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From The District

Brethren,

In August, I had the pleasure to attend Vandalia Lodge's first outdoor raising at a secluded spot just outside of Farmersville. WM Gary Rickart and his officers conducted a very fine degree and prepared a roasted HOG and trimmings for all. As the WM delivered the lecture in fine fashion, "the Beehive, an emblem of industry" was buzzing very close to our seats. I hope this is the beginning of a tradition that continues to prosper at Vandalia Lodge.

On **Sunday, September 7th** at the Ohio Masonic Home Day in Springfield, Ohio, the Grand Lodge officers will oversee the burial of 25 time capsules from each of the 25 Masonic Districts. Each district's time capsule contains a small token from each lodge in the state of Ohio. Please stop the District Officer's Association food booth and support the district.

On Saturday, October 4th, The Typed Written Ritual School of Instruction will be held at Eastern Star Lodge #55. See the next page for details.

Please support the DOA by attending our next meeting at Camden Lodge #159 on Thursday, **October 23rd**.

DOA Future Dates of Interest

Ohio Masonic Home Day	9/7/2008	Springfield
TWR School of Instruction	10/4/2008	Eastern Star # 55
Grand Lodge	10/17 – 18	Columbus
2 nd DOA Spring Meeting	10/23/2008	Camden #159

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District Advisor

Now that the summer is coming to a close, it is time to pick up our working tools and return to labor.

From the Grand Lodge side, it has been a very busy summer with reconsecrations, the dedication of the marker at Rufus Putnam's grave at Marietta on July 4 and the dinner with the original six lodges of the Grand Lodge of Ohio at Chillicothe.

Additionally, this year, Cheryl and I have attended receptions in Florida, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Louisville, and the World Conference of Grand Masters in Washington D. C.

While some of this is ceremonial only, much of it has to do with planning the future of Masonry. This is a busy time in the history of your Grand Lodge and its future is bright.

The Ohio Masonic Home Day is September 7. The Officers of the Grand Lodge and a representative of each Masonic District, the AASR, the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will be presenting its time capsule for dedication at the Home in the cemetery.

I recently returned from Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite at Providence RI, and was pleased to learn of the election of WB Keith Knight, Sr. and WB Arnold Fugate to receive the 33rd Degree next year in Boston. Additionally, our friend RWB Timothy Strawn of Columbus, WB Richard Holcombe of Mason Lodge #678 and RWB Ralph Crossan (the Grand Chaplain) will be honored with this degree next year.

I urge you to attend the Grand Lodge Communication in Columbus. The Grand Master has brought many artifacts, including the St. Johns' Bible to our Communication and these priceless items are available for you to see.

See you at Lodge.

RWB Terry W. Posey
Second Masonic District Advisor, Senior Grand Warden

District Deputy

Brethren,

I meet a dear old man today
Who wore a Masonic pin,
It was old and faded like the man
Its edges were worn quite thin

I approached the park bench where he sat
To give the old brother his do
I said, "I see you've traveled east
He said, "I have, have you"

I said, I have and in my day
Before the all seeing sun
I played in the rubble with Jubala
Jubilo, and Jubalum.

He shouted, don't laugh at the work my son
It's good and sweet and true
And if you've traveled as you said
You should give these things a due.

The word, the sign, the token,
The sweet Masonic prayer,
The vow that all have taken
Who have climbed the inner stair.

The wages of a Mason
are never paid in gold
but the gain comes from contentment
when you're weak and growing old.

You see I've carried my obligations
For almost fifty years
It has helped me through the hardships
and the failures full of tears.

Now I'm losing my mind and my body
Death is near but I don't despair
I've lived my life upon the level
And I'm dying upon the square.

Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew
And the old man in the park today
has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers
The only secret is to care
May you live upon the level.
May you part upon the square.

RWB Rick Shields
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Second Masonic District

Lodge Announcements / Around the District

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

September 6, 2008: Recon at Hamilton Temple for Hugh L, Bates and Benjamin Franklin at 2:00 PM.

September 7, 2008: Masonic Home Day, Springfield

September 13, 2008: Lady Linda's Charity Dinner and Silent Auction at the Aladdin Shrine Center, Columbus. Please see your WM for details.

Typed Written Ritual – School of Instruction

October 4, 2008: The DDGM's will be hosting a School of Instruction for the Second Masonic District at Eastern Star Lodge # 55 in Franklin, Ohio. Registration will begin at 8:00 am and the School of Instruction will start at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided at no charge. We anticipate that the meeting will end around 4:00 pm.

The Type Written Ritual will be presented in order to provide clarification of the words that are in cipher codes in the divided ritual. There will be a walk through of all three Degrees and Lectures will be read in their entirety. This is the only time we will have the Written Ritual in the Second District until October 2009.

Lodge officers are encouraged to attend.

Germantown Lodge 257

This is to inform the 2nd district of the recent changes at Germantown Masonic Lodge # 257. We have a change of address, from 123 S Main to 8 E Market. We are still in Germantown, 45327, but meeting in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows building. Our meeting day and time has also changed, from Sat. morning to the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:30 pm.

