of conduct for the Lodge. It would be naive to think there is not something deeper which is the key to the South.

### Wisdom, Strength and Beauty

These pillars represent the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively. Wisdom allows the Master to govern the Lodge to create and sustain *order*. **Order** is the foundation or structure for all things (there is even order in chaos), and, without it, the Lodge would cease to exist. **Order** in the Lodge is a direct result of the Worshipful Master's leadership ability. If he has the respect and willingness to be accountable, be in the line of fire, and control the proceedings and activities of the Lodge, he will create *order*. Likewise, order can only be present in our lives when we are able to distinguish what is relevant and necessary. When a high state of **order** is achieved in any system, **harmony** evolves.

The Senior Warden is responsible for keeping the harmony in the Lodge. **Harmony** is a state recognized by great philosophers as the immediate prerequisite of beauty.<sup>(1)</sup> Harmony implies *many*, not one. **Harmony** is established in the Lodge after order is achieved, and through the Brethren taking part in its proceedings and various activities. After our lives are in order, we can live in harmony with ourselves and those around us ... only then will **beauty** be attained.

**Beauty** is harmony manifesting its own intrinsic nature in the world of form.<sup>(1)</sup> Just as a Lodge is *beautiful* when there is order and harmony between the Brethren and work is being accomplished. Beauty in this case can be seen geometrically.



The Junior Warden completes the triad and is the apex of that invisible isosceles triangle that connects the East, West and South. Many references to sacred geometry can be linked to the isosceles triangle or a square divided by its diagonal. The equal sides each represent one unit; the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden, *Wisdom* and *Strength*, **order** and **harmony** ... all individual elements or units in the *equation of beauty*.

The hypotenuse or connecting line between these unit "sides" has a length equal to the square root of 2 (1.414...) which is found embedded throughout nature and physics. It is infinite, *irrational* (a concept first discovered by Hippasus) and mystical. The Pythagoreans thought God gave man rational numbers, *one* being the generator of *all* numbers. Philolaos, one of the Pythagoreans, described the tetractys (ten sided triangular figure) as all-powerful, all producing, the beginning and guide to divine and terrestrial life.<sup>(2)</sup> Reflecting on this is it not ten, but *all* rational numbers which are the working tools to opening the doors to infinity? Do we as *rational* beings not represent the units which, when properly used, can give us insight to the Divine?

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## YOU ARE INVITED!

My Dear Brethren, Ladies and Friends,

As many of you have already heard, I am about to receive my 33rd degree this year in Washington, D.C. Cindy and I are both looking forward to this wonderful event.

On Monday, September 10th, 2007, the Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland will be presenting me and the other three recipients of the 33rd degree our white cap and jewel. It will be at the main Masonic Temple at 3615 Euclid Avenue. The time of this event will be 7:30 p.m., and all are welcome to come down and be a part of this memorable evening for Cindy and me. When you arrive, you will be directed to the room where the program will take place. After the presentation, refreshments will be served.

Cindy and I would be so honored to have you join us on Monday, September 10th. Please mark this on your calendar and join us in celebrating the evening with us.

Fraternally,  
Jim Schultz

## 2007-2008 FELLOWCRAFT TEAM

Brethren,

As you know, John W. Barkley Lodge strives for excellence with its ritual work. Starting in November, we would like to assemble a more “formalized” Fellowcraft team. We are looking for any Brethren interested in either a speaking or non-speaking part. I am hoping that we will have extras on this team as to accommodate for busy schedules. We are looking for anyone, from Past Masters to new Brethren, looking to participate in the Lodge. If you are interested, please see either our Senior Warden, WB Rich Edmunds; Junior Warden, Bro. Jason Stitak; or Senior Deacon, Bro. Brian Donovan.

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The South is a place to interpret and understand what is happening around us. Its view is indeed *beautiful*, as one would imagine laying on the Earth staring into the starry cosmos. **Beauty** is the goal; **order** and **harmony** are its prerequisites. Before you can continue to serve this great Institution, you must be able to embrace these concepts. Through *strength* and *wisdom* we can eventually strike that perfect balance of order and harmony, giving us the inner beauty which we all wish to attain and keep our Lodges *beautiful*.

—Bro. Jason L. Stitak, J.W.

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## U.S. HOUSE RESOLUTION REGARDING FREEMASONRY

On January 5, 2007, U.S. Representative Paul Gillmor of Ohio introduced a Resolution before the Congress of the United States, as follows:

Recognizing the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation, and honoring them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history.

