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Scottish Rite's Dyslexia Centers

When my sister was in high school she was diagnosed as having dyslexia. I heard the common talk about flipping one's p's and q's or reversing a b with a d, something that I routinely do myself. But beyond that, I didn't take the time to understand what dyslexia was.

Fast forward a decade and a half, and I was a school teacher in Texas. One aspect of my job was discovering why students were having reading difficulties. I would recommend they be tested and one of the things our diagnostician would test for was dyslexia. If the student did have dyslexia, they would begin to receive



Special education services where the teacher would teach them through a curriculum they had been trained on that had been designed by the Scottish Rite.

At the time, I didn't know that the Scottish Rite was a Masonic body nor anything else about them since I wasn't a Mason.

Although, I was grateful for this specialized curriculum as it helped struggling reading students begin to make progress with reading I didn't know just what an important part they would play in my life.



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When my son was in first grade, he was having all kinds of struggles with acquiring the ability to read. He was smart enough that he figured out that his teacher only cared about fluency (accurately, but quickly reading) so he would memorize the cadence of her voice, the pace at which she would read a story, and how she turned the pages to be able to fool her into thinking he was reading.

However, he could not completely bluff her. We ended up taking our son to a diagnostician who after going through a battery of tests concluded that he had dyslexia as well as dysgraphia (an issue with writing). Like most dyslexics, my son is off the charts intelligent. Over the course of the next roughly half dozen years, he went to a specialized dyslexic tutor who taught him alternative strategies that assisted his brain in learning how to read.

Now he is in an accelerated program which will allow him to get both his bachelor and Master's in four years. He reads deep philosophical books for pleasure.

Upon my becoming a Mason and learning that the Scottish Rite is actually a Masonic appendant body I wanted to join this group

because whether it is the Northern Jurisdiction's Dyslexia Centers (more than 40 in 13 states) or through the Southern Jurisdiction's Rite Care Centers, they provide assistance to children who have dyslexia.

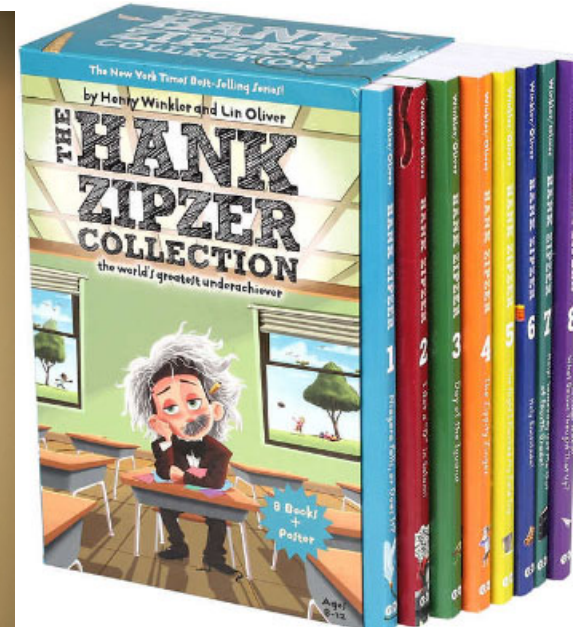
Both the Valley of Dayton and Cincinnati have Centers where tutors work with students in helping them acquire skills to be able to read that the regular classroom instructor is unable to provide them.

Dayton Center: (937) 496-2242

Cincinnati Center:(513) 562-2665

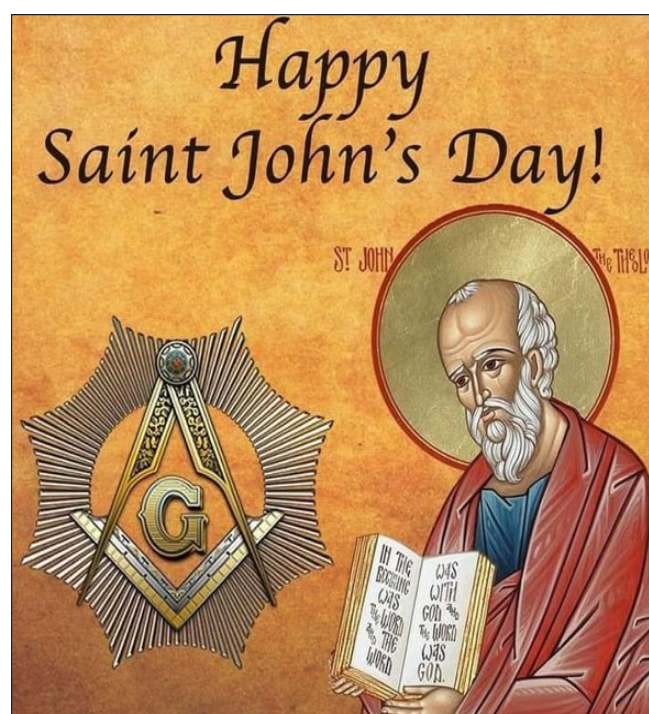
Dyslexia affects 1 in 5 people.

Henry Winkler realized he had dyslexia when his step-daughter was diagnosed. He is the author of the Hank Zipser series of books about a dyslexia child.



Valley of Cincinnati's Holy Saints John Festival

Last month, our guest educational columnist discussed both Saints John (the Evangelist and the Baptist). June 24th corresponds to the St. John the Baptist and the summer solstice. This year the Valley of Cincinnati put on a program that I was fortunate enough to attend. The Scottish Rite Chorus performed a couple of pieces and the masses joined in singing a couple of hymns. This was interspersed with a St. John the Baptist Vignette put on by Living Springs Church of Morristown, Ohio. Their rendition of the Baptist's life were excerpts from the book of John Chapter 1 Verses 19 through 29. Additionally, there was some background history given about John the Baptist's life. It was said of him that he was a morally upright man who preached about the coming of Christ. He was a Nazarite which meant that he followed very strict dietary laws and never cut his hair (like Sampson of the



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Old Testament). He was a survivalist eating locust and honey in the wilderness. Additionally, John was a martyr for his faith.

Through John's teachings we are reminded that we need to share with our brothers out of our own abundance, that we should treat others fairly, and that we need to be truly who we are supposed to be. John the Baptist lived his life zealously following the Old Testament laws. We need to follow his example of one who dedicates their life to serving others. Hopefully, we won't have to become martyr's like him, but we need to be prepared to live like we are ready to die.



Washington's 4th Past Master

Washington's Fourth Past Master was Samuel Bayless who was the first master that wasn't one of the original seven brothers who requested a lodge be established in Hamilton.

Worshipful Brother Doctor Samuel Bayless MD was the First Butler County Coroner. He was also elected Sergeant of Arms of The Ohio Senate In 1830.

WB Bayless was a devout Freemason and served as Master of our lodge six times. He remained in Hamilton until he moved with his family to Troy, Ohio in 1825,

He affiliated with Franklin Lodge #14 and there raised his son, Solomon Bayless, as a Master Mason and died in 1848.

WB Brother Samuel Bayless is Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Troy, Ohio. His son, Solomon Bayless became the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana from 1857-1959. Most Worshipful Brother Solomon Bayless has a Masonic Lodge Named in his honor. Sol. D. Bayless Lodge No. 359 F.&A.M of which it boasts many great men in their history; prominent business men, doctors, lawyers, and others. One of the most famous brothers is the late Dave Thomas, of Wendy's Hamburger fame. He was initiated as a Freemason in the Temple and was a member of their lodge until he passed away in 2002. And just think, this all started from Washington Lodge #17.



► Dave Lunsford
 A Featured Column
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Save the Date—September 5



Save the Date—September 24



Save the Date—November 2



Biweekly on Wednesdays starts July 13th at Shooters; Contact Brother Mo Webb for details

Hiking Shawnee Look-



As many of our brothers know, our Senior Steward, David Caron, is an avid hiker. He routinely takes hikes various trails in our area.

This new column featuring the Hikes of Brother David will over time discuss the different types of hikes, how to plan your hike, how to choose a trail, what sort of conditions you need to double check, what to bring along with you, what to wear, tips on how to be safe,

how to overcome fears you might have, and trail etiquette.

