

# Second Masonic District

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## From The District

Brethren,

Happy Valentine's Day to all the Ladies of the Second District.

The deadline for ads for the Grand Master's reception program is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact W.B. Dick Chipman with your ads or any questions you may have.

The Grand Master's reception is Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact your W.M. for further details

## February's Quote

**Expect people to be better than they are; it helps them to become better. But don't be disappointed when they are not; it helps them to keep trying.**

**Merry Browne**

**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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## District Advisor

Brethren

As I am writing this, we are ending January, usually a very cold month. Luckily, this year, at least thus far, winter has been very mild.

Attendance at Inspections has been very good, but as with all other things, could be better. Several Lodges are at nearly every inspection, and I congratulate them.

The cost of hosting a Grand Lodge is very high, and RWB Rodger Caplinger is assisting in raising funds for Grand Lodge 2010. He is selling Second Masonic District golf shirts for \$25 each, and very soon he shall have 2006 Grand Lodge- Dayton lapel pins, which are very similar to the previous lapel pins from 2003. If you wish to order a shirt, or pre-order lapel pins, please see him or Rick Shields, District President, or Walt Barner, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President.

The scythe of time has again cut the brittle thread for two of our brethren. On Tuesday, January 24, W. B. Jim DeVine, current WM of Ben Franklin Lodge, passed away. The Grand Master and I traveled to Hamilton before the John W. Durst inspection and expressed our sorrow to the widow. He was a young, active man and it was very sad to think of so many things he left undone.

Yesterday, I was saddened to learn of the passing of the Chaplain of the Valley of Dayton, Reverend Edward Puff. Rev. Ed was Imperial Chaplain of the Shrine International on two occasions, 23 years apart. He was a Past Most Wise Master of the Scottish Rite, and has received more awards than I could count, including the 2002 Second Masonic District Community Service Award. I will miss Rev. Puff. There will be a memorial service at 4:30pm on Sunday, February 5, 2006 in the Valley of Dayton Scottish Rite Cathedral. It is open to the public.

The Grand Master will be in the District again at the Alpha Inspection and the Huber Heights Inspection. Please come out, meet the Grand Master and support your District.

**Terry W. Posey**  
**Grand Orator**  
**Grand Lodge of Ohio**

# District Deputy Grand Masters

## “THE FLAG UNFURLS”

**I MUST UNFURL!** I can no longer stand silently by when so much is at stake for freedom in our world. Soldiers of our Armed Forces not only stand watch around the world, for to stand in harm's way is their command. This they do that we may thwart and ultimately defeat the forces of terrorist oppression. Even more, I call on all Americans and all Freemasons to realize that we, too, are soldiers in this struggle. I, the flag of your nation, must unfurl my voice and speak of sacrifice, steadfastness, and redemption for the future. I trust I shall never again be simply seen as a patriotic decoration – hanging there in school classrooms, out in front of public buildings, hovering over ball parks, and, yes, even there in your Lodge. Far too long, I was just hanging around as some vague reminder of America's bygone glory. “Old Glory,” you have even called me. But when you looked at me hanging there, did you see me? Did you really see the red, white and blue, the stars and the stripes? And in that vision was your heart stirred with gratitude for all that I, your nation's banner memorialize, hold dear, and keep sacred?

Must my red, white and blue run like tears, or dare I say, like blood, to startle you into an awareness of all that has been sacrificed for your freedom, especially that most precious freedom of all; the freedom of religion? Down through all of America's history, at every battle fought to preserve liberty, I was there. Soldiers died when their last vision on earth was seeing me unfurled and flowing. They did not sacrifice their lives simply because “duty called.” They gave the last full measure of devotion because they believed in liberty for all, democracy for all, and equal opportunity for all. My red stripes boldly memorialize the valor by which America's greatness has been upheld.

My white unfurls to remind you of the purity and innocence with which our nation was founded and at that time in human history when we stood up as a free and independent people. We alone, of all the nations of the world declared; ours would be a government of the people, by the people and for the people. I, your flag, envelop the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of these United States and the Bill of Rights. The rule of law, not the mob nor the elite, is the bulwark for our great land. The ballot box, not the gun, determines the will of the people, and we trust the will of God. Never before in all human history has the purity and purpose of the Lord God's free people been so affirmed and tested as in these United States. May my white stripes ever call you to be steadfast to the nobility and integrity on which America was founded.

