

Second Masonic District

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From The District

Happy Father's Day to all of the Fathers and Grandfathers of the Second District.

June will be a very busy month starting with the **Masonic Home Day** on June 4th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This is a great day for the entire family as there will be the Shrine Parade, Clowns, Face Painting and of course the "FOOD" prepared and served by the Second Masonic District. The **Outdoor Raising** will take place in Waynesville on June 10th starting at 4:00 PM. Please see or call any District Officer or DDGM for tickets and directions.

On Friday, June 23rd, the **Special Olympics** will be held in Columbus beginning at 6:00 PM. And finally, the **Benny Roush Golf Outing** will be on June 26th in Arcanum. Contact WB Rick Shields for more information.

Everyone have a great and safe summer.

June's Quote

"Somehow, year after year, Dad managed to take us on vacations he couldn't afford to provide, in order to make memories we couldn't afford to be without".

Richard Exley

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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District Advisor

Brethren,

As I write this, the Grand Lodge Officers are winding down their receptions for the Masonic year. We have traveled around the State of Ohio and as of May 1, 2006 have completed 18 receptions and have 7 more to attend, including next weekend's receptions in the 6th District and the 1st District, which are in the Cincinnati area.

Additionally, the inspections by the District Deputy Grand Masters are winding down. I do wish to commend those brethren who have attended more than 21 inspections including RWB Carlos Pratt who as of this writing has not missed an inspection. The work this year has been outstanding in most cases and the attendance has been very good.

New officers of the Valley of Dayton AASR were elected and appointed and then installed on April 30, 2006. I wish to congratulate all of them, many of which are active in our District Officers Association and as District Deputy Grand Masters. The list of those installed is elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am sorry to report of the passing of the Illustrious Brother Walter Webber 33rd Degree, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction AASR. His fight with cancer was well fought and courageous but in the end, he was called home. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Brethren, Please attend Ohio Masonic Home Day June 4.

Terry W. Posey
Grand Orator

District Deputy Grand Masters

If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life;
who, without blemish, fulfils his duty as a man, a subject, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without pretention, and aids his fellowman without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who experiences unwelcome changes in prosperity but does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger;

The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity;
who in nature sees the finger of the Eternal Master; who feels and adores the higher destination of man; to whom faith, hope and charity are not mere words without any meaning; to whom property, even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defense of truth;

The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbor; who endeavors to oppose errors without arrogance, and to promote intelligence without impatience; who properly understands how to estimate and employ his abilities; who honors virtue though it may be in the most humble garment, and who does not favor vice though it be clad in purple; and who administers justice to merit whether dwelling in palaces or cottages.

The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, can do, or will do, but where need is will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, and then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good!

If you, my Brethren meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.

Excerpted from "The History of Freemasonry" by Otto Klotz, *The Canadian Craftsman*, March 15, 1868. M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz was an honorary Past Grand Master of the [Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario](#).

Submitted By:
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I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON, HE LEAD ME TO THE DOOR, TAUGHT ME HOW TO KNOK AND KNEEL UPON THE FLOOR!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON, HE WAS MY FAITHFUL GUIDE, AND I WOULD FEAR NO DANGER FOR HE WAS BY MY SIDE!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON, FOR IT WAS HE WHO HAS SHOWN ME THE LIGHT!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON FOR HE TOOK ME BY THE HAND, STOOD ME ON MY FEET, WHEN I COULDN'T STAND!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON, AS HE TOOK ME TO THE EAST, GAVE ME SAFE INSTRUCTION ABOUT ONES WHO ARE IN NEED!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON TO HIS RIGHT I DID STAND, WHERE HE SAID I STOOD AS A JUST AND UPRIGHT MAN!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON IN THE DARKNESS AND THE LIGHT!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON FOR HE WILL DO ME RIGHT!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON FOR HE WOULD NEVER PUT ME DOWN, FOR BY THE OBLIGATION HE IS STRICTLY BOUND!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON, WHO SITS WITH ME ON LODGE NIGHT, HE WOULD NEVER HURT ME BY WORDS SPOKEN IN SPITE!

I KNOW MY BROTHER MASON AND I KNOW MY LODGE!

SO BRETHREN LET MY HUMBLY SAY, LETS JUST ALL GET ALONG!

THE TENETS OF FREEMASONRY ARE EASY AND THERE TRUE BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH!

Submitted By:

Walt Barner

1st VP 2nd Masonic District

Lodge Announcements

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