In addition, David will be ranking the various trails that he covers in this feature column.

The first of these adventures he will be bringing to you is Hiking Shawnee Lookout, which is near where Fort Finney once stood. This area has 3 separate trails for one to hike. One of these trails will bring you to the spring house where the Treaty was signed that opened up Southwest Ohio for settlement including the area which became Hamilton. Look forward to reading to reading all about Hiking the Shawnee Lookout in an upcoming article.

▶ **David Caron**
Senior Steward
Renown Hiker

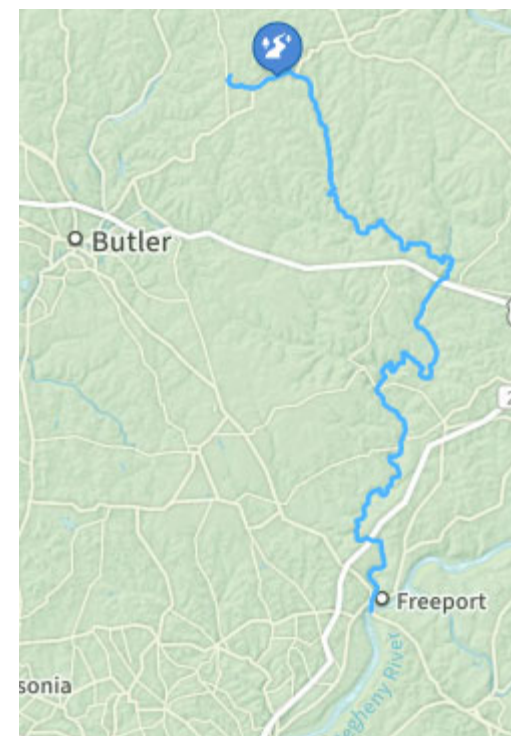


During the 1984 Olympic Summer Games in Los Angeles, McDonald's announced a promotion offering free food and drink every time an American athlete made it to the medals podium. After the former Soviet Union boycotted the games, it turned out to be quite a costly promotion..

Hamilton's History: The First Settlers

In the last issue, we looked at the war that took place between the U.S. Army, the area state's militias, and a confederation of Indian tribes that led to the Treaty of Greenville, which opened up the entire Ohio area to settlement. In this issue we are going to go back in time to the beginning.

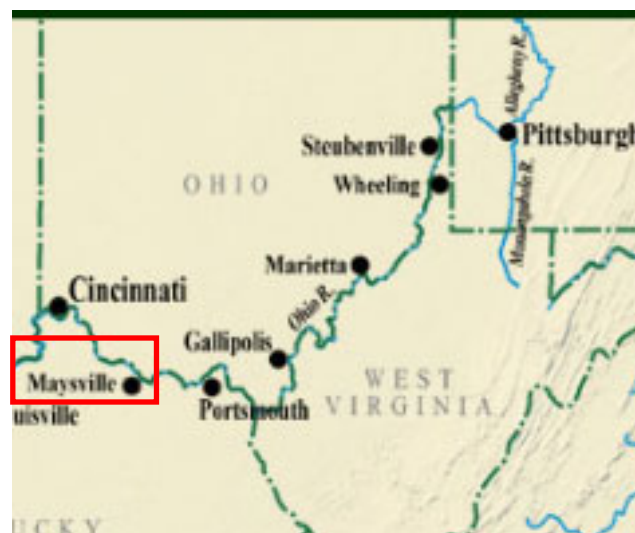
The year is 1780 and John Hindman along with his family leave Lancaster County, Pennsylvania for Washington County. They didn't stay there very long. They pick up roots again in 1785 setting out for the Northwest Territory. John Hindman, Sr. along with his family including his 24 year old son John Hindman, Jr. took with their party William West, John Simmons, John Sept and a Mr. Carlin along with their families. They left in March floating down it for almost 34 miles where it empties into the Allegheny River.



They next traveled along the Allegheny to Pittsburg and the beginning of their journey along the Ohio River.



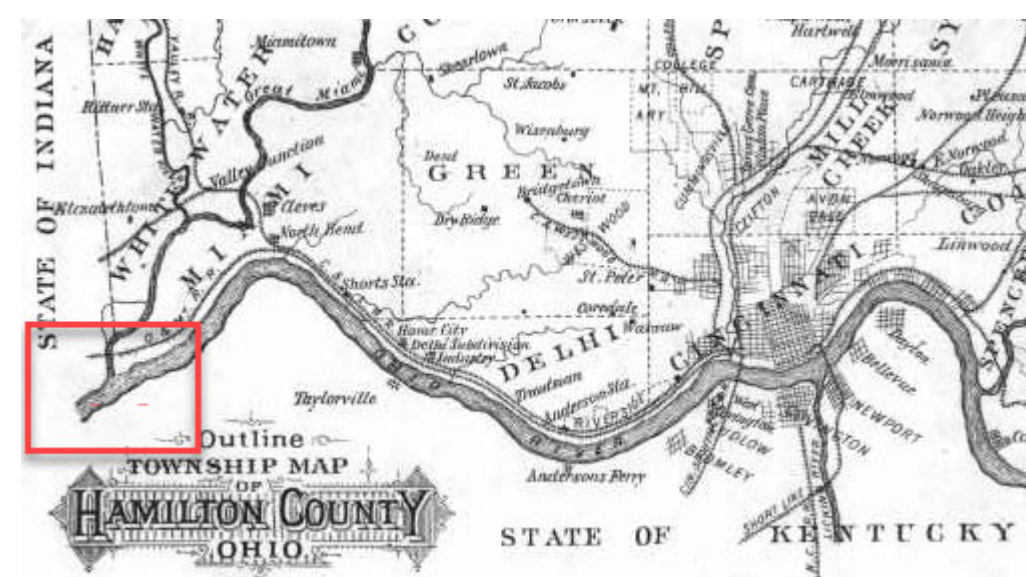
They traveled approximately 405 miles down the Ohio River stopping in Limestone, Kentucky (present day Maysville). They stopped there for two weeks. They then proceeded another approximately



100 miles to where the Great Miami River empties into the Ohio River (near the present day border of Indiana and Ohio at present day Shawnee Lookout). They were the first group of known white settlers to have landed there. Their landing was just prior to Fort Finney being constructed. (After the Fort was constructed, George Rogers Clark, Richard Butler and Samuel Holden Parsons arrived as commissioners to the

Indians and the Treaty of Fort Finney was signed on January 31, 1786 which drew a line of separation of white settlers south of Piqua securing southern Ohio).

However, after the party arrived the river rose to flood stage and they crossed back over to Kentucky. They cleared a total of 30 to 40 acres of land on Tanner's claim.



They set out anew in either May or June starting up the Great Miami River. After traveling only 6 miles, they mistakenly branched off the Great Miami following the White-water River thinking it to be the main channel. Luckily for them, Joseph Robinson had joined them when they set out from the confluence of the Ohio and Great Miami. He was familiar with the area and recognized they were on the wrong river so they made a raft and crossed the stream. However, in the process they lost all their guns. Once more they continued upward for another 30 miles until they finally reached a place where the floodplain widened to about two miles. It was the best bottom land these frontiersmen had ever seen. This is where they embarked and selected their farmlands proceeding to mark off their claims.

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Spring house at Fort Finney where Treaty was signed.



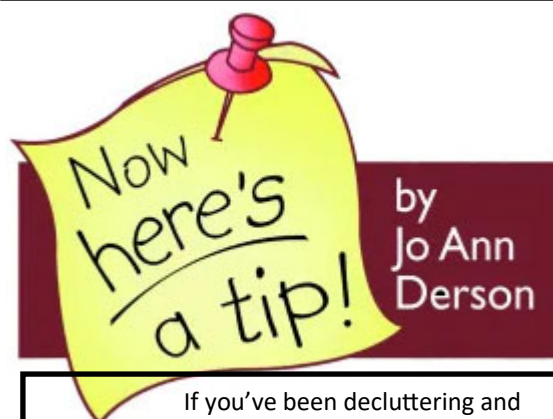
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Masonic Word Puzzle

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Inner Guard	Level	Master
Password	Penalty	Plumrule
Slipshod	Square	Token
Tyler	Warden	

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If you've been decluttering and you came across old pairs of eyeglasses, know that you can donate them to any Lion's Club in your area. They redistribute the glasses to those who cannot afford them. You don't have to know the prescription, and they take reading glasses, too!



