

# Second Masonic District

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## From The District

**Brethren,**

Congratulations to all the newly installed Worshipful Master's and their line officers. The DOA would like to wish all the lodges the very best for a prosperous year.

Jefferson and Lincoln Lodge hosted the **Past Master's Convocation** at Middletown Masonic Center. Those in attendance witnessed an excellent PM's Degree presented by our Present and Past DDGM's.

The **Typed Written Ritual** will be delivered to Trotwood Lodge #755 on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> for the District's review. The District Deputies will be on hand to answer questions on the ritualistic work and all line officers are encouraged to attend.

Please represent and support your lodge by that attending district functions and lodge inspections within the District. The President's Choice Award is based on this very theme. It will be awarded to the lodge that "*stands out*"; attending District functions, inspections leadership within the community and Grand Lodge activities.

## DOA Future Dates of Interest

EA and FC Concurrent Degree.	1/6/2008.	DMC
Founders Dinner.	1/11/2008.	DMC
MM Concurrent Degree.	1/11/2008.	Middletown Lodge
WM Recognition Dinner.	1/26/2008.	DMC
Second District Officers Mtg.	1/29/2008.	Easter Star Lodge



Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!!



Fraternally,

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Congratulations to all 2008 Masonic Officers. As the President of the District I must impress upon you that the Second Masonic District Officer Association is here to work for you and your lodge. Remember we will be happy to make announcements at the inspections for your lodges' upcoming events and we can also place your event on the District Web Page.

At the Past Master's Convocation your worshipful master was provided information on different awards that your lodge can win. He also has information on the 2008 Ad Sale program. I must stress that the sale of these ads is what makes The Grand Master's Reception a success for only \$20.00.

I hope you have heard information on the Founders Day Dinner on January 11th, 2008 at the Dayton Masonic Center. This will be a great night to take your lady out and show her a good night on the town. Your lodge secretary has tickets for the event. I look forward to spending the evening with you on the 11th.

I hope that everyone has a rewarding 2008 year.

Fraternally

Larry B. Cornett, President  
Second Masonic District Officer Association



# 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## THE GRAND LODGE F&AM OF OHIO

1808  2008

**FOUNDERS DINNER & CELEBRATION**

**DAYTON MASONIC CENTER**



**Friday, January 11, 2008**

Doors Open at 6:00 P.M. with Appetizers and Cash Bar

Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

Entertainment to Follow

Sponsored by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District Officer's Association

**For Tickets**

RWB Richard Poor - (937) 433 - 0572

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# District Deputy Grand Master

## “THE FLAG UNFURLS”

**I MUST UNFURL!** I can no longer stand silently by when so much is at stake for freedom in our world. Soldiers of our Armed Forces not only stand watch around the world, for to stand in harm's way is their command. This they do that we may thwart and ultimately defeat the forces of terrorist oppression. Even more, I call on all Americans and all Freemasons to realize that we, too, are soldiers in this struggle. I, the flag of your nation, must unfurl my voice and speak of sacrifice, steadfastness, and redemption for the future. I trust I shall never again be simply seen as a patriotic decoration – hanging there in school classrooms, out in front of public buildings, hovering over ball parks, and, yes, even there in your Lodge. Far too long, I was just hanging around as some vague reminder of America's bygone glory. “Old Glory,” you have even called me. But when you looked at me hanging there, did you see me? Did you really see the red, white and blue, the stars and the stripes? And in that vision was your heart stirred with gratitude for all that I, your nation's banner memorialize, hold dear, and keep sacred?

Must my red, white and blue run like tears, or dare I say, like blood, to startle you into an awareness of all that has been sacrificed for your freedom, especially that most precious freedom of all; the freedom of religion? Down through all of America's history, at every battle fought to preserve liberty, I was there. Soldiers died when their last vision on earth was seeing me unfurled and flowing. They did not sacrifice their lives simply because “duty called.” They gave the last full measure of devotion because they believed in liberty for all, democracy for all, and equal opportunity for all. My red stripes boldly memorialize the valor by which America's greatness has been upheld.

My white unfurls to remind you of the purity and innocence with which our nation was founded and at that time in human history when we stood up as a free and independent people. We alone, of all the nations of the world declared; ours would be a government of the people, by the people and for the people. I, your flag, envelop the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of these United States and the Bill of Rights. The rule of law, not the mob nor the elite, is the bulwark for our great land. The ballot box, not the gun, determines the will of the people, and we trust the will of God. Never before in all human history has the purity and purpose of the Lord God's free people been so affirmed and tested as in these United States. May my white stripes ever call you to be steadfast to the nobility and integrity on which America was founded.

Blue is the heavenly hue. As the blue in me unfurls, I call you to continue to live the vision that America may forever be the beacon for freedom, justice and equality; that we will be vigilant to stand against all tyranny and oppression; that your commitment to civil liberties and human rights, both in our own land and throughout the world will be unwavering, and that the ideals of democracy will continue to encircle and uplift the entire world, and that power and grace of the Eternal Grand Master shall ever challenge us to strive for the redemption of the whole world. May the blue so prominent in my banner always lift your eyes heavenward, so that you may never forget the true source of your sacred blessings.

So, I unfurl with flourish and indeed stand tall, even when I stood atop the World Trade Center and came crashing down. Or, when I am burned and shredded in the streets of countries we have set free. Or, I am mocked and trampled on even in our own land. Still I shall overcome because everything I stand for is invincible. I take my stand with the eternal truths of the Great Architect of the Universe, the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

For I have stood watch over the whole earth when a Masonic brother stepped onto the moon and saw me planted me there. From that vantage point, the possibilities of a more harmonious, more just, and more beautiful future were there for all to see. Indeed, there is yet more for me to speak, and you must write those lines with your lives.

The future, as yet unknown, lies open before you. I trust that the All Seeing Eye is ever seeing, and shaping and moving us to a more glorious future. Therefore, I ask you to believe in me, because I believe in you. Lift me up high and let me unfurl in ever-greater freedom, courage and Brotherly Love for the world that is yet to be. Whenever you gaze upon my glory remember: the red blood of freedom that courses through your veins; the pure white of your apron of labor and liberty; and, the blue Universal Lodge embracing all people and all nations. For I am the Flag of the United States of America and I unfurl with infinite possibilities and blessings for all. **SO MOTE IT BE!**

Rev. Dr. & R.W. Bro. Craig T. McClellan  
Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Ct. A .F. & A.M.

Submitted by,

**RWB Richard J. Shields**

# Lodge Announcements

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# District Advisor