

# Second Masonic District

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## From The District

Brethren,

As we are entering summer se still have some important events coming up.

June 5 is Masonic Home day in Springfield, Ohio

Special dedication with Ill. Bro. Carl Lindner.

June 11 is the outdoor raising in Waynesville, Ohio.

4:00 pm.

June 24 is the Special Olympics in Columbus, Ohio.

6:00 pm. (need to be there by 5:30).

June 27 is the Benny Roush golf outing in Middletown, Ohio

July 12 is the Deputy Grand Masters Program for next year.

Dayton Masonic Center 7:00 pm.

August 21 is the corner stone laying in Brookville, Ohio.

Brookville High School at 2:0 pm.

Check Lodge announcements on the web page for more events.

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

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## District Advisor

Brethren

As we are winding down for the summer, we must realize that our Masonic year is not over. I realize that the inspections have come and gone, as has the Grand Master's Class, but we, as Masons, must travel on.

Our Ohio Masonic Home Day is June 5. There is a church service at 10:00am, followed by the various booths and activities at 11:00am. The Second District booth is always an excellent way to work and spend your time, or just examine the goods and spend your money. This year, at the introductions, the Second District will be pleased to present to our Brother David Bannerman, the CEO of the Home, and to our Grand Master, a gift from the District. I hope we all can be there for that presentation.

Additionally, this summer, as Masons, we must care for our widows and orphans and those brethren needing assistance. Please do not forget them.

The Outdoor Raising is June 11, 2005. If you haven't attended, please come out and enjoy the fellowship and the work.

I will see you soon

Terry W. Posey  
Grand Marshal  
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# District Deputy Grand Masters

## **Franklin's words should encourage school prayer!**

Again the issue of prayer in public schools is in the news. Congress is attempting to take the necessary steps to permit such prayer. This should bring back memories of Benjamin Franklin's great oration regarding prayer at the Constitutional Convention, and that, to this day, a member of the clergy opens sessions of Congress with prayer.

If daily prayer is proper at sessions of our Congress, why then should it not be proper in our schools where our children get their early training?

Here then, again, is Franklin's great oration: "Mr. President: The small progress we have made after four or five weeks' close attention and continual reasoning with each other, our different sentiments on almost every question, several of the last producing as many Nays as Ayes is, methinks, a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the human understanding. We indeed seem to feel our own want of political wisdom, since we have been running all about in search of it. We have gone back to ancient history for models of government, and examined the different forms of those Republics, which having been originally formed with the seeds of their dissolution, now no longer exist. And we have viewed modern states all around Europe, but find none of their constitutions suitable to our circumstances. In this situation of this assembly, groping as it were in the dark, to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not, hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Light to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for the divine protection! Our prayers, Sir, were heard; and they were generously answered.

"All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a super intending Providence in our favor. To that kind of Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend, or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? I have lived, Sir, for a longtime, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men.

And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that – 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this: and I also

believe that without his concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided in our little partial local interests, our projects will be confounded and we, ourselves, shall become a reproach and a byword to future ages.”

“And what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing government by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war or conquest. I therefore beg leave to move – ‘That henceforth, prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service.’”

The almost immediate progress in deliberations following the new policy of prayer was astounding.

Is this not sufficient encouragement for us to urge our Congress to adopt an amendment to the Constitution permitting prayer in our public schools?

Carlos R. Pratt

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## Lodge Announcements

**Please see the main page on the website. ([secondmasonicdistrict.org](http://secondmasonicdistrict.org))**

## Inspections

Next years inspections will be posted as soon as they are available.

## A MASON'S WIFE

From active Masons, resolute,  
Our wives and families we salute,  
We surely know the price you pay,  
Who sit alone while we're away,  
No high Degrees on you conferred,  
In Lodge, your name is seldom heard,  
You serve our cause through out of sight,  
While sitting home alone tonight,  
Masonic papers list our names,  
Awards are given, fit to frame,  
But yours is absent...you strive,  
To keep our fortitude alive,  
You're part of every helpful deed,  
On your encouragement we feed;  
Without your blessings, how could we,  
Continue acts of charity?  
And so, this poem, we dedicate,  
To every Master Mason's mate;  
And offer our undying love,  
Rewards await in Heaven above.

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Submitted by

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