Brother Edward Vernon Rickenbacker

Edward Vernon Rickenbacker is an American aviator and businessman.

Rickenbacker was born on October 8th, 1890 in Columbus, Ohio. He was born Edward Rickenbacher with no middle name and an "h" instead of a "k" in the spelling of his last name. From a young age, Rickenbacker loved machines and was encouraged by his father's words "A machine has to have a purpose." His father passed away when Rickenbacker was 13. His father's passing also ended Rickenbacker's formal education, although his love of machines inspired him to do correspondence courses on engineering and work with a variety of machines.



Rickenbacker became a well known race car driver prior to World War I. He raced at the Indianapolis 500 four times before the War. He earned the name "Fast Eddie."

After the start of World War I and before the United States entered the war, Rickenbacker changed his name removing the "h" in "Rickenbacher" to, as he put it, "take the Hun out of his name." He also made up a middle name. He first signed autographs with a variety of letters for a middle initial, finally settling on a "V" and eventually creating the middle name Vernon.

Rickenbacker traveled to England at the beginning of World War I, eager to be part of the fighting. Although his Swiss heritage made him a concern for British authorities who thought he was a spy. He was under constant surveillance while in England. He returned to the United States before its official entry into the War.

In 1917, after the United States entered the War, Rickenbacker immediately enlisted and joined soldiers training in France. Most

men chosen as pilots during World War I had college educations, so Rickenbacker's superiors were reluctant to let him fly. After they discovered his skill with mechanics of the aircraft, they were more reluctant to lose a valuable ground crew member. Eventually they allowed him to get his wings. He became an ace almost immediately shooting down 5 enemy aircraft. By the end of the War he was promoted to Captain and made the commander of his squadron. He flew more than 300 combat hours and shot down 26 enemy aircraft.

After the War, Rickenbacker was approached about exploiting his fame. He decided to do a Liberty bond tour. After the tour they released him from the military as a Major. He spent the rest of his life referring to himself as a Captain though as he felt it was the rank he earned.

In 1920, Rickenbacker started the Rickenbacker Motor Company. He sold cars which used advanced technology developed for racing cars. He introduced the first four wheel braking system. By 1927, he was forced to declare bankruptcy due to poor sales.

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Craft Team Picnic



On Saturday, June 25 the members of Washington Lodge gathered at Brother Charlie Joseph's house to partake in the traditional Craft Team Picnic. Special thanks goes to the generous hospitality of Brother Charlie for hosting this year's Picnic. Additionally, we owe a debt of gratitude to Brother Tom Durr for procuring the steaks and for Brother Kenny Craft for his exquisite grilling. Worshipful Jason Baynum distributed "door prizes" and Brother Robert was the winner of the 50/50 split. Fun was had by all. The Washington Post hopes that you enjoy some of the pictures from the gathering of this year's brothers at the annual craft team picnic.



If you missed out on the fun fellowship that was had by the Washington Lodge brothers make plans to attend next year's gathering. Worshipful Jason Baynum expressed his appreciation for all the brothers who have participated in the craft team this year. If you would like to have a part in helping to raise new brothers like Allen Swanner who was in attendance at the craft team picnic talk to any of the officers about helping out this coming year. Additionally, during the lodge's "dark" time this summer, begin working on learning a charge or a lecture. Many brothers who have done this already are ready to assist you. While enjoying your summer, make it a fruitful one in terms of your Masonry.



Masonic Podcasts

December 2018: James Cash Penney

If I recall correctly this was the first Masonic podcast that I ever listened to. I found the tale quite fascinating as I had no idea that J.C. Penney was a Mason. The Tyler's Place is a podcast that is produced by the Southern Scottish Rite Jurisdiction. It is a collection of stories, lessons, and interviews by Masons, for Masons, and about Masons. Each of the monthly podcasts is short, usually about 25 minutes in length. This makes it ideal to listen to on the way to or from work, or on the way to a lodge meeting, or even when you are just relaxing at home. With almost 40 hours of programming at this point, there is a lesson or story for everyone. Go to <https://scottishrite.org/media-publications/the-tylers-place-podcast/>



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AUTHOR



Sudoku

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	6				5	
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Masonic Jokes

Q: How many Masons does it take to unscrew a light bulb?
A: It's a secret!

Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a lightbulb?
A: Twelve. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous lightbulb replacement, and ten to sit on the sidelines and complain about the way they USED to screw in lightbulbs.

▶ From Unity Lodge #300, Grand Lodge of Queensland



Rickenbacker

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Competitors are blamed by some for the failure, fearing their own slumping sales on existing cars, they engineered a spear campaign about the four wheel braking system. After Rickenbacker's bankruptcy, most cars came with four wheel braking systems.

Rickenbacker got into a very public dispute with fellow brother, President Franklin Roosevelt. Rickenbacker felt the President's policies were nothing more than socialism. In 1934, Roosevelt ordered all mail contracts rescinded. This directly effected the company Rickenbacker was running, Eastern Air Transport. The Roosevelt administration ordered NBC Radio not to allow Rickenbacker to broadcast opinions critical of Roosevelt's policies.

In 1938, Rickenbacker purchased the Eastern Air Transport from General Motors, he was running the company for them at the time. The company eventually became Eastern Air Lines. Rickenbacker flew regularly on Eastern Air Lines flights. On February 26th, 1941, he was in a major crash just outside of Georgia. His injuries were so severe doctors and emergency crews thought he was dead and it was reported in the media he had died in the crash. Despite his severe injuries in the crash, he is credited for helping people during the crash keeping their spirits up and telling those who were ambulatory what to do to help others, the whole time being pinned under debris.

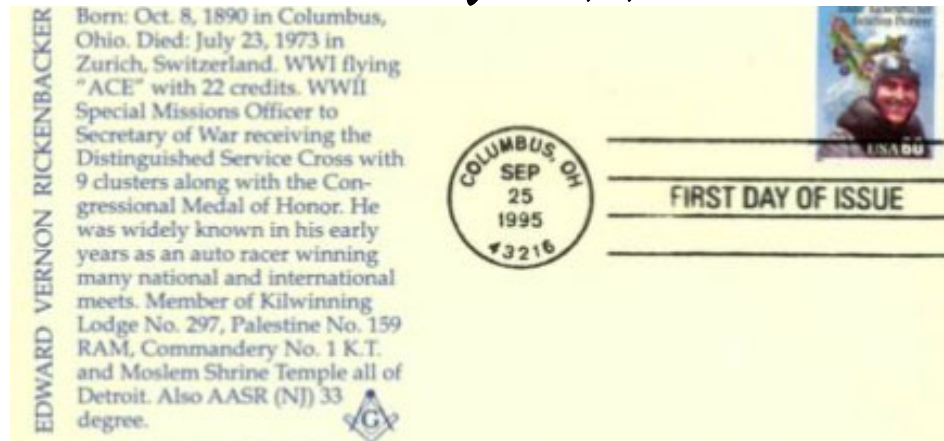
Rickenbacker was also involved in a crash of a military aircraft in the South Pacific. It was only by a series of lucky events Rickenbacker along with most of the crew of the craft were able to survive. Again, Rickenbacker was reported as deceased in the media. They were adrift at sea for 24 days.

Rickenbacker suffered a stroke while in Switzerland seeking a special medical treatment for his wife. He later got pneumonia and passed away on July 23rd, 1973.

Rickenbacker was a member of Kilwinning Lodge No. 297 in Detroit, Michigan.

