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"Embrace Our Heritage – Preserve Our Traditions" --- Grand Masters Program

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From The East



Greetings Again Brethren,

I hope all my brethren had a blessed summer. Many of you like myself went on vacation and spent some time with loved ones. Some probably traveling further than others.

This year I took some time to visit the Hocking Hills area in southern Ohio. Hocking County has many exciting and breath taking views from anyone of its State Parks and hiking trails. I had no idea there was such a place in Ohio. It was amazing. Some of the trails were a little treacherous, but the payoff is worth it. Trails at Old Man Cave were the easiest to get through and would probably be considered the area's biggest attraction. The meandering stream cuts through the sandstone in some areas creating waterfalls and lagoons and sculpted very impressive cliff faces and caverns. Other trails were a bit more intense. Cantwell Cliffs was definitely one of them, but it's sheer cliffs of over 100' high and jetting out on average 30 to 40 feet at the top, providing the most impressive range of views. There are a multitude of gorges along this trail, all suitable examples of our Great Architect's artistic touch. In addition the Rock House trail had the most spectacular of all the areas caves and is a must see.

In addition to the natural attractions are various activities including canoeing and zip-lining among other things. After our canoe trip down Hocking River we spent the afternoon in historic downtown Logan. It never ceases to amaze, all the historic impacts Freemasonry has been associated with, and the Village of Logan is no exception. Founded by Bro Thomas Worthington a prominent member of Ohio's political history. Settling in to his adult life near Chillicothe, he built his life around politics. As a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention he helped Ohio earn its statehood. He was then elected as a U.S. Senator and served 5 years. Bro Worthington ran for Governor of Ohio and lost in 1810, and returned to the U.S. Senate to fill in for resigned Senator J. Meigs, Jr. Bro Worthington ran again in 1814 for Governor of Ohio and won becoming the states 6th Governor. After which in 1816 he planned out the city of Logan naming it after the Indian Chief Logan James. You'll find in the public square in downtown Logan a historical marker honoring our Bro Worthington's landmark efforts.

Bro Worthington passed away on June 20th, 1827 at 54 years of age. He was a member of Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No 10 and after its

consecration in to the Ohio Grand Lodge became Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2.



My brethren it pains me to inform you of the loss of our beloved brother and Past Master of Acacia James Burnett. He was one of the remaining pillars of Acacia Lodge, and worked as hard as anyone to help his brethren and assisted me with just about anything I needed. We drove to lodge together, and the empty seat next to me will be a constant reminder of our loss. Please keep his family in all of our prayers.

Sincerely,

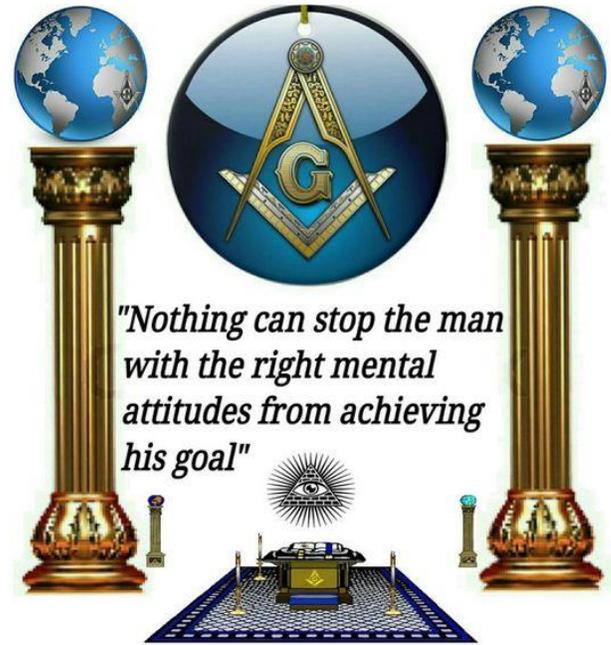
Tim Gallagher WM.

Need a Ride?

If you are in need of a ride to come to lodge please call Jim Cogan at 440-257-6964 and arrangements will be made to pick you up. This is my home phone; please leave a message if I don't pick up when you call.

"I think Congressmen should wear uniforms, You know, like NASCAR drivers, so we could Identify their corporate sponsors."