Whereas Freemasons, whose long lineage extends back to before the Nation's founding, have set an example of high moral standards and charity for all people;

Whereas the Founding Fathers of this great Nation and signers of the Constitution, most of whom were Freemasons, provided a well-rounded basis for developing themselves and others into valuable citizens of the United States;

Whereas members of the Masonic Fraternity, both individually and as an organization, continue to make invaluable charitable contributions of service to the United States;

Whereas the Masonic Fraternity is deserving of formal recognition of their long history of care-giving for the citizenry and their example of high moral standards;

Whereas Freemasons have always revered and celebrated St. John's Day, June 24th, as dedicated to their patron saint:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the House of Representatives recognizes the thousands of Freemasons in every State in the Nation and honors them for their many contributions to the Nation throughout its history.

Congratulations to my Brothers,  
James T. Schultz, L.E.O.

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The Al Sirat Grotto Clambake and Steak Fry will be held on Saturday, October 13, at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 9445 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville. Festivities start at 4 p.m., and dinner will be served at 5:30. Clambake or Steak Fry will be \$28 per person, and extra clams will be \$7 per dozen. Come early and enjoy the evening, rain or shine, since there are indoor accommodations for this event.

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## WRMC BRINGS THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE!

In 2006, the first ever Western Reserve Masonic Community Renaissance Faire and Royale Marketplace was a big success, with nearly 3,000 people attending. In 2007, it will be twice as nice.

Western Reserve's signature event will expand to two days, Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, with the same great features as before and maybe a few surprises. The Renaissance Faire will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and admission is free.

Step back 500 years to the days of yore and experience something for all the senses: see jousting knights on horseback and fire breathers; hear strolling musicians and choruses; taste Renaissance era food such as turkey legs. You can also find good old all-American food such as hot dogs and funnel cakes.

There will be something for everyone. Kids can enjoy a royal puppet show, a dragon theatre and other interactive fun. Others can try their skill at archery. The marketplace will feature unique items such as Renaissance era cups, swords, costumes and other goodies.

Some lucky guests may even get an audience with his majesty himself, King Henry. Other performers will speak in Renaissance era language and dress in colorful period costumes.

While at the Renaissance Faire, be sure to check out Western Reserve Masonic Community and all it has to offer seniors ages 55 and older.

The Renaissance Faire is the perfect way for families to be together and will coincide with Grandparents Day on September 9.

For more information on the Renaissance Faire or Western Reserve Masonic Community, call 330-271-3000 or 866-433-1514.

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## **ONE MORE TIME!!! LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!**

Our March 29th trip to the casino was so successful for so many that we are GOING BACK! On Thursday, October 25, 2007, we return to Seneca Allegany Casino in Salamanca, New York.

The cost is only \$25 per person, with a bonus upon arriving at the casino.

We will again leave the North Olmsted Masonic Temple at 7:00 a.m. and reach the Casino about 10:30 a.m.

On our last trip, the slots were loose and the buffet was fantastic. There were several success stories about craps, cards and roulette as well. WOW!

Come and join us for an out-of-the-ordinary day of fun. Open to all members of Barkley Lodge, their families, friends, etc., as long as they are over 21 and have a valid ID.

We will head back home about 4:30 p.m., and, as usual, W.B. Hubert will provide movies on the bus.

Call W.B. Dale A. Cashin (or Dorothy) at 440-331-2548 for your reservations or see Dale at Lodge any Wednesday night.

We expect another sell-out, so sign up early!!!

## **CORNUCOPIA**

A question: The emblem of office on the jewel worn by Stewards is described as "a cornucopia." I know this is an emblem of fruitfulness and abundance and can appreciate the reason for its choice. But can you tell us the origin of the emblem?

The young Zeus, who became the supreme ruler of the gods and mortals, and the chief of the twelve Olympians, grew up in the forests of Ida. For a wet nurse he was given the goat Amaltheia. She was a wondrous animal whose aspect terrified even the immortal. In gratitude Zeus placed her among the constellations and from her hide, which no arrow could pierce, he made the redoubtable aegis. To the nymphs she gave one of her horns, conferring upon it the marvelous property of refilling itself inexhaustibly with whatever food and drink was wished for. Thus, this was the horn of plenty or cornucopia.

—James T. Schultz, L.E.O.