▶ This article provided by Today in Masonic History at <http://www.masonrytoday.com>

Masonic Stamp Of Approval



This month showcases two different first day covers that were issued on September 25, 1995 in Columbus, Ohio. The bottom one focuses on Brother Rickenbacker's exploits during Word War 1. The top one was issued by the



George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. It focuses on our brothers Masonic legacy. He was a member of Kilwinning Lodge #297, Palestine #139 RAM, Commandery #1 Knights Templar. He was also a part of Moslem Shrine Temple and was also a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason. Celebrate this brother by either adding one of these first day covers to your collection or finding this 60 cent USA stamp issue. For help getting started or for information about becoming a member of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club contact Brother Rocky Jackson.

▶ Rocky Jackson
President George Washington Masonic Stamp Club
For info on Joining ask him or fill out the form @<http://gwmasonicstampclub.com/>



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ARTS & SCIENCES OF THE TRIVIUM AND QUADRIVIVUM

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Adapted from What is a Mason Answer on Page 8



Freemason Book Review



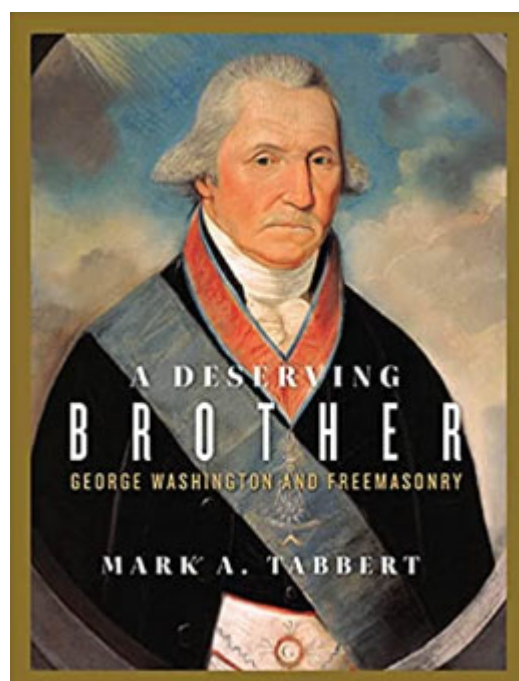
This month's book review is going to be unusual as well. I was all prepared to discuss the very first Masonic book that I read when I read an excerpt in the May-June 2022 Scottish Rite Journal (SJ) from Mark A. Tabbert's well researched book, *A Deserving Brother: George Washington and Freemasonry*. Additionally, S. Brent Morris gave a book review. Brother Morris points out that this book is incredibly well researched so much so that the University of Virginia is the publisher of the book. Brother Mark is the Director of Archives and Exhibits at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

in Alexandria, Virginia. Throughout the book, Brother Mark discusses George Washington's involvement with Freemasonry as well as how it influenced him. There are many claims when it comes to this forefather and his masonic involvement. If you are trying to establish the veracity of one of these claims, this is the book that will set the record straight. In fact, Brother Mark provides 50 color images and 60 different entries regarding his Masonic involvement.

I had previously known that when George Washington was sworn in as our first president, that they used a Bible borrowed from a Masonic lodge. I did not know that the Bible used for his burial ceremony is owned by Federal Lodge #1 in the D.C. and is on display at the House of the Temple.

Brother Morris gave a three-word review: Buy it now!!!

After reading his review as well as an excerpt from the book, I second this recommendation and plan on getting a copy to be able to read it myself.



A Deserving Brother may be purchased through Amazon



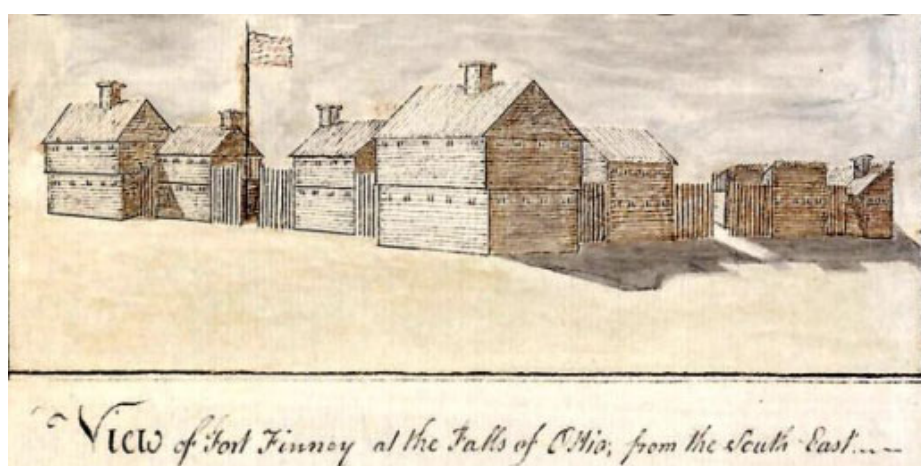
Rocky Jackson & S. Brent Morris
Book Reviewer
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Tomahawk Rights of Hamilton's Early Settlers

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An explanation probably should be given as to what it means to mark out your claim. Both in the Western part of Virginia as well as in the area of Pennsylvania, Mr. Hindman came from land was to be had for "taking up." Basically according to the History and Biographical Encyclopedia of Butler County this meant that you built a cabin, you raised a crop of some sort such as corn or grain, however small. In return, you received 400 hundred acres of land as well as a pre-emption right to 1,000 more acres adjoining your parcel. There was also another kind of right that was exercised called the "Tomahawk right." It is believed that this is what those in the Hindman party probably used. This was an inferior type of land title. You deadened a few trees usually by the head of a spring and you proceeded to mark the bark in several locations with your initials. This constituted an improvement to the land and thus, with your mark you now had the right to the land.

No matter which of these two rights the Hindman party exercised, the area that they settled became the city of Hamilton.