**Blue is the heavenly hue. As the blue in me unfurls, I call you to continue to live the vision that America may forever be the beacon for freedom, justice and equality; that we will be vigilant to stand against all tyranny and oppression; that your commitment to civil liberties and human rights, both in our own land and throughout the world will be unwavering, and that the ideals of democracy will continue to encircle and uplift the entire world, and that power and grace of the Eternal Grand Master shall ever challenge us to strive for the redemption of the whole world. May the blue so prominent in my banner always lift your eyes heavenward, so that you may never forget the true source of your sacred blessings.**

**So, I unfurl with flourish and indeed stand tall, even when I stood atop the World Trade Center and came crashing down. Or, when I am burned and shredded in the streets of countries we have set free. Or, I am mocked and trampled on even in our own land. Still I shall overcome because everything I stand for is invincible. I take my stand with the eternal truths of the Great Architect of the Universe, the Creator of the heavens and the earth.**

**For I have stood watch over the whole earth when a Masonic brother stepped onto the moon and saw me planted me there. From that vantage point, the possibilities of a more harmonious, more just, and more beautiful future were there for all to see. Indeed, there is yet more for me to speak, and you must write those lines with your lives.**

**The future, as yet unknown, lies open before you. I trust that the All Seeing Eye is ever seeing, and shaping and moving us to a more glorious future. Therefore, I ask you to believe in me, because I believe in you. Lift me up high and let me unfurl in ever-greater freedom, courage and Brotherly Love for the world that is yet to be. Whenever you gaze upon my glory remember: the red blood of freedom that courses through your veins; the pure white of your apron of labor and liberty; and, the blue Universal Lodge embracing all people and all nations.**

**For I am the Flag of the United States of America and I unfurl with infinite possibilities and blessings for all. SO MOTE IT BE!**

**Rev. Dr. & R.W. Bro. Craig T. McClellan  
Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Ct.  
A .F. & A.M.**

**An Excerpt  
from the  
Illustrations of Masonry  
By  
William Preston 1795**

**Friendly Admonitions**

As useful knowledge is the great object of our desire, let us steadily adhere to the principles it inculcates, check our progress, or damp our zeal; but let us recollect, that the ways of wisdom are beautiful, and lead to pleasure. Knowledge is attained by degrees, and cannot every where be found. Wisdom seeks the secret shade, the lonely cell designed for contemplation. There enthroned she sits, delivering her sacred oracles. There let us seek her, and pursue the real bliss. Though the passage be difficult, the farther we trace it, the easier it will become.

Union and harmony constitute the essence of Freemasonry: while we enlist under that banner, the society must flourish, and private animosities give place to peace and good fellowship. Uniting in one design, let it be our aim to be happy ourselves, and contribute to the happiness of others. Let us make our superiority and distinction among men, by the sincerity of our profession as Masons; let us cultivate the moral virtues, and improve in all that is good and amiable; let the Genius of Masonry preside over our conduct, and under her sway let us perform our part with becoming dignity. Let us preserve an elevation of understanding, with a politeness of manner, and an evenness of temper. Let our recreations be innocent, and pursued with moderation; and never let irregular indulgences lead to the subversion of our system, by impairing our faculties, and exposing our character to derision. But, in conformity to our precepts, as patterns worthy of imitation, let the respectability of our lives be supported by the regularity of our conduct, and the uniformity of our deportment. Thus, as citizens of the world, as friends to every clime, we shall be living examples of virtue and benevolence, equally zealous to merit as to obtain universal approbation.

**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>
Tues.	Feb. 7	Mystic 405	FC	6PM	7PM
Sat.	Feb. 11	King Hiram 88	FC	8AM	9AM
Tues.	Feb. 14	Vandalia 742	MM	6PM	7PM
Wed.	Feb. 15	Washington 17	MM	NO	7PM
Tues.	Feb. 21	W. Carrollton 737	MM	6PM	7PM
Thurs.	Feb. 23	Far Hills 784	EA	NO	7PM
Sat.	Feb. 25	Morrow 265	FC	NO	7PM
Mon.	Feb. 27	Camden 159	EA	6PM	7PM
Tues.	Feb. 28	Lincoln 693	FC	6PM	7PM
Sat.	Mar. 4	Waynesville 163	MM	8AM	9AM
Mon.	Mar. 6	Millennium 779*	MM	6PM	7PM

\*Indicates Lucky 7 Trophy Lodge