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## MAJOR FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2007

45 Years on September 1st . . . . .	Rino & Jo Ann Costa
45 Years on September 1st . . . . .	Kenneth & Ruth Waibel
60 Years on September 6th . . . . .	Richard & Betty Van Os Kuels
50 Years on September 10th . . . . .	William & Barbara Ramsey
55 Years on September 12th . . . . .	Robert & Dolores Miller
40 Years on September 16th . . . . .	Hartmut & Almut Halscheidt
60 Years on September 25th . . . . .	Carl & Jean Eschbach
60 Years on September 27th . . . . .	James & Caroline Smith
40 Years on September 27th . . . . .	Robert & Traci West
50 Years on October 5th . . . . .	John & Donna Monkovich
60 Years on October 8th . . . . .	Lester & Dorothy Kortan
50 Years on October 12th . . . . .	William & Madeline Davey
15 Years on October 16th . . . . .	Peter & Coleen Findlay
40 Years on October 28th . . . . .	Daniel & Marie Oberst

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



## BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

### SEPTEMBER 2007

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 – Fred L. Crider           | 16 – Clifford W. Mahoney, Jr.   |
| 3 – James F. Saleem          | 17 – Joseph W. Sabo             |
| 4 – Donald H. Brown          | 17 – Barry L. Irvin, Jr.        |
| 5 – James L. Carroll         | 18 – Peter A. Vellos            |
| 5 – Franklin D. Yancey       | 20 – Matthew C. Beischlag, PM   |
| 7 – ElRoy E. Gorsuch         | 20 – Richard R. Hoefs           |
| 7 – Donald R. Schmotzer      | 20 – Kenneth L. Bartholomew, PM |
| 7 – Daniel E. Wendt          | 21 – Robert C. Cygan, PM        |
| 7 – Lawrence R. Uebbing, Jr. | 21 – Christian R. Wehbe         |
| 8 – Scott C. St. Clair       | 22 – David G. Finley, PM        |
| 9 – Michael Zatt             | 22 – Brian R. Polenz            |
| 9 – William E. Hopewell      | 24 – Gerald B. Henkle           |
| 9 – Zsolt J. Szerencsy       | 24 – George C. McCulloch        |
| 11 – Roger A. Nosker         | 25 – Frederick K. Evans, PM     |
| 12 – Virgil J. Manley        | 25 – William T. Ramsey, Jr.     |
| 12 – Kenneth E. Schultz      | 26 – Russell W. Cashin, Sr.     |
| 12 – Donald A. Ehrle, Jr.    | 27 – Nestor R. Trytiak          |
| 12 – Ronald L. Myers         | 27 – Hobart Duncan              |
| 12 – Said A. Haidar          | 27 – Robert M. Bollinger        |
| 12 – Sean T. Masterson       | 28 – Herman F. Kaserman         |
| 13 – Walter J. Korniet       | 28 – Dale L. Nitzsche           |
| 15 – Thomas Levy             | 28 – Jason L. Stitak            |
| 16 – Ronald F. Ketchum       | 30 – Elmer A. Dukles            |
| 16 – John O. Frick           | 30 – William H. Mackenzie       |

*Happy Birthday!*

### OCTOBER 2007

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 – Alex Partezana            | 14 – Michael A. Ridgeway, PM  |
| 3 – James A. Doran            | 15 – Charles Benci, Sr.       |
| 5 – Jay C. Hart               | 17 – Dale A. Cashin, PM       |
| 6 – William R. Costner        | 22 – Michael J. Maminskas     |
| 8 – William S. Martin         | 23 – John T. Tatakis          |
| 8 – Otis B. Stephens          | 26 – John H. Sinclair         |
| 9 – Hartmut Halscheidt        | 26 – Robert D. Mangini        |
| 10 – Henry Falb               | 28 – Chester M. Miller, PM    |
| 11 – David A. Darling, PM     | 28 – Joseph Szerencsy         |
| 12 – Edward L. Evans, Jr., PM | 28 – Kenneth J. Wurm          |
| 12 – Joseph G. Spahr          | 28 – William C. Kemp          |
| 12 – Kit A. Partezana         | 29 – Jack T. St Cyr           |
| 13 – Donn K. Roberts          | 29 – Albert A. Schofield, Jr. |
| 13 – Neil L. Thomas           | 30 – Ernest Green             |
| 14 – Clinton J. Holley        | 31 – Mack W. Pruitt           |

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## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

### PRICELESS!

Billy Graham was returning to Charlotte after a speaking engagement, and when his plane arrived, there was a limousine there to transport him to his home. As he prepared to get into the limousine, he stopped and spoke to the driver.

"You know," he said, "I am 87 years old and I have never driven a limousine. Would you mind if I drove it for a while?"

The driver said, "No problem. Have at it."