From wikimapia.org <http://wikimapia.org/24105873/Fort-Finney-Fort-Steuben>

Tales from the Craft

Democrats, Republicans, Progressives, Dixiecrats



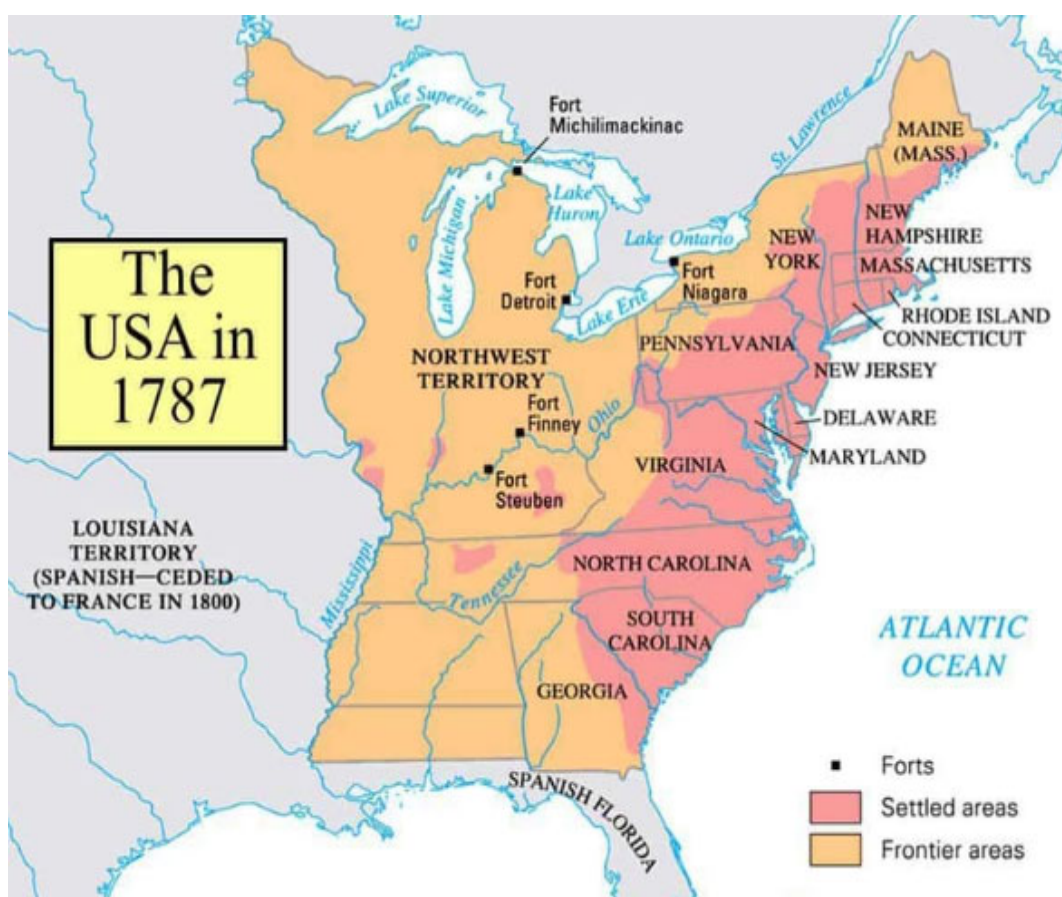
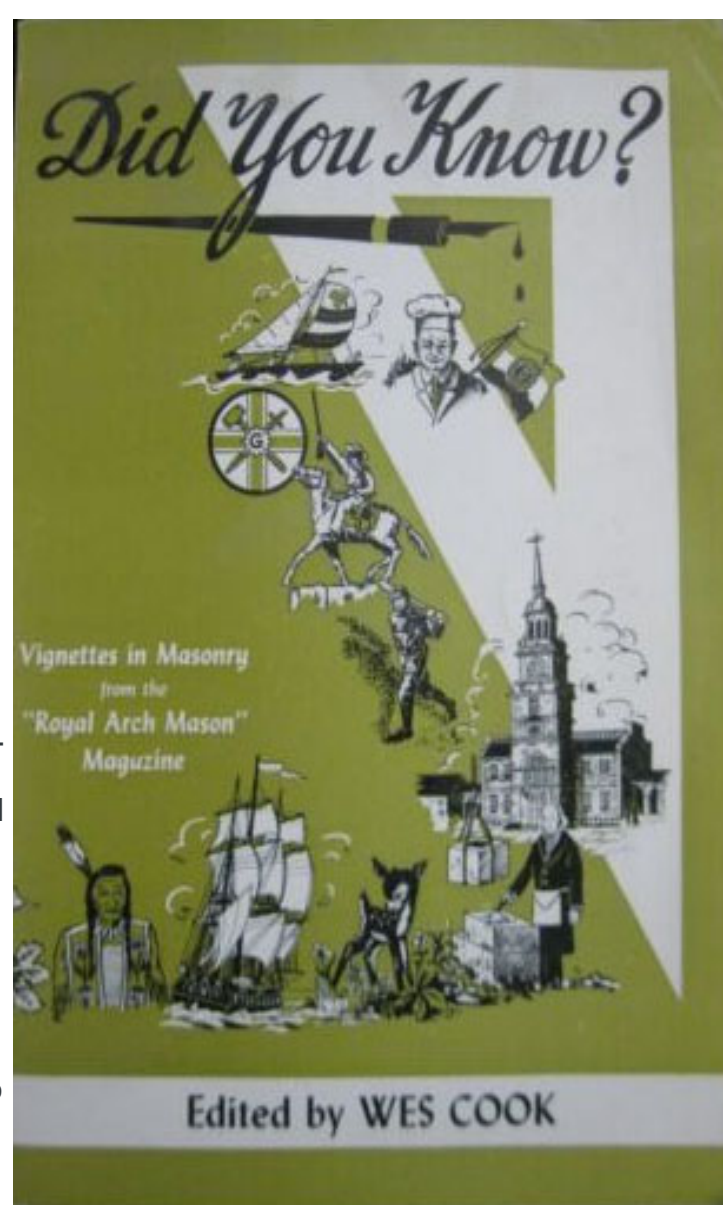
Four candidates emerged in the hard-fought presidential campaign of 1948: Republican Thomas Dewey, Progressive Henry Wallace, Dixiecrat Strom Thurmond and the eventual winner, Democrat Harry Truman. Although the candidates were intense rivals and had very different political views, all four were Freemasons.

Initiated On His 21st Birthday

Ray V. Denslow (1885 - 1960) was a prolific Masonic author and Grand Master of Missouri, 1931 - 1932. Among his best known books are *Territorial Masonry*, *A Missouri Frontier Lodge*, *The Masonic Conservators*, *History of Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri*, *Freemasonry and the Presidency* and many more. He was the first Grand Master to open the Missouri Grand Lodge outside of the state, when he presided over a meeting at the dedication of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. MWB Denslow was a third-generation Mason whose father and grandfather instilled in him a fervency for the Craft that lasted a lifetime. So great was his excitement for Freemasonry that he was initiated at the earliest moment possible on his 21st birthday.



Did You Know? Consisted of 65 vignettes that was created by Brother William R. Denslow for the Royal Arch Mason Magazine and was compiled into book form for the Missouri Lodge of Research by Brother Wes Cook. On the cover of this book one sees the shamrock racing yacht of magnate Brother Thomas J. Lipton. One also sees Brother "Buffalo Bill" Cody raising his rifle in his right hand. Also depicted, is Brother George Washington laying the cornerstone of the Capital Building in 1793. Additionally, Brother Roger Himmel informs us in his review of the book in the May-June 2022 issue of the Scottish Rite Journal (SJ) that a Mason who was a future baseball hall-of-famer is also depicted.



Exploring Masonic

The Presidents Pt. 2

In the previous issue we took a look at a Coin Week article on May 26, 2021 by Charles Morgan and Hubert Walker that delved into which of our Masonic Presidents had coinage featuring them. To conclude our look at the Masonic Presidents this issue will focus on some interesting tidbits about our Masonic presidents and the coins on which they are depicted.

First up is Brother James Monroe. He joined Williamsburg Lodge #6 in 1776 at the age of 17 while a student at William and Mary. He dropped out to join the American Revolution. He is depicted on the reverse of the 1999 New Jersey quarter. As a young Lieutenant, he is holding the flag as an indistinguishable figure on General Washington's boat as it crosses the Delaware River. In the ensuing battle at Trenton he is shot and nearly dies. He survives and later returns to William and Mary to finish his law degree and eventually becomes our 5th President.

He is also depicted on the 1923 Monroe Doctrine half dollar. He is paired with President John Quincy Adams. This is a rather interesting pairing since John Quincy Adams was an avowed anti-mason and one of several prominent candidates of the short-lived Anti-Masonic Party.

Our 7th President, Andrew Jackson was the Grand Master of Tennessee in 1822 to 1824. During his time, the first third party effectively formed, the Anti-Masonic Party and he faced their ire as having been such a prominent Mason. As part of the Presidential dollar series he was depicted in 2008. He also happens to be the longest serving figure on U.S. paper money. This is rather ironic given that he brought down the Bank of the United States and caused the Hard Times of 1837

The next Masonic President we will take a look at is William McKinley. He has the unworthy distinction of being both the next elected Masonic President as well as the next President to have been assassinated after James Garfield. Brother William McKinley defeated a fellow Mason in William Jennings Bryan to win the Presidency. President McKinley had run on the platform of "sound money," meaning the gold standard. A small gold dollar commemorated him in 1916 which was a denomination that hadn't seen production since 1889. This helped to fund the construction of the McKinley Memorial in Niles, Ohio.

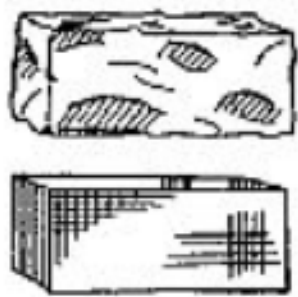
The 26th President of the United States is our Masonic brother "Teddy" Roosevelt. He's very well known in numismatic circles. He is the man credited with "the revitalization of American coinage at the turn of the 20th century." He appeared on the 1991 Mount Rushmore commemorative. In 2013 he finally had a coin depicting just him as part of the presidential dollar series. After being President, brother "Teddy" Roosevelt visited lodges in Nairobi as well as in the Azores.