"The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just." - Abraham Lincoln



In Memoriam

Brother	Passed
Roger W. Spinks	July 8, 2018
Robert D. Walton	July 12, 2018
Fred J. Mika	July 16, 2018
Clyde R. Maxwell	November 20, 2017
James L. Burnett, Jr	August 2, 2018

They rest from their labors

From without the Inner Door

Brothers, as the summer winds down we all get a chance to reflect on the joys and blessings that God has given us. We also have time to reflect on all the past summers and all the joys we've been given with friends and family. With the new Masonic year approaching I look forward to making new memories so that in the future I can look back and reflect on the joys and blessings God has given us this coming year. As your Tyler it is my duty to protect the lodge from cowans and eavesdroppers but also protect the hearts and Minds in my personal life of the ones I care most about to keep the cowans and eavesdroppers away from them. These simple tasks that I've applied to my everyday life make me think that every single lesson allegory and

ritual that we cherish and Masonry are designed not just to be repeated and memorized and performed to meet our duty to the Grand Lodge. They were designed to be used every day in our personal interactions with God and man. I fall short everyday in most ways heck every way I'm sure. But it's the knowledge that we have that keeps pushing us forward. I look forward to serving as your Tyler for another year and I'm sure the bonds of friendship will be stronger. God bless to all See You in September.

Fraternally,
Jason Elliott, Tyler



Acacia Range Night

Acacia Lodge will hold its second Range Night for 2018 on October 24th at Atwell's Pistol Range, 207 Chestnut St, Painesville, OH.

A light meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a safety talk. Acacia Lodge will supply the meal and targets.

The range has five lanes that can accommodate multiple shooters. We rotate members to make sure everyone gets their chance on the range. Guns are shared so everyone may try a different type of handgun. Ammunition can be purchased from the range or you can bring your own. Please call, 440-257-6964 to reserve your space.

Fraternally, James Cogan, PM

Help Needed:

On the first page of this newsletter you will note that three of our line officers are no longer in our current lineup. They were steadfast members of the lodge and loved Freemasonry and will be greatly missed.

We need the help of our membership to fill these vacancies. If you would like to help your lodge please contact either the Worshipful Master, Tim Gallagher, 440-833-0088 or the Secretary, James Cogan, 440-257-6964.

"Human pain does not let go of its grip at one point in time. Rather, it works its way out of our consciousness over time. There is a season of sadness. A season of anger. A season of tranquility. A season of hope." - Robert Veninga

Masonry Word Puzzle

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| GLOBES | HELE |
| HOPE | IGNORANCE |
| INDUSTRY | JACOB |
| KEY | LADDER |
| LEWIS | LINE |
| LOGIC | MALLET |
| MARK | NETWORK |
| OATH | PLUMB |
| PREPARED | RUFFIANS |

PROFOUND ONE-LINERS

Ninety-nine percent of all lawyers give the rest a bad name.
 "You know why a banana is like a politician?" "He comes in and first he is green, then he turns yellow and then he's rotten."
 The reason Politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would 'hate' to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.



GAME: You Have To SHARE If You Remember 5 or more!

Good Afternoon Acacia 651 from WRMH

Its 2:00 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon and I have some idle moments to prove I'm still alive and still able to communicate with my brethren. I'm somewhat aware that this letter may not be read until September and as I write I'm doing good at this fine home.

I try to keep buzy and am writing letters here and there to keep up that habit. I just past ninety and had a celebration at which a number of 651ers attended. It was greatly appreciated and it brings joy to me when I go back to that day. It's not just down the street between Medina and Euclid. It brings a lump to my throat when I shock hands with my brethren from Acacia Lodge.

My son Ted's wife put the whole thing together, so if Ted is Worshipful Master a second time you can expect a nice gathering that his wife may prepare.

I have been attending lodge and chapter meetings here at Western Reserve, but as of now I set like a bump on a log and I won't be busy till September.

They have a good lodge and work hard on their ritual.

You had a good inspection report with all your practices. With all this practice, your live conferrals will impress the candidates. And that is essential. I don't drive anymore but Russ Toll does so maybe I can get back if I get him in a good mood.

There are several masons that I knew that are informing me of events so masonry is still alive in my heart and mind.

I'm trying to get cozy with the carpenters down here to keep my hobby of framing American documents and leaders and hope to have some of them displayed on some walls here.

Ted has been keeping me supplied as to what I need and the secret is to keep busy. I keep this in mind all the time.

This communication is to remind you that I miss you as I am proud of your efforts

Your 90 year old member,

Tom E. Daly, Jr, KYCH

An 8-year old paper on Grandparents

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of her own. Hey like other people's.

A grandfather is a man and grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them... They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the hops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past thing like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the color of flowers and also why we shouldn't step on "cracks."

They don't say, "Hurry up."

