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From The District

Brethren,

It is with great pleasure to advise you that RWB William P. Mayberry Jr. attended our stated meeting on January 30, 2007. He is in good health for all those who were concerned for his wellbeing and whereabouts. RWB Terry Posey presented RWB Mayberry Jr. his service plaque as a District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District. RWB Posey spoke of the dedication that RWB Mayberry has exhibited over the past 20 years.

RWB Harrell presented the best degree awards performed during the 2006 inspection year to the following lodges: Entered Apprentice Degree – **Alpha Lodge**; Fellow Craft Degree – **Dayton Lodge**; Master Mason Degree – **Vandalia Lodge**.

January was a very busy month for the district and the District Officer Association would like to thank all the brethren that participated in the degree walk through. These events were very well attended and the brethren came prepared with questions to keep the deputies on their toes. We would like to specially thank **Washington Lodge, John W. Durst**, and **Hugh L. Bates** for performing the degree work.

Worshipful Masters please remember the cut off date for the District Ad Sales is February 19th. The Ad Sales are very important to the district and all the member lodges. It is through the ad sales the district is able to keep the price of the dinner at a reasonable cost. The district also knows

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that your lodge will work harder in selling ads if there is some type of return. Please remember, selling ads enables your lodge to earn free meal tickets for the Grand Master's Reception and receive a free full page ad if you sell \$400 worth of advertising. If your lodge needs any assistance regarding the ad program please contact WB Earl Lutz.

Please remember the 2nd Masonic District is here to assist you and your lodge. If your lodge is having any type of open function or fund raising event that you would like to be announced please forward it to any of the District Officers. The announcement will be placed on the District Web page and a brief announcement will be made at the inspections as the event date nears.

Submitted by:

WB Larry B Cornett

1st Vice President 2nd Masonic District

District Advisor

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Second Masonic District

Most Worshipful Brother Michael A. Himes, the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, joins me in thanking you for the work your lodge did in the One Day Class in 2002, 2003 and 2005. The Lodges in Ohio presented candidates on day that were part of the largest number of Masons raised in the history of our fraternity – on those three days, over 13,000 men were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Master Masons raised those days have become part of the third largest Grand Lodge in the world - the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The Grand Master has approved a One Day Class for each of the 25 Districts in Ohio. The Second Masonic District has set its One Day Class for March 31, 2007.

The Grand Master and I believe that if we give Masons ideas, goals, and the tools to perform, they will accomplish great things. I have sent a letter to each lodge requesting that the Worshipful Master and Secretary send a letter to each of the current members of the Lodge along with a petition for membership. You should also send instructions on what to do with it when the brother finds a candidate.

We are now within seven weeks of the deadline for petitions.

The time to start is now. With Member-friendly nights, publicity and various informational pamphlets you can accomplish this goal. Please assign a member or officer to chair this committee in your lodge. I wish you luck.

Terry W. Posey
Junior Grand Warden

District Deputy Grand Masters

Volunteering and Responsibility

The Webster dictionary defines the word volunteer as, "one who enters into or offers himself for any service of his own free will and accord." It also defines the word responsibility as, "a moral, legal or mental accountability, something for which one is responsible." On many occasions, we hear the remark, "this is a volunteer organization." Many a Master has made that statement when the time comes for him to give constructive criticism to an officer because a degree was not exemplified as well as it should be. It can be heard when an officer was not as proficient as he could be; a lecture was not given properly; he has not studied sufficiently for his participation in the degree or his lack of attendance at the prescribed rehearsals. Think of the times we heard someone say, "we cannot come down too hard on him because this is a volunteer organization." Nothing, my brothers, is further from the truth! I make this statement because a man cannot "volunteer" to become a Mason, HE MUST BE RECOMMENDED! When and if a vacancy in the line of officers occurs, the Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden, may recommend a particular brother to fill that vacancy. It is now the Master's responsibility to ascertain if this brother is the right one for the position he is being considered for. More damage can be done to the line of officers and to the lodge if a brother is asked to take a position in the line just to have a warm body sitting in a particular chair.