The last Masonic President that we will discuss is his distant cousin, Franklin Roosevelt. Since 1946 he had a lock on the dime appearing ever

since. However, he "also has a lock on numismatic irony. In 1933, he took gold away from private citizens," according to Charles Morgan and Hubert Walker. In the following year, he was made the honorary Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay and he also was an honorary Grand Master of Masons in Georgia.

In the next issue, we are going to turn to discussing what Masonic government officials were depicted on U.S. coins.

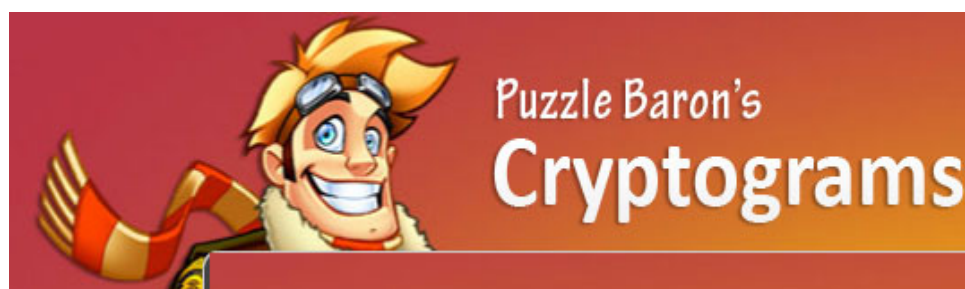


Masonic Word Play

Rough and Perfect Ashlar

This is a rough ashlar, he said stonily. And this is the perfect ashlar, he said smoothly.

From Did You Know? Vignettes in Masonry from the Royal Arch Mason Magazine. Pg. 142. Tom Swifties (attributed to Brother John R. Nocas)



Issue #6, Volume 1 was the inaugural Cryptogram

The Hints were: In this puzzle L is used for I and Q is used for P. One more hint is that Z is used for O.

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Brother Samuel Clements, i.e. Mark Twain

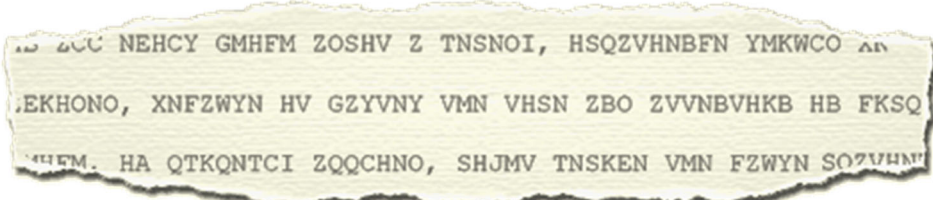
Cryptogram Solution

IT IS WISER TO FIND OUT THAN SUPPOSE



What is a Cryptogram?

Politicians and military strategists have used simple-substitution ciphers to encode their secret documents for thousands of years - even back to the time of Julius Caesar! The process is simple: change each letter in your document to another letter in the alphabet, so that your new document is completely illegible. Your new, *encoded* document might look a little something like this:



It looks like a whole lot of nonsense, right? Well, to many people, for many hundreds of years, it was nonsense - and the simple substitution cipher worked just fine to keep secret documents just that: secret. But eventually people started to realize these ciphers could be broken quite easily, using nothing but simple pattern recognition, frequency analysis and a general knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. Soon enough, simple-substitution ciphers were no longer enough to keep encoded documents safe from prying eyes, and those who wanted to keep their secrets secret moved on to more complex encryption methods.

This Issue's Cryptogram

The Hints for this puzzle R is used for T and Q is used for N. One more hint is that F is used for O. A Bonus Hint is that S is used for M.

RZBML LFFG SPQ ZQG SZBML RXPS KPRRA

This Month's Cryptogram is a variation on a Masonic Saying

Answer on Page 8

Who Would Have Guessed: A Spy Within our Midst

On May 29, 1972 Morris "Moe" Berg, Major League Baseball catcher and coach died. Berg played a total of 13 seasons (from 1926 to 1939) for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Indians, Boston Red Sox, and the Washington Senators in a largely back-up player role. Then for the next two seasons he was a coach with the Boston Red Sox. During his career, he only hit .243 but, Berg was not the typical Major League ballplayer.

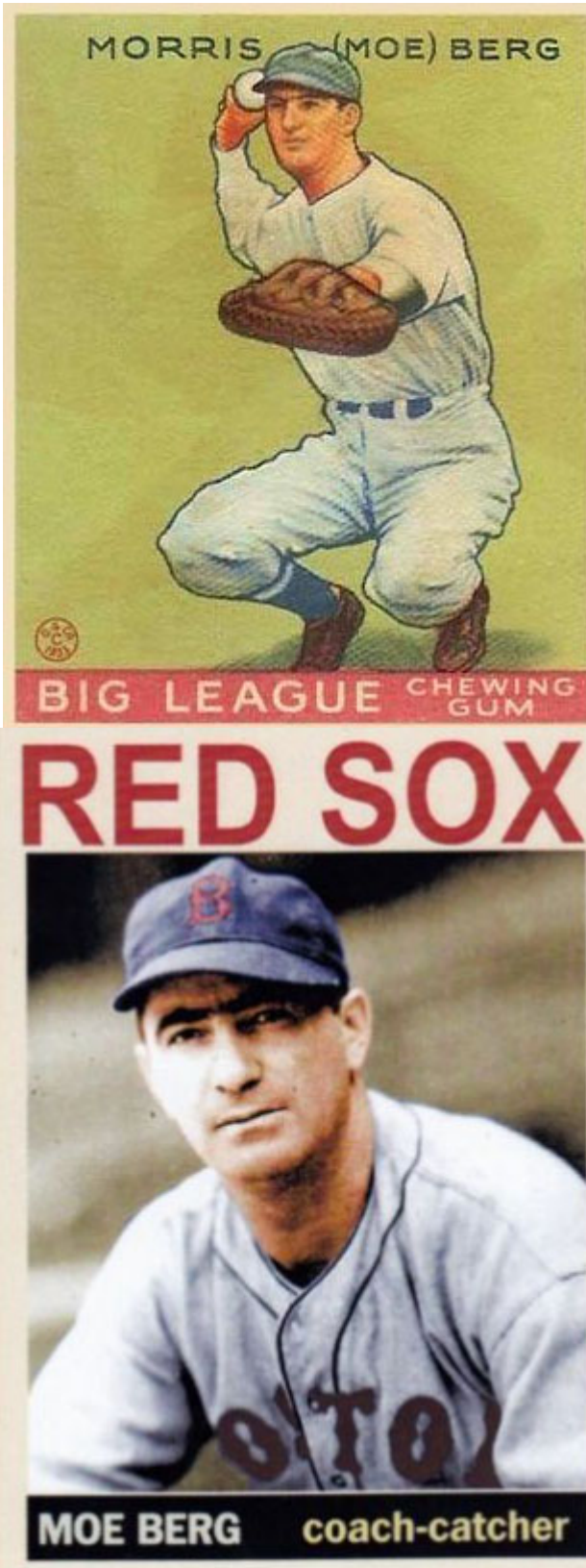
Casel Stengel described Berg as "the strangest man ever to play baseball." Dubbed the "brainiest guy in baseball" Berg was a graduate of Princeton University. During the off-seasons, he earned a law degree from Columbia University. He was fluent in at least 8 languages including Greek, Latin, German, Japanese, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Sanskrit. In addition, he had some knowledge of at least 12 other languages. Berg regularly read 10 newspapers a day and was a contestant on the radio quiz show "Information Please."

With the onset of World War 2, the Office of Strategic Services (the precursor of our modern CIA) came-a-calling and recruited him to serve.

