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From The District

Just a few things from the district.

1st The Past Masters convocation on 12/04/04 at the Middletown temple.

Next don't forget the written ritual on 1/10/05 at the Middletown temple. Please plan to attend with questions in hand. You will need to tell what degree, page, and line your question is on.

A list of inspections will be posted at the beginning of each month. They are also posted on the web site.

Make sure you are checking the new web site as it grows. Please pass this on to your entire lodge.
www.secondmasonicdistrict.org.

Remember the Grand Masters class on 4/9/05. It will be here before you know it.

This letter will be emailed to each lodge and will be posted on the web site very shortly. It is important to pass this information to all brethren especially as it continues to grow.

If you have event announcements you would like to have listed in this Letter, please email Rick Shields at rshields1@cinci.rr.com.

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In Freemasonry, there are a number of words gathered from other organizations. “Convocation” is one. Webster’s describes it as an “assembly or meeting,” but more especially “..an assembly of the clergy, by their representatives, to consult on ecclesiastical affairs.”

In our fraternity, before a Worshipful Master is declared installed, he must attend and successfully complete the tests of a Convocation of Past Masters. The Convocation is convened by a District Deputy Grand Master and assures the Grand Lodge that the brother is prepared to be a Worshipful Master.

In the Second Masonic District, the District Deputy Grand Masters convene this meeting on the first Saturday of December in locations around the District. The morning session is a review of the Grand Master’s program for the Grand Lodge of Ohio and will be attended only by the Worshipful Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters. The afternoon session is a review of the tests above.

Worshipful Masters must attend the entire session. Past Masters of each Lodge are encouraged to attend the afternoon session and support their Worshipful Master.

To each of the Worshipful Masters who attend this Convocation of Past Masters, I say thank you for your service to your Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Ohio. You are continuing a tradition of your Lodge and the Grand Lodge that has been in existence for many years.

Pledge that your Masonic year will be fruitful and that you will aid and direct the brethren of your Lodge in a proper manner. The District Deputy Grand Masters of this District and the Grand Lodge Officers pledge that you will be assisted when called upon. Together we will work together for Freemasonry.

Terry W. Posey
Grand Marshal
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District Deputy Grand Masters

“One Moment in Time”

Our Grand Masters theme this year is “One Moment in Time”, and as I prepared for my Installation as District Deputy Grand Master, I understood that this was a significant moment in time. Not for me, although I am quite thankful for all that the fraternity has done for my personal growth, and the maturity I have attained in my middle years; but rather significant for the history of my lodge and the Past Masters that have established traditions, and set an example of leadership for others to follow. With that thought in mind, I set out to develop my remarks for the conclusion of the Installation ceremony in an attempt to say thank you to all of the Past Masters and members of my lodge and the many others within the Second District that lead by example and have contributed in so many ways to make our district ‘second to none’.

As I indicated that evening, I believe it is a worthwhile endeavor to become involved in an activity that supports and practices family values, community service, honesty and integrity. It is the foundation of our fraternity. Historically the membership has been made up of average men from all walks of life. Most were men who went about their jobs and professions with no hint that they were Masons except for the way they led their lives.

What point was I trying make? It is that there is a distinct relationship between the past and the present. As our fraternal forefather’s had their “moment in time,” the individual qualities and contributions of each were important in that time.

Today, the individual qualities, and talents of each Mason, make the potential for accomplishments by the fraternity almost limitless. Successful Masonic endeavors require original ideas, such ideas require distinct individuals, and it is they that are the very essence of Masonry.

The leadership within the Lodges of the Second District is well recognized within the fraternity. Today, as in the past, these men come from all walks of life, and lead quietly by example. I look forward to the opportunity to learn from them as our fraternity strives to ensure that we take full advantage of our “Moment in Time”; not only to further the goals of the fraternity; but to also support our communities and our various charities. To teach by example the importance of honor and integrity; and the importance of self control. Masonry teaches us to reach for a higher standard in conducting our lives. It is the confines within which I have supported and hope to further advance the principles upon which this fraternity was founded so many years ago.

I wish each of you much success in all your endeavors.

Cliff Koss
DDGM, 2nd Masonic District

Health News

BEWARE OF STROKE. IS IT A STROKE?

SOMETIMES SYMPTOMS OF A STROKE ARE DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LACK OF AWARENESS SPELLS DISASTER. THE STROKE VICTIM MAY SUFFER BRAIN DAMAGE WHEN PEOPLE NEARBY FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THE SYMPTOMS OF A STROKE. NOW DOCTORS SAY A BYSTANDER CAN RECOGNIZE A STROKE BY ASKING THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS:

THIS MIGHT BE A LIFESAVER IF WE CAN REMEMBER THE THREE QUESTIONS!

- 1. *ASK THE INDIVIDUAL TO SMILE.**
- 2. *ASK HIM/HER TO RAISE BOTH HANDS.**
- 3. *ASK THE PERSON TO SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE.**

IF HE/SHE HAS TROUBLE WITH ANY OF THESE TASKS, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY AND DESCRIBE THE SYMPTOMS TO THE DISPATCHER.

AFTER DISCOVERING THAT A GROUP OF NON-MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS COULD IDENTIFY FACIAL WEAKNESS, ARM WEAKNESS AND SPEECH PROBLEMS, RESEARCHERS URGED THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO LEARN THE THREE QUESTIONS. THEY PRESENTED THEIR CONCLUSIONS AT THE AMERICAN STROKE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING LAST FEBRUARY. WIDESPREAD USE OF THIS TEST COULD RESULT IN PROMPT DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF THE STROKE AND PREVENT BRAIN DAMAGE.

Lodge Announcements

Nothing this month