

Second Masonic District

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From The District

Brethren,

A few important dates to remember. We hope to see as many of brethren as possible at each of these events.

There will be a reconsecration of Morrow Lodge by the Grand Lodge Officers on May 7, 2005 at 9:00AM. This is a change in time. Directions are available by clicking on the picture of the lodge under Lodges on the web page.

There will be a table lodge with Prince Hall on May 21st at the Dayton Masonic Center at 6:30 pm.

Masonic home day will be in Springfield this year on June 5th. Help is still needed. If you can help, please contact Greg Clatterbuck at 937-435-6680.

The outdoor raising will be at 4:00 pm. On June 11th in Waynesville at a cost of \$5.00.

Golf outing will be on June 27th at Weatherwax in Middletown. More info to follow.

Our Deputy Grand Master will be in Dayton on July 12th to roll out his program for next year. It is important for all senior wardens to attend as well as any other interested officers. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. An will last about an hour.

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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Brethren, please note the following:

"Tax Relief Bill needs Your Support!

Representative and Worshipful Brother Jim Hughes of Columbus has introduced House Bill 170, which would make property owned by qualifying fraternal orders and used primarily for administrative or meeting purposes exempt from property tax. Those qualifying fraternal orders are the Masons, Prince Hall Masons, Knights of Columbus, Grange, and the Odd Fellows, all of which have had a state governing body for at least 100 years and qualify for exemption from taxation under section 501c10, 501c8 or 501c5 of the IRS code.

House Bill 170 needs the active and immediate support of every Ohio Mason. Please contact your local State Representative and ask him or her to support this bill. You can contact your local representative by visiting www.house.state.oh.us or by calling 800-282-0253.

During the last biennial session, the same bill, under the name House Bill 467, passed the House but died in committee in the Senate.

More information regarding this bill can be obtained by contacting the Grand Lodge office at 800-292-6092 or by visiting the Grand Lodge website www.freemason.com."

Thank you for your help with this important matter.
Please consider printing the above information in your
Lodge newsletters.

Fraternally,
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Terry W. Posey
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District Deputy Grand Masters

Received this from Bro. Will Jackson, thought you might enjoy it.

THE DEGREES OF MASONRY

THE MASTER MASON

WHAT SEEKEST THOU? Still further light in Masonry, even the Light that sees through the Shadow into the life of things. As an Apprentice I have been taught the morality that purifies youth, and as a Fellowcraft the knowledge that glorifies manhood: learning the wisdom that lives upon the Level, by the Square, within the Compasses, in the spirit of Brotherly Love, the practice of Relief, in the quest of Truth. In humble awe and longing I seek a Lost Word which murmurs in my ears and trembles on my lips, but eludes my speech and escapes into Silence.

BY WHAT RIGHT OR BENEFIT? By the right of a man to know the meaning of his life, so brief at its longest, so broken at its best; and by the benefit of a need too deep for tears. Life ends in death, and every ray of light is tipped with darkness. We are born, we struggle up into strength, we seek the truth, we train our hands to do good, and our quest and sorrow are met by death. The longest

service, the most faithful labor, the highest dream ends in the grave, which divides Divinity with God, engulfing the loves of life and the fellowships of years!

KNEEL AT YON ALTAR! Know, O Brother Man, the secret which thou seekest is concealed within thyself; the Lost Word thou wouldst hear is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. Nay, the Word is very nigh unto thee, it is in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. Hear this promise: if thou art willing and worthy, thou mayest know the truth that makes all other truth true, and be free indeed. Learn this truth: since thou art immortal thou art immortal now --- hast thou the courage and humility and integrity to risk all and make trial of truth?

O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, by the strong grip of faith and the power of an Endless Life! God is here, eternity is now, and death is but the shadow of life! Truth is lord of death: Love can never lose its own: the sky begins at the top of the ground! Life is the radiant, all-conquering reality, and death but a cloud-shadow wandering over a valley! O my Soul, remember and rejoice --- life is a moment of Eternity live in Time!

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Carlos R. Pratt

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Lodge Announcements

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

Inspections

Only one more inspection. Butlerville #135 will be in the Fellocraft degree on May 14th.
Lodge will open at 7:00 pm. With refreshments following.