The OSS sent Berg on missions to the Caribbean, South America as well as occupied Europe. The International Spy Museum in Washington D.C. says that Berg "carried out acts of espionage and sabotage to thwart Hitler's nuclear program." In fact, he attended a December 1944 lecture and subsequent dinner with a leading German physicist (Werner Heisenberg) in Zurich in which if Heisenberg gave any indication that the Germans were close to creating an atomic bomb, he would take his gun out of his pocket and shoot to kill. Under direct orders from Masonic President, Franklin Roosevelt, Berg successfully convinced Antoni Ferri, the head of Italy's supersonic research program, to come to America and assist with our supersonic aircraft development. President Roosevelt said of this accomplishment, "I see that Moe Berg is still catching very well."

A 2018 movie was released called the Catcher Who Was a Spy which is based on the Nicholas Dawidoff book by the same name. ESPN also created a 30 for 30 film "Spy Ball", which includes an 18 minute documentary on Berg's life. Additionally, in 2019 a documentary called The Spy Behind Home Plate by Aviva Kempner was released.

If you go to the International Spy Museum you can view an original Berg baseball cap as well as his OSS travel orders in the Museum's "Who Would Have Guessed Exhibit". You could also go to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY "Moe Berg: Big League Spy" Exhibit in which you can see some of his OSS Documents, a Red Sox cap Berg wore, as well as a bat he used in the mid 1930's.



A 20 year study found that one benefit of playing board games is reducing the risk of cognitive decline, such as that associated with dementia and Alzheimer's.



The Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon says that "References to Freemasonry in popular culture range from the vitriolic to the innocuous. Far more often they are merely misinformed allusions from which Freemasonry faces a far more insidious threat; that of being marginalized, trivialized, and fictionalized. Most of the references noted on this site are harmless, simply pointing out that Freemasonry has played a role in our society; some are humorous, yet some are disturbing in their associations." This series will take a look at some of these popular culture references that this Grand Lodge points out. First up, we turn our attention to this reference in a popular comic:

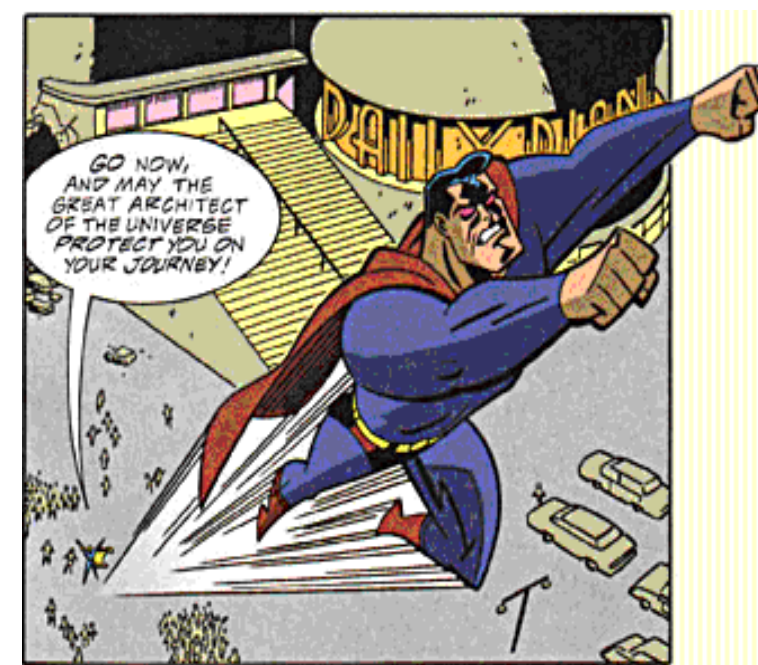
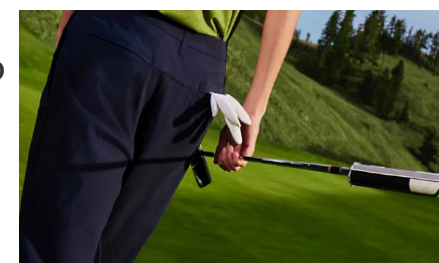


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"DAD" Jokes

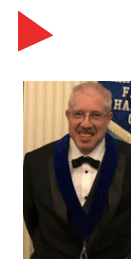
Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants?

In case he got a hole in one.



Rocky Jackson

While it pained the author, a lifelong Yankees fan to write this article, he does admit that it was fascinating researching this Red Sox spy. This article is dedicated to Worshipful Ryan Napper, a die-hard Red Sox fan





Being Honorable | I Am Freemasonry



If
By
Brother
Rudyard Kipling

Lodge of Hope & Perseverance #782, English Constitution, Lahore, Punjab, India

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream---and not make dreams your master;
If you can think---and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same:
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,

Famous Masonic Sayings

"A secret between two is a secret of God; a secret between three is everybody's secret."



After a successful event on Sat. June 11 Washington Lodge now has a Dungeon and Dragons game chat. If you are interested in joining contact Worshipful Ryan Napper.



Right Worshipful David Daugherty will be riding in the 2022 Pelotonia August 6th 100 mile fundraising event. In the first 13 years of its existence they have raised over \$236 million dollars for innovative cancer research. Why is RWB David doing this? When his father was diagnosed with cancer and succumbed to the disease, David's entire world was turned upside down. Since that time, he has dedicated himself to helping in the race to find cures for this horrible disease. Washington Lodge has made a donation in David's behalf. Will you?



Back in 1892, Charles F. Bahnson wrote The North Carolina Lodge Manual. On page 68 of Brenson's book we are told that if we have a friend, we should "...be particularly attentive not to recommend him unless you are convinced he will conform to our rules; that the HONOR, glory and reputation of the institution may be firmly established, and the world at large convinced of its good effects."

We are told in Proverbs 22:1 that: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." In other words, as WB Davis states: "...it is better to be well regarded than it is to be rich. HONOR is a virtue that must define every true Freemason."

So what is HONOR? Davis states that "Synonyms for honor are: integrity, uprightness, high principles, righteousness, rectitude, nobility, high-mindedness, right-mindedness and noble-mindedness. Honor has to do with our state of mind because our state of mind governs our thoughts and actions. Masons are charged to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man."

**"Honor is the reward of virtue."
— Marcus Tullius Cicero**

So, we understand then that our Order, due to its principles, is honorable. So too, are we to be, due to us being the living embodiments of our gentle Craft. Yet, due to a desire for quantity, rather than quality, many Lodges, by flinging open the West Gate to any and all applicants, merely to "survive" have lost our honor, for it becomes "cheapened" by less-than-honourable actions of men who will not conform to the standards of our order.

Worshipful Brother Justin Jones, relayed some interesting thoughts on his website: Masonic Improvement: "As Freemasons, we are told numerous times throughout our Masonic journey that we should meet and act as equals. We still do this very well, at least in the lodges I've been a member of, however, an open West Gate means that membership is not difficult to obtain at all. To quote Brother McKay:

Honor groups must also be exclusive. If everyone and anyone can be part of the group, regardless of whether they live by the code or not, then honor becomes meaningless. Egalitarianism and honor cannot coexist.

In many places we speak of high standards in our obligations and law books, however, these expectations of Masonic conduct are not usually enforced very strictly and, as such, there is no shame in failing to meet our standards. Traditionally failure to live up to our standards resulted in a Masonic trial and, ultimately, expulsion from the order."

Worshipful Brother Jones then hit upon the concept of "vertical honor" which he says: "is about giving recognition to those who embody living by the standards of the honor group. In the case of Freemasonry, vertical honor is (or should be) what we bestow upon the officers of our lodges, most especially the Wardens and Worshipful Master." His argument is, that we should bestow honor upon those who are living by the precepts of Freemasonry, rather than merely being a token member of our honourable order."

This is why we call the Master "Worshipful." It means "Honourable." Indeed it was John Wycliffe who sought from 1382 to 1395 to bring the Bible into English translated: Matthew 19:19 as: "worship thy father and thy mother, and, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." There, of course he didn't mean to fall down and worship them as gods, but rather to pay them respect or to honour them.

Brothers I shall put it this way, when men are religious they tend to have some inkling of morality about them. However, as our younger generation moves away from God and Faith into Atheism we find more and more lawlessness arise and morality being tossed onto the dunghill of history. With many leaving established Churches and such, this ought to serve all the more reason for us as Masons to BE honourable, for we can serve as the bridge, as the link to a darkened world and show them the light of God and light the path to Him and His ways.