Once the Master has determined that the brother being considered will be beneficial to the line of officers and his lodge, he should then inquire if he would contemplate becoming a line officer. At this point he must be fully informed of the duties and responsibilities of that office, his obligation to answer and obey all due signs and summonses relating to his participation at rehearsals, and his regular attendance in lodge. If this brother accepts, he is then appointed or elected. Once he has taken his oath of office and is installed, volunteering ends and the assuming of responsibility begins! He has now become an integral working member of a Masonic team. He is now obligated to carry out the responsibilities of his office or station. If, after being evaluated at regular intervals, his performance is less than acceptable, he must be diplomatically informed he is not performing his duties nor assuming his responsibility seriously enough for the position he has accepted. If the situation does not improve, this brother is no longer an asset to the line of officers or the lodge, but has now become a liability. He has to be informed he will not be progressing in the line to the next position, because at this point, can the Master really depend on this brother to discharge the duties of his office faithfully? Allowing this brother to continue causes embarrassment not only to the brother in question, but also to the lodge. Why waste the lodges' and the brothers' time?

The Salvation Army is made up of approximately 82 per cent volunteer workers. When we see one of those volunteers standing in the icy, cold weather during the Christmas Season, guarding that little red kettle, they are not there because of an hourly wage but because they want to be there. The fact they are a volunteer or a paid worker is totally irrelevant. The fact they are volunteers does not justify them from ignoring their responsibility. If they vacate their post without permission, or do not put in the prescribed amount of time that is delegated to that particular post, they are reprimanded or even dismissed.

The Special Olympics is also comprised of approximately 91 per cent volunteers. If a volunteer fails to accept his or her responsibilities, the quality of the games will be jeopardized.

If the assuming of those responsibilities decrease, the athletes themselves suffer. If the volunteers do not abide by the rules and regulations laid down by the Olympic Committee, they are reprimanded or even dismissed.

A Boy Scout leader; another VOLUNTEER! If the Scout leader cannot perform the duties of his office, everyone in that troop suffers. He is not being paid for that job, but does that mean he can neglect his responsibilities? Does the fact he is a volunteer lessen his responsibility to the members of that troop? If a Scout leader does not perform his duties properly, we all know he will be asked to leave; VOLUNTEER OR NOT! Imagine, if you will, how American history would have changed if all the men and women who had “volunteered” for the Armed Forces during all the wars the United States has been involved in, decided that because they “volunteered” for military service, they would not have to accept and carry out the responsibilities they were given. They volunteered because they knew a job had to be done and they were the ones who were going to do it! Each of these brave individuals accepted the responsibility that went with that job. Do you think that our great country would be the same today if they evaded the performance of their obligation? Now some may argue these military personnel receive wages for their service, and that is correct, but, my brothers, so do the secretary and treasurer of our lodges. Does that mean they can neglect their responsibility to that office and to the lodge? Certainly not! Certain jobs have to be performed, and certain brothers will perform them, and accepting responsibility is attached to those jobs. To go a step further, let's discuss our District Deputy's. They are appointed by the Grand Master to assume that position. They may be considered a “volunteer” but by assuming that position, *THEY TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITIES!* I am fully aware that because they belong to what some may consider a “volunteer organization,” these DD's cannot disregard those responsibilities. If they do not accept their responsibilities seriously, if they do not perform their duties faithfully, nor fulfill the obligations of their office, there is absolutely no doubt their term of office will not be very long.

Whether individuals are volunteers or paid workers they must accept the responsibilities and are obligated to perform the duties of the office they have accepted. Whether they are paid or not they should be relieved if the job is not done properly, and their responsibilities and obligations are not carried out. The statement that the Masonic Fraternity is a volunteer organization is false! If the individual brother is not made fully aware of what his duties are, what his responsibilities and obligations are for the position he has accepted, and what is expected of him, no function within the Masonic Lodge will be performed properly. I fully realize this course of action can and will create problems for the lodge. But, my brothers, isn't it more beneficial to the lodge and to the candidate, to have a qualified brother fill an opening in the line, rather than to jeopardize the proficiency of the ritual work? We must bear in mind, that on a degree night, the most important person in our lodge room is *THE CANDIDATE!* It is totally unjust, to exemplify a degree for our candidates if it is not performed to perfection!! *WE MUST CONSTANTLY STRIVE TO NEVER ACCEPT LESS!!!*