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like "Why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack-time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

GRANDPA IS THE SMARTEST MAN ON EARTH! HE TEACHES ME GOOD THINGS, BUT I DON'T GET TO SEE HIM ENOUGH TO GET AS SMART AS HIM!

It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame the dog.

Ancient Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine – Part III

The famous Shriner's fez was the subject of new legislation in 1915. New regulations prescribed that the red Turkish fez with black tassel be adorned only by the name of the temple and the scimitar and the part of the jewel of the order including the sphinx head and star. The adornments were to be embroidered in gold or silver bullion or silk. Titles, names of units and other extras were barred from the fez.

The First World War seemed to mark a new era of civic and patriotic fervor by the AAONMS. The hard work associated with establishment of the order was behind, and there was time for serious thought about issues of the day.

In 1916, the first Shrine pilgrimage to Alaska took place. In 1918, Shrine membership passed 259,000. The temples purchased nearly \$1 million in Liberty Loan Bonds and subscribed \$110,453 to the Red Cross.

From the beginnings, in 1871 (MECCA TEMPLE) through 1920 approximately, there was no single approved philanthropy. The Temples were generous, however, in supporting various local and national charities. In 1919, the Honorable W. Freeland Kendrick, Potentate of LU LU 1906-1918, and later Mayor of Philadelphia,

1924-1928, launched the idea that the Shrine should undertake something for "friendless, orphaned, and crippled children." The following year (1920) at the Imperial Council Session in Portland, OR, Imperial Sir Kendrick introduced (and it was adopted) a motion to "establish a Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children." An annual assessment of \$2.00, from every Shriner to support the Hospital, was approved, and a Committee of Seven was appointed by Imperial Sir Kendrick to implement the program. The Shrine Hospital System has grown to its current size of 19 Hospitals in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and three Burns Institutes. The name has changed to The Shrine Hospitals for Children. Every Shriner today contributes \$5.00 of his annual membership dues to the Hospital System.

Freeland Kendrick (known as "Free" or "Freel") became known as the "Father" of the Hospital System. He served on the National Board (he chaired it for many years) and served on the Philadelphia Hospital Board until his death, March 20, 1953. After serving as Imperial Potentate 1919/1920, Freel returned to LU LU, where he again served as Potentate for three years (1921-23).

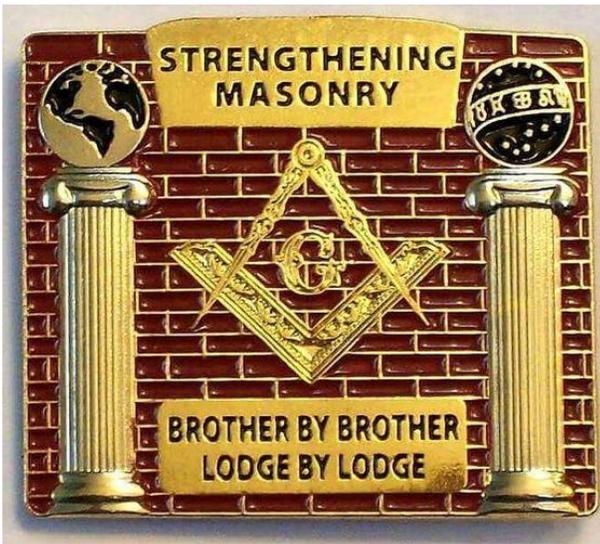
In 1920, the Shrine took a public stand in favor of free and compulsory education supported by public taxes in America.

Dynamic growth continued. Membership passed 511,000 in 1922. Initial steps were taken to copyright all Shrine emblems and insignia.

With humor befitting the Shrine philosophy, the founders of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America on looking around, decided that America was a suitable place to rest the camels of the great caravan, that the shade of the old apple trees was cool and delicious, and that her Shareefs, Bashi-Bazooks and wail-dervishes were thirsty for knowledge."

This series of articles is excerpt from Phoenix - masonry Web Site

Submitted by Don Ritchie P.M., Acacia Lodge # 651



This information was provided to my grandkids at their school and it is something that we all need to do to keep our children safe on the internet!

Help Keep Your Kids Safe Online

Today, families must think about safety and security both online and offline. Just like basic safety tips, such as not talking to strangers and looking both ways before crossing the street, teaching about online security is just as important as children spend more time on their devices both at home and at school.

92% of teens surveyed go online daily with 24% using the internet "almost constantly"

75% of 13-17 year olds surveyed have at least one profile on a social media site

Surveyed parents reported that 42% of their children aged 8 and younger have their own tablet device

Here are some important tips to help you get started:

Create an open dialogue.

