

Second Masonic District

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From The District

Brethren,

December is upon us and has started off very busy. The new district deputies have been installed and are looking for a great 3 years. The Past Master Convocation is December 2nd at the Hamilton Masonic Center.

Congratulations to all the Worshipful Masters that were chosen to lead their lodges in 2007. If you have not been installed yet please send your installation date to the 2nd Masonic District Web page. This information will be added to the up coming events.

On December 14th at Minerva Lodge the District will have the Type Written Ritual. The Type Written Ritual is the cipher ritual written out. This is an opportunity for brethren to ask questions regarding words in the cipher. Please bring your cipher with you and your questions. The District Deputies will require page and line number for the word you have questions about.

Please remember that the District Officer Association is here to assist you and your lodge. The District Officer Association will be making announcements at the inspections. If your lodge has a special event coming up please provide that information to a district officer so it can be announced.

Fraternally,

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Brethren

I am pleased to say that Grand Lodge in the Dayton Masonic Center was a huge success. The staff of the DMC did an outstanding job in preparing the Center for such a large gathering and from all accounts, it went extremely well.

For those of you present, you saw the dedication of the Ohio Historical Marker on the east side of the DMC. It was an honor to take part and about 500 people got to see that dedicated, as well as Belmonte Park North given the honorary name of Reverend Edward A. Puff Blvd. Reverend Puff was a wonderful man and the world is a lonelier place because he is gone.

The Officers of the Second District have now been obligated and they are planning for a wonderful year. We have two new District Deputy Grand Masters, RWB Steve D. Behme (PM of Stillwater # 616 in 1990 and Past Commander-in-Chief of Dayton Consistory and RWB Rick Shields who is a PM of Washington #17 and Immediate Past President of the Second District Officers Association).

We thank our outgoing District Deputy Grand Masters, RWB William Mayberry Jr., and RWB Carlos Pratt, who have excelled at every assignment. RWB Pratt has been elected the Secretary-Treasurer of the District Officers Association.

Finally, we thank WB Donald Overholser who has been Secretary-Treasurer for the past 16 years. He has asked repeatedly to be replaced due to work, and we finally had a replacement for him and permitted him to step down.

I look forward to seeing the incoming Worshipful Masters at the Convocation.

Terry W. Posey
Junior Grand Warden

District Deputy Grand Masters

Asked Myself

I watched them tearing the building down,
a group of men in a busy town.
With a ho heave ho and lusty yell,
they swing a beam and a side wall fell.
I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,
the kind I'd hire if I wanted to build?"
He gave a laugh and said no indeed,
why common labor is all I need.
These men can wreck in a day or two
what builders have taken years to do.
I asked myself as I went my way,
which of these roles have I tried to play?
Have I been a builder that works with care,
measuring my deeds by the rule and square?
Or am I a wrecker that stalks the town,
content with the job of tearing it down?

- author unknown

Submitted By: Rick Shields
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The Candidate

By RW Alan R. Heath
Grand Lodge of Maine

It was his dream to become a Mason,
Though he wasn't sure quite why.
So he made an application,
Then waited months for a reply.

No committee came to pay a call,
To meet him and his wife,
No invitation to Mason's hall;
Nor offer of advice.

Finally a postcard in the mail,
Said, "come Monday night at six,
And bring us twenty dollars,
If you want to see our tricks."

He made that solitary journey,
And entered by the door,
But not one hand was offered,
As he slowly crossed the floor.

They fed him beans and hot dogs,
And a piece of apple pie,
Then lead him to a little room,
With no explanation why.

The work was done with care and skill,
No one could argue that.
But, the candidate was forgotten,
As they patted themselves on the back.

He came to the lodge hall two more times,
And was raised to the third degree.
That was the last time they saw him.
What could the trouble be?

They scratched their heads and wondered,
As again they cried and moaned, "Our time has all been wasted!"
"We should have stayed at home."

It seems to me that they've missed the point,
But they need to understand.
It's not just how well you do the work,
It's how you treat the man.

Because you can only be a Mason,
When you're a Mason in your heart;
And along with his jacket seams,
They had burst his dream apart.

So, if you get an application,
Please, call on that man at once.
Invite him and his family,
To tour your hall and share some lunch.

Answer all his questions,
Let him share your pride.
A Mason's work, is honest work;
That's not a secret to hide.

And when it's time to present him,
With the gift of a degree,
Remember, genuine friendship is,
The true gift of masonry.

Pick him up and take him home.
Isn't he worth the trip?
No candidate should come alone.
Please, don't ignore this tip.

All should rush to greet him,
As he enters by your door.
Extend your hand in friendship,
That's what a Mason's grip is for.

And remember your obligation,
As you lead him to the gate.
It's up to you to guide him through,
Not to hurt or humiliate.

Now armed with proper instruction,
Masonry's door will open wide,
Thanks to you, his best example,
Of what a Mason should be inside.

And thank him sincerely for coming.
Invite him back to his new home.
For a brother will not be a brother,
If he feels unwelcome and alone.

Submitted By: Walt Barner

President 2nd Masonic District

Lodge Announcements

Please see the main page on the website. (secondmasonicdistrict.org)