S.K. Baril, P.M

**Submitted By: Rick Shields
DDGM 2nd Masonic District**

Famous Masons

U.S. Presidents

- [George Washington](#), Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4; Alexandria Lodge No. 22, VA
- [James Monroe](#), Williamsburgh Lodge No. 6, VA
- [Andrew Jackson](#), Harmony Lodge No. 1; Past Grand Master of Tennessee.
- [James K. Polk](#), Columbia Lodge No. 31, TN
- [James Buchanan](#), Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, PA; Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
- [Andrew Johnson](#), Greenville Lodge No. 119, TN
- [James A. Garfield](#), Magnolia Lodge No. 20, OH
- [William McKinley](#), Hiram Lodge No. 21, VA
- [Theodore Roosevelt](#), Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, NY
- [William Howard Taft](#), "Mason at sight"; affiliated Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, OH
- [Warren G. Harding](#), Marion Lodge No. 70, OH
- [Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#), Holland Lodge No. 8, NY
- [Harry S Truman](#), 33° Belton Lodge No. 450, Belton, MO; Past Grand Master of Missouri
- [Lyndon B. Johnson](#), Accepted and received his Entered Apprentice degree, but never advanced beyond that.
- [Gerald Ford](#) Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, DC, courtesy to Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, MI

Military leaders

- General [Henry H. "Hap" Arnold](#), 32° Cassia Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 273, PA. Raised in Union Lodge No. 7, Junction City, Kansas, and received the higher degrees in the Army Scottish Rite bodies at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was also a Shriner.
- General [Omar N. Bradley](#), West Point Lodge No. 877, NY
- Admiral [Arleigh Burke](#) 33°
- Major General [Claire Chennault](#) 32° K.C.C.H. League City Lodge No. 1053, League City, Texas. He was also a Shriner.
- General [Mark W. Clark](#), Mystic Tie Lodge No. 398, Indianapolis, IN
- Brigadier General [James Doolittle](#), 32° Mason and Shriner.
- Field Marshal [Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig](#), Elgin Lodge No. 91, Leven, Scotland
- Admiral [John Jellicoe](#), Past Provincial Grand Master, United Grand Lodge of England
- Fleet Admiral [Ernest J. King](#), Made Master Mason in 1935, George C. Whiting Lodge, No. 22, D.C.

- Lord [Horatio Kitchener](#), Past District Grand Master of Egypt and Sudan; Past Grand Warden and District Grand Master, Punjab, India; founder of several Lodges
- General [Douglas MacArthur](#), 33° Manila Lodge No. 1, Philippines. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1937, and was also a Shriner.
- General [George C. Marshall](#), Made a Mason in an Occasional Lodge with all three degrees being conferred upon him by the Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, Ara L. Daniels.
- Admiral [Horatio Nelson](#), York Lodge No. 256.
- General [John J. Pershing](#), 33° Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, NE. Fifty year Mason and a member of the Shrine.
- Brigadier General [Albert Pike](#), Western Star Lodge No. 2, Little Rock, Arkansas. Sovereign Grand Commander AASR, Southern Jurisdiction.
- Captain [Eddie Rickenbacker](#), Kilwinning Lodge No. 297, MI
- Field Marshal [Aleksandr Suvorov](#), Lodge Zu den Drei Kronen, Königsberg
- Admiral [Alfred von Tirpitz](#), Lodge Zur Aufrichtigen Herzen, Frankfurt
- General [Arthur Wellesley](#), Duke of Wellington, Lodge at Trim No. 494, Meath, Ireland