- Work together to set up rules for using digital devices, such as how long a child can be online, and appropriate websites and apps to visit.
- Ensure your children understand they can talk to you if they come across something that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Have your children help you update software and privacy settings.
- Let your children teach you things about the Internet, computers and other technology. Always share with care.

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- Help your children understand that any information they share online can easily be saved and is almost impossible to take back.
- Teach them to consider who might see a post and how it might be perceived in the future. Once something is online, it can be there forever.
- Just like the Golden Rule, teach your children to post about others as they would have others post about them. Personal information has value just like money.

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- Information about your children, such as the games they like and their online searches, has value - just like money. Teach your children to be selective with the information they give to apps and websites.
- Teach your children to never tell strangers online their age, address, school name, where they hang out, or where they're going to be.
- Schools are required to send parents information about how they handle student privacy. Find out what information your child's school collects, how it's stored, who gets to see it, and what future administrators are allowed to do with it. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), you have the right to request, correct, or add an amendment to your child's records.

Be empowered about your family's online presence.

- For children, utilize strict privacy settings in apps and on websites. Follow the instructions during initial set up, or go to "privacy" or "settings." Opt out of location sharing and the ability for the app or website to post or tag on social media sites on the child's behalf.
- Learn about and teach your children how to use privacy and security settings on their favorite online games, apps and platforms.
- Encourage your children to read the fine print before checking a box or entering an email address (or discourage them from giving out their email address all together).

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

- Teach your children to be skeptical of online offers that promise too much. Children and teens can be especially vulnerable to online scams, like those that promise a prize or free access to online games or apps, in return for personal information, such as emails, passwords or a parent's credit card.
- Also, fraudsters may try to trick your child into downloading malware through the premise of a free prize, app or game. Malware can perform harmful actions on your computer or other device

that can steal personal information or cause performance issues.

Remain engaged.

- Know the apps, social networks and websites your children use. Help them to identify safe and trusted websites and apps. Encourage them to be cautious about clicking on, downloading, posting and uploading content.
- Periodically check your child's social media network, texts and browser history from their devices. Make surprise checks, and having a parent as a 'friend' on social media, part of the agreement to have a device.

Stay current.

- Keep up with new technology and ways to manage privacy.
- Use age-appropriate content controls.
- Keep antivirus software up-to-date to help guard against malware. Use parental controls, when available, to set guidelines for your children's online activities.
- Keep software updated.
- Protect all devices with passcodes that you and your child both know and change them at least three times a year.

A New Program for You:

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has switched their membership database program. All lodge secretaries have access to their lodge membership to manage their members. This new program goes one step further by allowing individual members to manage specific personal sections in the database. This will allow you to update your current contact information (address, home phone, cell phone, email address, etc.) you can also manage how you wish to be contacted by Grand Lodge and Acacia Lodge

Since Acacia Lodge would like to publish another membership directory this year I would like all our members to sign into the membership database and verify your contact information with the below instructions. If you are not computer friendly please call me (440-257-6964) and I will verify your contact information and correct any errors.

Please perform the following steps to access our new membership system and obtain the necessary access to navigate to your individual page.

Steps to register as a Grand View user:

- Access the Ohio Grand View platform URL: <https://oh.grandview.systems>

- Upper right corner of the page, click-on Member Portal. (When you land on the Member Portal page, in the right corner are two selections: Sign-on and Member Registration. To create/register your account, select "Member Registration". You will select "Sign-on" for your daily access to Grand View.)
- The Membership Registration screen should now appear. Fill-in the requested information.
 - Lodge Number: Do not enter leading zeros. Example: If your Lodge Number is 4, just enter the number 4 and not 004, etc.
 - Member ID: Enter your current member number from your dues card. DO NOT ENTER THE LETTER "M" OR LEADING ZEROS. If your dues card indicates M004321, enter 4321.
 - Last Name: Enter your last name as it exactly appears on your dues card
 - Click-on the Membership Status button
 - A second page will be displayed. Enter your email address and a minimum 8-character password. (Remember your password as only you will know what it is.)
 - Click-on to submit your information
- You should now be registered

You will find Grand View is highly intuitive.

The system has a built-in Help where you can search for commonly used functions and receive step-by-step instructions.



"Men acquire a particular quality by constantly acting a particular way... you become just by performing just actions, temperate by performing temperate actions, brave by performing brave actions." - Aristotle

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