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Worshipful Master
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In the previous issue's Masonic Stamp of Approval, we discovered a letter that Brother Charles Lindbergh wrote to Brother [Ray V.] Denslow. This letter was sold at auction on June 26, 2019 for \$850.



As a reminder the transcription of the letter is as follows:

Dear Brother [Ray V.] Denslow:

I feel very highly honored upon learning that the "Riddick Medal" has been presented to me. My deepest regret is that I will be unable to attend the Annual Communication at Kansas City. This tour does not end until Oct. 23rd and I have engagements in New York immediately thereafter which I am unable to break. Please convey my appreciation to the Fraternity.

Sincerely, Charles A. Lindbergh

This led me to ask the question, who was Brother Ray V. Denslow. He was the Grand Master of Missouri in 1931-1932 and is the author of I Am Freemasonry:

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God.

I have been tried through the ages, and found true.

The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands.

I strive for beauty and for symmetry.

In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask.

Upon my alters is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber.

By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man.

My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will.

I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain.

I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widows tears, the pain of the old and destitute.

I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves.

They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger.

At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life.

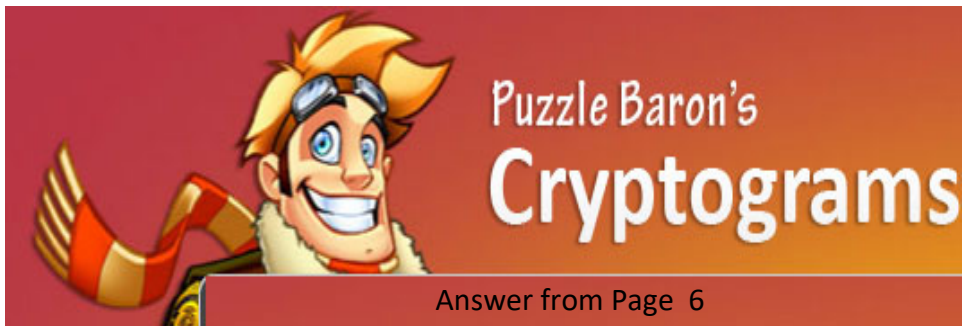
I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe.

Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life.

I Am Freemasonry.



Rocky Jackson
President George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. To Join ask him or fill out the form at
@http://gwmasonicstampclub.com/membership.php



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Cryptogram Solution



Sudoku

Answer from Page 4

3	4	6	8	9	1	5	7	2
2	9	1	7	3	5	6	8	4
5	7	8	2	6	4	3	9	1
8	5	9	4	7	3	1	2	6
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1	3	7	5	4	9	2	6	8
9	2	4	3	8	6	7	1	5
6	8	5	1	2	7	9	4	3

Masonic Word Puzzle

Answer from Page 2

D	K	B	M	I	A	Y	G	V	W	R	H	Y	U	L	S	D
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X	C	O	M	P	A	S	S	U	N	A	L	U	N	Q	U	Z

Our Brothers at Greenwood Cemetery



During a recent trip I visited many cemeteries and came across a vast number of brothers who let the world know that they were Masons. That got me to thinking. Who are our brothers that are buried at Greenwood Cemetery? One of the very first tombstones I came upon was that of Brother Charles E. Miller. Do you know our brother? Help fill in the unknown information regarding him.



Born: Oct. 5, 1926
 Location: Hamilton, OH
 Death: Dec. 8, 2001
 Location: Longwood, FL
 Plot: Section C, Lot 84, Grave 3
 EA: ?
 FC: ?
 MM: ?



Post Cards may be old fashioned, but they are a thing to treasure. The first one comes from the Cover of Masonic News, August 1927 Volume VIII, Number VIII



1946 Dayton Masonic Temple Postcard



Upcoming Area Scottish Rite

July 27	6 PM	Valley of Dayton	27th Degree	Dayton Masonic Center	\$5	Pizza and soda
July 30	8 AM	Locust Hills Golf Club	AASR Golf Outing	Locust Hills	\$65	through daytonassr.org
July 31	All Day	Valley Cincy & Dayton	Stricker's Grove Family Day	Stricker's Grove	\$15	through daytonassr.org
Sept. 4	1 PM	Valley of Cincinnati	Cincinnati Reds All Masons Day	Cincinnati Reds	\$30	through www.32masons.com

Grand Master's Roll-Out

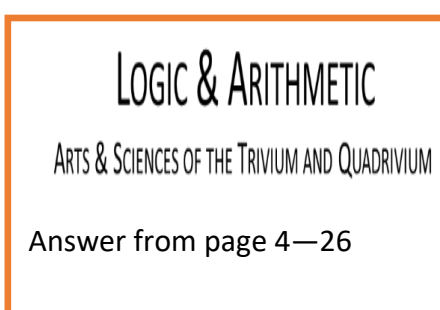
Right Worshipful Steve Grindle announced his 2022 Grand Master's Roll Out. Take notice that the nearest location to us, Huber Heights Lodge #777 is also his first presentation which will take place at 1 P.M. on Sunday August 7. Having attended this last year, you want to make sure to get there a bit early to be able to find a place to park without difficulty.

Date/Time	District/Lodge	Address
Sun., August 7, 1:00pm	Dist. 2, Huber Heights Lodge #777	7778 Wildcat Rd. Huber Heights, OH 45424
Sun., August 7, 7:00pm	Dist. 6, Amelia Lodge #590	290 Judd Rd. Amelia, OH 45102
Mon., August 8, 7:00pm	Dist. 7, Scioto Lodge #6	57 E. Main St. Chillicothe, OH 45601
Tue., August 9, 7:00pm	Dist. 17, Paramuthia Lodge #25	12 W. Carpenter St. Athens, OH 45701
Wed., August 10, 7:00pm	Dist. 23, Guernsey Lodge #66	730 Wheeling Ave Cambridge, OH 43725
Thu., August 11, 7:00pm	Dist. 14, University Lodge #631	2436 W. Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43235
Sat., August 13, 1:00pm	Dist. 10, Lima Lodge #205	2165 N. Cole Street Lima, OH 45801
Sat., August 13, 7:00pm	Dist. 20, Ashland Lodge #151	31 W. 11th St. Ashland, OH 44805
Sun., August 14, 1:00pm	Dist. 21, Canton Lodge #60	836 N. Market Ave. Canton, OH 44702
Sun., August 14, 7:00pm	Dist. 22, Quarry Lodge #382	366 Eastland Rd Berea, OH 44017
Wed., August 17, 7:00pm	Dist. 11, Toledo Ft. Industry Lodge #144	5025 Secor Rd. Toledo, OH 43623



Help for Ukraine

California Freemasons recently gave just over \$75,000 to assist with relief efforts in Ukraine to the International Red Cross. To read about the three Masonic jurisdictions coming together to give see <https://www.streetinsider.com/Globe+Newswire/California+Masons+Give+Over+%2475%2C000+for+Ukraine+Relief+to+the+International+Committee+of+the+Red+Cross/20353240.html>



In Massachusetts

The Great Barrington Masonic Temple Association purchased the former West Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club. Five lodges plan to hold meetings and events there. Residents were left reeling when a revised application more than doubled the number of events planned for this location to 270. Some residents have sued to block this permit. The next hearing is scheduled on Aug. 1. Read more about it at https://www.berkshireeagle.com/news/southern_berkshires/west-stockbridge-sportsmens-club-masonic-lodges-great-barrington-freemasons/

From Ohio

A Warren High School student received a scholarship from Ohio Masons to attend Ohio University in the fall to study mechanical engineering. Jacob Warfield just completed a 650 hour internship and also has received a scholarship from the Appalachian Ohio Manufacturer's Coalition.

To discover how Jacob Harmar Lodge No. 390 replace a badly damaged poll emblem read more at <https://www.mariettatimes.com/>



What is Ohio's official state bird?

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