American Revolution

- [Benedict Arnold](#), Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, CT
- [John Blair](#), Williamsburg Lodge No. 6; Past Grand Master of Virginia
- Chief [Joseph Brant](#), Hiram's Cliftonian Lodge No. 47, Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton, ON
- [Benjamin Franklin](#), February 1731, St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia; Lodge at Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, PA; WM, Loge [Les Neuf Sœurs](#), Paris; Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania
- [John Hancock](#), Massachusetts Lodge No. 277, QC; St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, MA
- Brigadier General [Nicholas Herkimer](#), St. Patrick's Lodge, Johnstown, NY
- [William Hooper](#), Hanover Lodge, Masonborough, NC
- [John Paul Jones](#), St. Bernards Lodge No. 122, Kirkudbright, Scotland
- [Rufus King](#), St John's Lodge, Newburyport, MA
- General [Rufus Putnam](#), Past Grand Master of Ohio
- [Paul Revere](#), St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, MA; Grand Master of Massachusetts 1794-97.
- [Baron von Steuben](#), Trinity Lodge No. 10, New York, NY
- [Richard Stockton](#), charter Master, St. John's Lodge, Princeton, NJ
- [George Walton](#), Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Savannah, GA
- [Joseph Warren](#), St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, MA; Past Provincial Grand Master of Massachusetts
- [William Whipple](#), St. John's Lodge, Portsmouth, NH

Industrialists and labor leaders

- [John Jacob Astor](#), W.M. Holland Lodge No. 8, NY
- [John I. Beggs](#), Harrisburg, PA
- [Samuel Bronfman](#), Covenant Lodge No. 108, QC
- [André Citroën](#), Lodge La Philosophie Positive, Paris
- [Samuel Colt](#), St. John's Lodge, Hartford, CT
- [Edwin Drake](#), Oil Creek Lodge No. 3, Titusville, PA
- [Eberhard Faber](#), Chancellor Walworth Lodge No. 271, New York, NY
- [Henry Ford](#), Palestine Lodge No. 357, Detroit, MI
- [Samuel Gompers](#), Dawson Lodge No. 16, Washington, DC
- [Charles Hilton](#), William B. Warren Lodge No. 309, IL
- [Frank G. Hoover](#), William McKinley Lodge No. 431, OH
- [Melvin Jones](#), Garden City Lodge No. 141, Illinois
- [Sebastian S. Kresge](#), Palestine Lodge No. 357, Detroit, MI
- Sir [Thomas Lipton](#), Scotia Lodge No. 178, Glasgow
- Frederick L. Maytag, Newton Lodge No. 59, IA
- [John J. McLaughlin](#), Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa, ON
- [R. Samuel McLaughlin](#), Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa, ON; Past Grand Steward; 75-year member
- [John Molson](#), St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, Montreal, QC; Past Provincial Grand Master of Lower Canada
- [Ransom E. Olds](#), Capitol Lodge No. 66, Lansing, MI
- [J.C. Penney](#), Wasatch Lodge No. 1, Salt Lake City, UT
- [George Pullman](#), Renovation Lodge No. 97, Albion, NY
- [A. Philip Randolph](#), Joppa Lodge No. 55, NYC USA
- [James Mayer Rothschild](#) Initiated Oct. 24, 1802: Emulation Lodge No. 12, London
- [Nathan Mayer Rothschild](#), Emulation Lodge No. 12, London
- [David Sarnoff](#), Strict Observance Lodge No. 94, NY
- [Dave Thomas](#), Sol. D. Bayless Lodge No. 359, Fort Wayne, IN
- [Steve Wozniak](#), Charity Jarman Lodge No. 362, Campbell, CA

Writers, journalists, and publishers

- [Andrew Bell](#), Lodge St. David No. 36, Edinburgh
- [James Boswell](#), Master of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge for two terms, Depute GM Scotland 1776-78

