



Second Masonic District

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MAY 2009

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*Note: Middle name initials missing to make this month's quiz more challenging!

MAY INSPECTIONS

DAY	DATE	LODGE	DEG	DDGM	S/T	MEAL	OPEN
		Trotwood 755 LOCATION CHANGE: BROOKVILLE LODGE					
THU	7-May		FC	WGB	TUX	No	7 PM
SAT	9-May	Butlerville 135	EA	LBC	SUIT	No	7 PM



GRAND LODGE BUS TRIP

Support R.W. Bro. Terry Posey as he becomes Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. For \$48, including lunch, you can ride, relax, and not worry about parking. **Saturday, October 17** leaving the Dayton Masonic Center at 7 a.m. (expected return 7 p.m.). Seats must be reserved by **October 1st** by contacting W.B. Mike Johnson at (513)885-1627 or (513)737-6576.

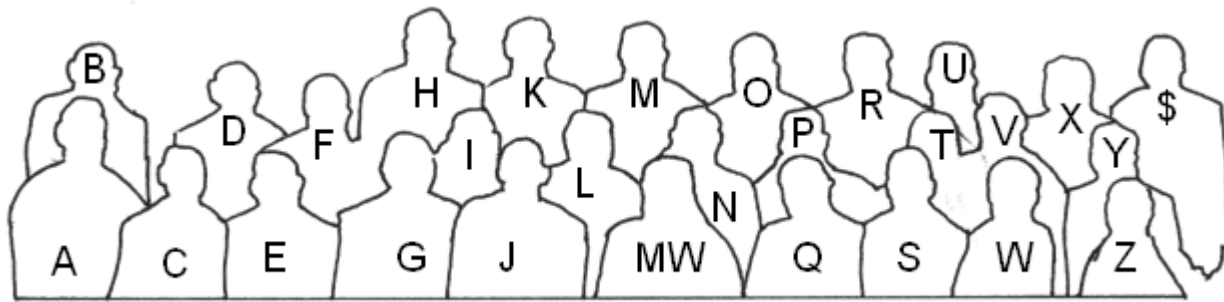


PILLARS PROGRAM/R.W. BRO. POSEY ROLL-OUT



Each year, the incoming Grand Master, with the Grand Lodge Education Committee, introduces interesting programs and annual plans for the Grand Lodge. The event is casual dress and, for the Second and Third Districts, will be held at the Dayton Masonic Center on **Tuesday, June 23rd at 7 p.m.** All Officers and Brethren are invited. If you cannot attend this date, see the 2nd District Web site (secondmasonicdistrict.org) for other presentation times and locations.

APRIL QUIZ answers – KNOW THY MASTER (photo from April issue)



At the Grand Master's Reception, the Second District was represented by 27 of the 35 Masters. Can you identify them? (Hint...MW is the Grand Master! Also, Lodges are in # order...not Master last name sequence. Two examples are provided. The "INSPECTION WITH MASTERS" tab on the 2nd District Web Page can help verify your work.

<http://www.secondmasonicdistrict.citymax.com/Inspwmasters2009.html>

MASTER	LODGE #
A	15 777
B	8 737
C	11 784
D	28 159
E	13 755
F	19 135
G	1 730
H	30 93
I	23 730
J	10 742
K	16 90
L	9 729
M	35 82
MW	Charles R Murphy
N	20 719
O	14 67
P	27 716
Q	32 686
R	21 55
S	5 678
T	2 693
U	25 26
V	26 17
W	12 596
X	7 13
Y	33 163
Z	6 405
\$	4 482

MASTERS
1 Lawrence R. Atchison
2 Stanley T. Benner
3 John D. Berthy
4 Laurie T. Brehm
5 Francisco J. Cadena
6 Howard F. Cook
7 Jeffrey Glenn Flora
8 William Fowler
9 Arnold D. Grubb
10 Larry W. Hall
11 Jack M. Harless
12 Robert Herr Jr.
13 William F. Hoover
14 Jeffrey Hoskins
15 James A. Haugen
16 Kevin Johnson
17 Fred Keyser
18 Darin E. Kirkpatrick
19 Joshua D. LaSeur
20 Joseph L. McQueen
21 Paxton Mendelssohn
22 Robert Parks
23 Douglas N. Pelfrey
24 David Phipps
25 Kirk Ramsey
26 Harold M. Reed
27 James C. Scenters Jr.
28 Dwight D. Seals
29 Doug Siebert
30 Jason R. Sorah
31 Roland Stinnette
32 Russell VieBrooks Jr.
33 Gavin F. Whitacre
34 R. Les Wills
35 Lowell G. Young