Billy gets into the driver's seat, and they head off down the highway. A short distance away sat a rookie State Trooper operating his first speed trap. The long black limo went by doing 70 in a 55 mph zone. The trooper pulled out and easily caught the limo, and he got out of his patrol car to begin the procedure. The young trooper walked up to the driver's door, and when the glass was rolled down, he was surprised to see who was driving.

He immediately excused himself and went back to his car and called his supervisor. He told the supervisor, "I know that we are supposed to enforce the law ... But I also know that important people are given certain courtesies. I need to know what I should do because I have stopped a very important person."

The supervisor asked, "Is it the Governor?"

The young trooper said, "No, he's more important than that."

The supervisor said, "Oh, so it's the President."

The young trooper said, "No, he's even more important than that."

The supervisor finally asked, "Well then, who is it?"

The young trooper answered, "I think it's Jesus, because he's got Billy Graham for a chauffeur!"

Submitted by Robert A. Cygan, P.M.

### A MAN PLUCKED OFF HIS SHOE & GAVE IT TO HIS NEIGHBOR!

In a small town in mid-19th century America a young man said to his wife, "Mary, you have a shawl you never use. May I have it?"

She was puzzled for a few moments, but got the shawl. He thanked her and left the house. She was also suspicious, because several evenings during the past few months he had left after dinner without any explanation. He was never gone long, and when he returned he seemed to have an inner peace about him. He said nothing, and neither did she.

About a week later, Mary was shopping in the village when she saw her shawl again. She was shocked. It was on the shoulders of a beautiful young lady. Angri-ly Mary followed the girl to a shabby shack. Mary knocked on the door. The girl opened it and smiled when she saw the visitor. She held the door open, and Mary stomped in.

As Mary looked around she saw an elderly lady propped up on a cot. The lady smiled and said, "How nice of you to visit us."

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## TONIGHT IS LODGE NIGHT

*Received from a friend in a neighboring Lodge. It speaks volumes!*

1. He slowly opened the door to his locker. He hung his police uniform on the hooks and took out his suit. It was Lodge night.

2. He watched as the last employee left his business, locked the building and made the evening bank drop. He then headed off with a whistle on his lips and a spring in his step. It was Lodge night.

3. The young man helped his wife clear the table. He then said goodnight to his children and snuck into his room to change his clothes. Upon leaving he smiled at his wife and kissed her. It was Lodge night.

4. It had been a hard day. Navigating through the complexities of the legal system was rewarding work. It was also tiring. Normally he would have been headed home for a relaxing evening. But tonight was not normal, and he felt none of the usual fatigue as tonight was Lodge night.

5. Life had not been pleasant since his wife died. His family lived far away, and with each passing year it became harder and harder to do the simple things in life. And most of all he missed his life long partner. Tonight he felt a little less pain, and life didn't seem nearly as bad. It was Lodge night.

6. The accident had been terrible. But there was some consolation that his skills as a doctor had saved a life. Still it would not be easy, and there were possibilities of complications. But for a while he could place his worries in the hands of others as tonight was Lodge night.

7. It is hard looking for work when the job market is scarce. Each day he faced the nameless horde of people who continue to tell him that he was not needed. He faced rejection and the possibility of hardship at every turn. Tonight he knew he was wanted and needed, it was Lodge night.

8. He sat alone in the small room wearing clothes that were not his. He had received warm welcomes from a number of men he didn't know and a few he did. Now with an ancient relic of a bygone age they told him to wait patiently, yet he looked forward to it with anticipation. It was his first Lodge night.

9. From all walks of life we come. We donate our time to an age honored tradition. We donate our money to help those who cannot help themselves. We gather in fellowship and part in peace. For a while we can lay aside our differences and worries to bask in our shared experiences. We can talk with men who are our equals, men who work to better themselves. And we serve as mentors to our newly-raised Brethren.

Tonight is Lodge night, and I am glad I am a Mason.

—Author Unknown

From Jeff Garringer, New Holland Lodge No. 392 F. & A.M., Secretary/L.E.O./Webmaster; [www.mastermason.com/newholland392](http://www.mastermason.com/newholland392).

Submitted by PM William Schlatterbeck

## A MAN PLUCKED OFF HIS SHOE ...

—from page 16

Mary was stunned. She did not really know what to say. The girl asked if she could fix her a cup of tea. Mary nodded, and the girl turned to put a kettle on the stove.

While the water was heating, Mary said, "I do not know exactly what to say, so I will tell you the truth. I saw my shawl on your daughter, and I was furious. Last week my husband asked me for it, but he didn't tell me why. I still don't understand how you have it."

