

Second Masonic District

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From The District

Brethren,

I'd like to thank all the Brethren who have traveled to the first 30 inspections this year. I know the weather is going to warm up but don't forget the last 6 inspections.

The next D.O.A. meeting will be held at Brookville Lodge #596 on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00PM.

April's Quotes

“Never let the word impossible stop you from pursuing what your heart and spirit urge you to do. Impossible things come true everyday”. Robert Cooper

“Most of the things worth doing in the world were said to be impossible before they were done”. Louis Brandies

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 Walt Barner at wbarner@woh.rr.com

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Brethren,

We are now halfway through the Inspection season and I hope all of you would continue the outstanding attendance at our inspections.

There are a number of dates coming up that I think are important. On March 16, the Grand Master is coming into the District for the Inspection of Huber Heights Lodge # 777. We are pleased that the CEO of our Masonic Homes, WB David Bannerman, is the current Master and some of the Grand Lodge Officers will be present for the work. I encourage your attendance.

Our Grand Master will again be in the District on March 18 for the re-consecration of Trotwood Lodge and the cornerstone laying at Farmersville Lodge. If you have never been at one of the ceremonies, you should take the time to attend. It is an interesting event that most Masons never see. Later on March 18, the Second District Reception for our Grand Master will be held at the Dayton Masonic Center. Most of the Grand Lodge Officers and quite a few Past Grand Masters will be present. I urge your attendance.

Later in the month, on March 21, the Grand Master will be present at the Inspection of Alpha Lodge. This inspection is of note because it is the last inspection of our beloved District Deputy Grand Master RWB Carlos Pratt. RWB Pratt and RWB William Mayberry Jr. (whose last inspection is at Waynesville Lodge) have been outstanding District Deputies and close personal friends of mine and I am very saddened to see them retire at the end of this Masonic year. They have served the Grand Lodge and you very well. If you get a chance, thank them for their service.

Have safe travels.

Terry W. Posey
Grand Orator

District Deputy Grand Masters

The Candidate

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.

Provided By: WB Al Blevins

**Submitted By:
R.W.Bro. Cliff Koss**

I SEE...YOU'VE TRAVELED SOME

Wherever you may chance to be
Wherever you may roam,
Far away in foreign lands,
Or just at Home, Sweet Home;
It always gives you pleasure
It makes your heart strings hum
Just to hear the words of cheer
"I see you've traveled some."

When you get the brother's greeting
And he takes you by the hand.
It thrills you with a feeling
That you cannot understand.
You feel that bond of Brotherhood
That tie that's sure to come
When you hear him say in a friendly way
"I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,
In strange lands all alone,
If fate has left you stranded-
Dead broke and far from home,
It thrills you - makes you dumb
When he says, with a grip of fellowship,
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,
to take a last long trip,
Adorned with Lambskin Apron White
And gems of fellowship;
The Tiler at the Golden Gate,
With square and rule and plumb
Will size up your pin, and say,
"Walk in- I see you've traveled some."

Submitted By:

Walt Barner
1st VP Second Masonic District

Lodge Announcements

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

Inspections

Day	Date	Lodge	Deg	Meal	Open
Thurs.	Apr. 6	High Point 773	FC	No	7PM
Thurs.	Apr. 20	Lebanon 26*	MM	6PM	7PM
Thurs.	Apr. 27	Trotwood 755*	FC	No	7PM
Fri.	Apr. 28	Germantown 257	FC	6PM	7PM
Sat.	Apr. 28	Solar 730	FC	No	9AM
Sat.	May 13	Butlerville 135	EA	No	7PM

*Indicates Lucky 7 Trophy Lodge