LODGES
St. Johns 13
Washington 17
Lebanon 26
Eastern Star 55
Oxford 67
Libanus 80
Bolivar 82
King Hiram 88
Jefferson 90
Minerva 98
Fellowship 106
Butlerville 135
Dayton 147
Camden 159
Waynesville 163
Germantown 257
Morrow 265
Mystic 405
Farmersville 482
Brookville 596
Mason 678
Hugh L. Bates 686
Lincoln 693
John W. Durst 716
Benjamin Franklin 719
Alpha 729
Solar 730
West Carrollton 737
Vandalia 742
Englewood 743
Trotwood 755
High Point 773
Huber Heights 777
Millennium 779
Far Hills 784

MAY CHALLENGE

Go with your "initial" answer! Put the correct middle name initial in the following names:

Use the following letters:

A A B D D G J L R W W

R.W.	Walter	<input type="text"/>	Barner, Jr.
R.W.	Steven	<input type="text"/>	Behme
R.W.	Larry	<input type="text"/>	Cornett
W.B.	Eric	<input type="text"/>	Flasher
R. W.	Jerry	<input type="text"/>	Hatton
W.B.	Michael	<input type="text"/>	Johnson
R.W.	Gary	<input type="text"/>	Nicholson
R.W.	Terry	<input type="text"/>	Posey
R.W.	Carlos	<input type="text"/>	Pratt
R.W.	Richard	<input type="text"/>	Shields
W.B.	Bryan	<input type="text"/>	Worley

EDUCATION LESSON

R.W. Brother Jerry Hatton delivered this lesson at a recent inspection.

PREPARATION FOR INITIATION

Ideally, a candidate should find his own way to the door of Freemasonry. When he feels in his heart a desire for a deeper understanding of life than he has experienced before, he will seek it in the Masonic Fraternity. This turning of the heart is really the beginning of his initiation. Therefore, each candidate who comes seeking light is said to be first prepared in his heart.

While Freemasonry is not a religion, its ceremonies are of a serious nature, dignified in their presentation and impart teachings that, if properly understood, obligate a man to lead a better life. To get the greatest good from the ceremonies, a candidate should first prepare his mind to understand and absorb these teachings. The candidate should pay strict attention to every part of the ceremony, in order that he may gain some understanding of the teachings of Freemasonry. The methods we use in teaching may be new and unusual to the candidate, but these methods have been used for many centuries and have not changed significantly since they originated.

DULY AND TRULY PREPARED

Being duly and truly prepared refers to the wearing of special garments furnished by the Lodge to emphasize our concern with man's internal qualifications, rather than his worldly wealth and honors. By wearing these garments, the candidate signifies the sincerity of his intentions. The candidate is not to bring into the Lodge room his passions or prejudices, so that harmony, which is one of the chief concerns of Masonry, will not be destroyed.

Being duly and truly prepared also refers to the state of a man's heart and soul as he seeks admission into our Order.

THE HOODWINK

The symbolism of the hood-wink is twofold: first, it emphasizes the veil of secrecy and silence surrounding the mysteries of Freemasonry; secondly, it represents the mystical darkness, or lack of knowledge of the uninitiated.

THE CABLE-TOW

The Cable-Tow is a rope such as would be used to tow or restrain. It is also generally regarded as a symbol of the voluntary and complete acceptance of, and pledged compliance with, whatever Masonry may have in store. To many, the Cable-Tow is symbolic of the umbilical cord, which is necessary to begin life; but is severed when love and care replace it, and the individual grows on his own. The length of the Cable-Tow is frequently referred to in the language of Freemasonry, but many of the new Brethren do not understand its meaning. In Ancient times, a Cable-Tow was deemed to be the distance one could travel in an hour, which was assumed to be about three miles. Each Mason is bound to all other Masons by a tie as long and as strong as he himself determines his ability will permit.

ENTERING THE LODGE

As an Entered Apprentice takes his first step into the Lodge room, he enters into a New World: the world of Freemasonry. He leaves the darkness, destitution and helplessness of the world for the light and warmth of this new existence. It is not an idle formality, but a genuine experience, the beginning of a new career in which duties, rights and privileges are real. If a candidate is not to be an Apprentice in name only, he must stand ready to do the work upon his own nature that will make him a different man. Members are called craftsmen because they are workmen. Lodges are quarries because they are scenes of toil. Freemasonry offers no privileges or rewards except to those who earn them; it places working tools, not playthings, in the hands of its members. To become a Mason is a solemn and serious undertaking. Once the step is taken, it may well change the course of a man's life.

NEWSLETTER

If you have information that would be valuable to the Brethren of the Second District, please send it to W.B. Eric Flasher at eric_flasher@yahoo.com. Also, send him any Lodge announcements such as community meals or other fund raising activities. The Second District Newsletter is issued the first of each month. To do this, please submit any articles at least seven days prior to the end of the month for the next month's edition. The deadline for January's edition is Thursday, December 25th. (This gives a few days to format, proofread, and gain approvals for the newsletter.) Earlier submissions will always be appreciated!

MANY DISTRICT ACTIVITIES COMING UP...

Check secondmasonicdistrict.org for full details!