The mother said, "We have no idea who left it. We have no idea who has been doing some nice things for us for the past several months. Perhaps now we can solve the mystery. It started soon after my husband died. We had no money, and I am unable to work. And Nancy couldn't find a job. We were desperate. We had no food and no fuel. Then one morning when Nancy opened the door she found several packages of food, clothing and coal on the doorstep. You have no idea what that meant to us.

"A short time later, along with more packages, Nancy found a note telling her to see Mr. Tompkins, the lawyer, if she would like a job. She did, and Mr. Tompkins hired her. He sent a doctor to see me, who has been coming regularly ever since, and he won't take any money. And we still find packages, but have no idea where they come from."

They drank their tea and chatted pleasantly for some time. The mysterious packages were mentioned from time to time. **Suddenly Mary asked, "Was your husband a Mason?"**

"**Yes, he was,**" said the lady. "He loved his Lodge. I don't think he ever missed a meeting." A short time later Mary left, promising to visit often.

After dinner that evening, Mary worked on a quilt she was making while her husband read. She looked up from her work and said, "**I think I learned the great secret of Masonry today.**"

Her husband looked at her with alarm and asked, "And what is it?" Mary answered, "**To do good and not say anything about it.**"

The Masons of that small town had plucked off their shoes to help those in need. **SHOULD WE DO ANYTHING LESS?**

Millions of great men have been and are members of the Craft. Many have become truly Master Masons. But more have not. Actually, only a few Freemasons over the years literally plucked off a shoe and worked for the Fraternity. Imagine what a wonderful difference it should make throughout the world if only those millions who have received the degrees would fulfill their obligations.

Will you ask yourself – "**Have I sincerely plucked off my shoe in testimony of my fidelity to Freemasonry?**"

If your answer is "No," will you consider plucking off your shoe? Will you work for your fellowman through Freemasonry? If you will, you'll make a difference for the better in today's uncertain world.

*Extracted verbatim from the website of Metropolitan Lodge #352, Downey, California 90241, U.S.A.      Fraternally yours, Carlos R. Cabalar, PM, Molave #261*

Submitted by WB Robert Hubert, Sec'y

**ABBOTT AND COSTELLO ...**

—from page 5

Costello: Yes, for my office!

Abbott: I recommend Office with Windows.

Costello: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

Abbott: Word.

Costello: What word?

Abbott: Word in Office.

Costello: The only word in office is office.

Abbott: The Word in Office for Windows.

Costello: Which word in office for windows?

Abbott: The Word you get when you click the blue "W."

Costello: I'm going to click your blue "w" if you don't start with some straight answers. OK, forget that. Can I watch movies on the Internet?

Abbott: Yes, you want Real One.

Costello: Maybe a real one, maybe a cartoon. What I watch is none of your business. Just tell me what I need!

Abbott: Real One.

Costello: If it's a long movie, I also want to watch reels 2, 3 and 4. Can I watch them?

Abbott: Of course.

Costello: Great! With what?

Abbott: Real One.

Costello: OK, I'm at my computer and I want to watch a movie. What do I do?

Abbott: You click the blue "1."

Costello: I click the blue one what?

Abbott: The blue "1."

Costello: Is that different from the blue w?

Abbott: The blue "1" is Real One and the blue "W" is Word.

Costello: What word?

Abbott: The Word in Office for Windows.

Costello: But there are three words in "office for windows"!

Abbott: No, just one. But it's the most popular Word in the world.

Costello: It is?

Abbott: Yes, but to be fair, there aren't many other Words left. It pretty much wiped out all the other Words out there.

Costello: And that word is real one?

Abbott: Real One has nothing to do with Word. Real One isn't even part of Office.

Costello: STOP! Don't start that again. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?

Abbott: Money.

Costello: That's right. What do you have?

Abbott: Money.

Costello: I need money to track my money?

Abbott: It comes bundled with your computer.

Costello: What's bundled with my computer?

Abbott: Money.

Costello: Money comes with my computer?

Abbott: Yes. No extra charge.

Costello: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

Abbott: One copy.

Costello: Isn't it illegal to copy money?

Abbott: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.

Costello: They can give you a license to copy money?

Abbott: Why not? THEY OWN IT!

*(And a few days later ...)*

Abbott: Super Duper Computer Store. Can I help you?

Costello: How do I turn my computer off?

Abbott: Click on "START."

Submitted by RWB Robert C. Cygan



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