- [Robert Burns](#), Saint David's Lodge No. 2174, Tarbolton; many others
- [Samuel Clemens](#) (Mark Twain), Polar Star Lodge No. 79, St. Louis, MO
- Sir [Arthur Conan Doyle](#), Phoenix Lodge No. 257, Southsea, Hampshire
- [Jean-Pierre Claris de Florian](#) Loge des Neuf Sœurs, Paris
- [Edward Gibbon](#), Lodge of Friendship No. 3, London
- [David Goodnow](#), Lessing Lodge No. 464, Evansville, IN
- [Edgar Guest](#), Ashler Lodge No. 91, Detroit, MI
- [William Hagan](#), Euclid Lodge, Stoughton, MA
- [Rudyard Kipling](#), Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782. E.C., Lahore, India; founding member, The Builders of the Silent Cities Lodge No. 12, St. Omer, France, F.R.
- [Mark Lemon](#), Globe Lodge No. 23, London
- [John B. MacLean](#), Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto, ON
- Dr. [Robert Moray](#), Edinburgh [Lodge] 1641
- [Norman Vincent Peale](#), Midwood Lodge No. 1062, Brooklyn, NY
- [Alexander Pope](#), Lodge Goat-at-the-Foot-of-the-Haymarket No. 16, London
- [Aleksandr Pushkin](#), Lodge Ovid, Kischinev
- [Theodor Reuss](#), occultist and head of [O.T.O.](#), Pilger Loge #238 (UGLE) 1878, and excluded 1880, also Grandmaster of [Rite of Memphis-Misraïm](#), 1913.
- [Rafael Sabatini](#), Jerusalem Lodge No. 197, London
- [Friedrich Schiller](#), Rudolstadt Lodge, Berlin
- Sir [Walter Scott](#), Saint David Lodge No. 36, Edinburgh
- [Robert W. Service](#), Yukon Lodge No. 45, Dawson City, YT
- [Gordon Sinclair](#), John Ross Robertson Lodge No. 545, Toronto, ON
- [Jonathan Swift](#), Lodge Goat-at-the-Foot-of-the-Haymarket No. 16, London, England; Lodge No. 16, Dublin, Ireland
- [Roy Thomson](#), North Bay Lodge No. 617
- [Anthony Trollope](#), Banagher Lodge No. 306, Ireland
- [Lew Wallace](#), Fountain Lodge No. 60, Covington, IN
- [Oscar Wilde](#), Apollo University Lodge No. 357, Oxford
- Sir [P.G. Wodehouse](#), Jerusalem Lodge No. 197, London

Astronauts

- [Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr.](#), Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417, Seabrook, TX
- [Leroy Gordon Cooper](#), Carbondale Lodge No. 82, Carbondale, CO

- [Donn F. Eisele](#), Luthor B. Turner Lodge No. 732, Columbus, OH
- [John Glenn](#), Concord Lodge No. 688, Concord, OH
- [Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom](#), Mitchell Lodge No. 228, Mitchell, IN
- [James Irwin](#), Tejon Lodge No. 104, Colorado Springs, CO
- [Edgar Mitchell](#), Artesia Lodge No. 28, Artesia, NM
- [Walter M. Schirra, Jr.](#), Canaveral Lodge No. 339, Cocoa Beach, FL
- [Thomas Stafford](#), Western Star Lodge No. 138, Weatherford, OK
- [James E. Webb](#), University Lodge No. 408, Chapel Hill, NC
- [Paul J. Weitz](#), Lawrence Lodge No. 708, Erie, PA

Adventurers

- Sir [Richard Francis Burton](#), Hope Lodge, Kurrachee, Scinde, India
- Admiral [Richard E. Byrd](#), Federal Lodge No. 1, Washington, DC; established Antarctica Lodge No. 777 under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand
- [Kit Carson](#), Montezuma Lodge No. 109, Taos, NM
- [William Clark](#), Saint Lewis Lodge No. 111, PA
- [Matthew Henson](#), Celestial Lodge No. 3, PHA, New York, NY
- [Meriwether Lewis](#), Door to Virtue Lodge No. 44, VA; founder, St. Louis Lodge No. 111, St. Louis, MO under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
- [Charles Lindbergh](#), Keystone Lodge No. 243, MO
- Commodore [Robert Peary](#), Kane Lodge No. 454, New York, NY
- Sir [Robert Falcon Scott](#), Drury Lane Lodge No. 2127, London; Navy Lodge No. 2612
- Sir [Ernest Shackleton](#), Navy Lodge No. 2612
- [Matthew Webb](#), Neptune Lodge No. 22

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Lodge Announcements

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