

# Second Masonic District

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## From The District

Brethren,

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all and may the Luck of the **Irish** be with you.

We like to thank all the Lodges who participated in the Grand Masters reception ad program for another successful year.

The Grand Master's reception is Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>. The last day to purchase dinner tickets is March 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact your W.M. for further details.

## March's Quote

**May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live.**

**Irish Proverb**

**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](mailto: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

## *Living the Principles of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth*

Submitted by: **RWB Cliff Koss** (extracted from a variety of sources)

It is true that no atheist can become a Mason. Our fraternity is made up of men who are of good moral character and believe in the existence of Almighty God and a belief in the Supreme Being, no matter by what name He is called, or what faith the person professes. To be good men and true is the first lesson we are taught in masonry.

To live the principles of freemasonry we must each remember:

- To strive to understand and appreciate freemasonry's high ideals and objectives and put to actual practice its motto of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth".
- That we must possess Patriotism & Loyalty to our country and the Fraternity at all times and understand that it is our duty.
- That we should strive to do unto others, as we would wish others would do unto us.
- That Charity is the predominant characteristic of a Freemason's heart. He is always expected to "give" to Freemasonry rather than expect to "receive" anything from it for personal benefit.
- That we must strive to practice outside the Lodge those duties & virtues that we are taught inside the Lodge.

In that regard, freemasonry teaches us –

to be kind in the home,  
love for one another,  
courtesy in society,  
resistance towards evil,  
help for the weak,  
empathy and concern for the unfortunate,  
forgiveness for the penitent,  
fairness in work,  
honesty in business,  
and above all, reverence and love for God. In fact Freemasonry is a Way of Life.

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are the three great Tenets of a Freemason.

Brotherly Love - Is the strongest cement of the Order, and without it the Fraternity would soon cease to exist. By it we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, to aid support and protect each other.

Relief - Flows from Brotherly Love, and it is a duty incumbent on all men: to soothe the afflictions of others, relieve the distressed and restore peace to their troubled minds.

Truth – Is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every Virtue. One of the earliest lessons we learn in Freemasonry is to be zealous in the pursuit of truth, and to dispense it freely.

Freemasonry teaches us that the Precious Jewels of our fraternity are an Attentive Ear, an Instructive Tongue and a Faithful Heart.

An Attentive Ear - Is to be given to the instructions of your superiors and to a request for assistance rendered by a poor and distressed, but worthy, Brother. All too often the Entered Apprentice having availed himself of the virtue of membership, crosses the portal of Freemasonry then satisfies himself with indolent procrastination: merely scratching the surface of the subject, not realizing that with just a small application of effort, he might be rewarded by a rich seam of knowledge and a treasure-house of moral teachings.

An Instructive Tongue - Is the sanctuary of Prudence and Discretion. This virtue is essential to Freemasons in order that the veil, behind which our Mysteries are hidden, might not be incautiously drawn aside. It ought also to remind us that we should, "speak evil of no man" and that it is more honorable to vindicate than to accuse.

A Faithful Heart - Is required to fulfill your obligations. It is the safest repository in which you can lock up your secrets, and exemplify your Honor and Fidelity.

How many times do we attend lodge and listen to the work, but not comprehend its meaning? Each time we attend lodge, the opportunity is right before us to re-dedicate ourselves to these principles. When put in the proper perspective, we can easily remember why we maintain our membership in this fraternity. Simply remember the Square, Level and Plumb.

The Square - is the emblem of Morality and Virtue, reminding us to square our actions and harmonize our conduct by the unalterable principles of the moral law as laid down for our pursuit in the Volume of the Sacred Law. We are obligated to act upon the Square with all Mankind, no less than with our brethren in Freemasonry.

The Level - is the emblem of Equality, and reminds us that we are descended from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share the same hope. In the sight of the Supreme Architect, all men are equal; and the time will come when all distinctions save those of goodness shall cease, and Death, the grand leveler of all human greatness shall reduce us to the same state.

The Plumb - is the emblem of Justness and Uprightness, and admonishes us to hold the scales of Justice with an equal poise, and to make our conduct coincide with the line of our duty, which is to walk uprightly in our several stations before the Supreme Architect, and fellow man.

Within this article are numerous phrases that each of us have heard many times before. Are they, once again, just phrases from our rituals, or do they hold special meaning to you? Do we practice them as we strive to insure our everyday lives are governed by these basic principles?

## "Last Night I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt"

Last night I knelt where Hiram knelt  
And took an obligation  
Today I'm closer to my God,  
And I'm a Master Mason.

To' heretofore my fellow men  
Seemed each one like the other,  
Today I search each one apart;  
I'm looking for "My Brother."

And, as I feel this friendly grip,  
It fills my heart with pride;  
I know that while I'm on the square  
That he is on my side.

His footsteps on my errand go  
If I should such require;  
His prayers will plead in my behalf  
If I should so desire.

My words are safe within his breast  
As though within my own;  
His hand forever at my back  
To help me safely home.

Good Council whispers in my ear  
And warns at any danger;  
By square and compass, Brother now!  
Who once would call me stranger.

I might have lived a moral life  
And risen to distinctions  
Without my Brother's helping hand  
And fellowship of Masons.

But God, who knows how hard it is  
To resist life's temptations,  
Knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt  
And took that obligation.

**Submitted By:**

**Walt Barner**  
**1<sup>st</sup> VP Second Masonic District**

## Lodge Announcements

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

## Inspections

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Lodge</b>       | <b>Deg</b> | <b>Meal</b> | <b>Open</b> |
|------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sat.       | Mar. 4      | Waynesville 163    | MM         | <b>8AM</b>  | <b>9AM</b>  |
| Mon.       | Mar. 6      | Millennium 779*    | MM         | 6PM         | 7PM         |
| Thurs.     | Mar. 9      | Ben Franklin 719   | EA         | No          | 7PM         |
| Tues.      | Mar. 14     | Fellowship 106     | MM         | 6PM         | 7PM         |
| Wed.       | Mar. 15     | Mason 678          | MM         | 6PM         | 7PM         |
| Thurs.     | Mar. 16     | Huber Heights 777* | EA         | 6PM         | 7PM         |
| Tues.      | Mar. 21     | Alpha 729          | EA         | 6PM         | 7PM         |
| Thurs.     | Mar. 23     | Oxford 67          | FC         | 6PM         | 7PM         |
| Fri.       | Mar. 24     | Brookville 596     | MM         | 6PM         | 7PM         |
| Thurs.     | Mar. 30     | Bolivar 82*        | MM         | 6PM         | 7PM         |
| Thurs.     | Apr. 6      | High Point 773     | FC         | No          | 7PM         |

\*Indicates Lucky 7 Trophy Lodge



