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Thurs., Jan. 1 – Happy New Year
Wed., Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Mon., Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wed., Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Wed., Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Happy New Year Brethren! I hope everyone had an excellent Christmas and New Year and everyone received everything they wished for. It sure was wonderful to see so many people at the Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast. I'd like to thank all the brethren who helped with the breakfast, as well as those who helped deliver poinsettias, earlier in December, to our venerable brethren. Its wonderful seeing faces from the lodge which I hadn't seen for a long time. Hopefully we'll see more of those who can make it out and come to lodge through the year.

Well, for those who haven't flipped their calendars yet, it's now 2015 and the past year seemed to go by so fast. As a lodge, I think we had a pretty good year in 2014. I also think 2015 will be a wonderful year for Canton Lodge No. 60 as well! We have many things coming up. One of the events coming soon will be our inspection on February 25th. The Grand Master of Masons of Ohio, Most Worshipful Brother Steve Cokonougher, will be joining us for the evening. Fortunately for us, we have several candidates either beginning or going through different stages of their degree work, so we should have plenty of practice in the Entered Apprentice Degree by then. I will also be announcing a couple of practices for the degree as well as several special meetings to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on our candidates. So, I'm asking the officers and anyone wishing to help out to please review your parts.

In addition to our own inspection, I plan to attend as many inspections for the other lodges in the district as I can. If anyone wishes to come along, please let me know.

For those who are on line, please check both our "Facebook" page for Canton60Freemasons, as well as our web site at www.canton60freemasons.com for updated information for upcoming events.

Also, if you haven't been to lodge for a while, please feel free to join us on the 7th or the 21st. See you there!

Bob Wiley, W.M.

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Fri., Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Wed., Jan. 14, 7:00 p.m. – Wayfarer 789, Inspection, Entered Apprentice Degree
Fri., Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m. – Fellow Craft Team & Officers Practice
Mon., Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
7:00 p.m. – Star 187, Inspection, Master Mason Degree
Fri., Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Memorial Service for Departed Brethren
Tues., Jan. 27, 7:00 p.m. – Wm. H. Hoover 770, Inspection, Fellow Craft Degree
Fri., Jan. 30, 7:00 p.m. - Clinton 47, Inspection, Fellow Craft Degree
Fri., Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

My brothers! What an honor it was to be installed as the Master of McKinley Lodge on the 5th of December! It was a great night with many guests and family members in attendance. Brethren we all know of the work that lies ahead. With the installation season behind us and the inspection season upon us, let's strap on our traveling shoes. A piece of advice from our District Advisor the night of the installation, "Worshipful, I encourage you to travel!" What wise words my brethren. We rarely get so great of an opportunity to see how vast and far reaching this fraternity is, as when we pile in the car and head out to a different Blue Lodge. With that in mind, I took the liberty of adding the inspections to this month's Trestle Board. The officers have been practicing along with the Fellow Craft Team for our inspection on March 6th. Also we will be busy with some candidate work as well. It is an exciting time in the fraternity my brethren! We have so many supportive Past Masters and venerable brothers in our lodge.

In addition to all this, the officers are planning a Lodge Trip this May to celebrate the 150th anniversary of President McKinley's, being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We are looking to head out on Friday morning the 15th of May, bound for the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. We will end up in Winchester, Virginia and attending Winchester No. 21, the lodge he was raised in. It has been worked out that they will raise one of our brothers and we will raise one of theirs. It should be quite a weekend. More information and details will be forthcoming. We already have two buses reserved.

My brothers, we all hear the word "busy" coming from everyone's lips these days. Take the time to remember that

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Thurs., Jan. 8, 7:00 p.m. – Special Meeting, Master Mason Degree
Thurs., Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Mon., Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Sat., Feb. 28, 5:00 p.m. – Trinity Family Night Out, R.S.V.P by Feb. 21st
Thurs., Mar. 12, 7:00 p.m. – Inspection, Entered Apprentice Degree

Greetings Brethren and Happy New Year! I hope you and your families enjoyed a safe Holiday season and thanks to all for your assistance and attendance at the Officer's Installation and Christmas Party. What great times we enjoyed with our fraternal family and friends. We had an excellent turnout at both events and made some great new memories. A special thanks to our ladies for the wonderful meals and entertainment for the children and also Wor. Bro. Anderson, who asked Santa to stop for one last check on who's been naughty and nice.

Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m., we will raise two Master Masons. Please join us in making this a memorable experience for this father and son duo.

Saturday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m. we will have a family dinner outing at Papa Bears Pizza Oven Italian Restaurant; 4990 Dressler Rd NW, Canton. The children are always welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to Wor. Bro. Brent Bowers, (330) 575-3137 or 833-7043, by February, 21st, so we may reserve an appropriate size room.

At this time Wor. Bro. Johnnie Jones has been reported as recovering from a serious medical procedure and Wor. Bro. Ken Fagert has been reported as being shut in; also Bro. Ben Evans passed to the Great Architect on Friday, November 28th. Please keep these Brethren in your thoughts and prayers.

Trinity's Inspection will be here before your know it! On Thursday, March 12th we will be inspected in the Entered Apprentice Degree. I challenge every Trinity member to come and support this hard working group of new officers.

As always Brethren, if you wish to attend a Trinity Lodge meeting or special event, are unable to drive or find a way to or from the meeting, we will find you assistance. Please contact Wor. Bro. Brent Bowers (330) 575-3137 or Wor. Bro. Reid McLeod (330) 412-0947 and we will be happy to assist you.

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Thurs., Jan. 1 – Happy New Year, No Spaghetti Dinner This Month
Wed., Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m. – Nazir Board Meeting, Attitude Adjustment Hour
6:30 p.m. – Dinner
7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Mon., Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monarch's Message

Greetings to all and a Happy New Year! Well another year has gone by and each one seems to go by faster than the last. Our Installation of Officers for 2015 went well and was well attended. The installation itself was executed by the Grotto Highland Installation Team. The wearing of kilts was encouraged and worn by many. It included a dinner beforehand and a reception afterwards. What a great time was had by all!

As for the New Year, we have many ideas in the works. First and best of all is the welcoming back of the Daughters of Mokanna to the Nazir Grotto Hall for 2015. Although there is no spaghetti dinner this month due to the first Thursday falling on New Year's day, we will continue our Spaghetti dinners on the first Thursday of each month. Where else can you get a salad, a great dinner, and beverage for only $7.00? We will bring back the "Steak Fry's" as soon as it's warm enough to get the grill out of storage. And plans are in the works to attend a Rubber Ducks baseball game in Akron.

I look forward to a good and exciting year and a Happy New Year to all.

Sincerely,

David Cullison, Monarch

Trustees

We have been busy keeping things running smooth at the Grotto. We have been helping the Ladies get settled in and they seem very happy. The Grotto is lit up very well at night. New lights were installed outside; thanks to "Handee" and "Pogo." The Caldron Ladies pitched in and helped "MJ" in the kitchen on Spaghetti Night and what a fine job they did, thanks ladies! Nazir is also working on other projects for the future. For those of you who have not been to the Grotto for a while, please stop down and say hello. We would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season. Yours in Good Fellowship!

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Mon., Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tues., Jan. 20, 7:00 p.m. – Stated Meeting
Sat., Jan. 24 – Portage Chapter Inspection, Mark Master Degree
Thurs., Feb. 19 – Silvercreek Inspection, Most Excellent Master Degree

Greetings companions! I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays. The inspection season is now upon us and it's time to start traveling again and supporting the other chapters. It's always nice to see new faces and meet new friends. We are always looking for new companions. Be active in your blue lodge and spread the word about Christian Freemasonry.

Bob Habony, High Priest

Sharing the Blame!

The myth or rumor there is hidden Masonic code on Rolling Rock beer bottles is brought to light.

Introduced in 1939, the Rolling Rock brand of beer, from the Latrobe Brewing Company of Pennsylvania, ends a statement on its label with the cryptic "33." Over the years it has been suggested that it refers to the 33rd Scottish Rite Degree of Freemasonry.

According to "***The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry***" (Alpha), Latrobe Brewing Company executives have insisted the "33" refers to 1933, the year Prohibition ended. Well now in 1986, Cecil Adams' "***The Straight Dope***" column investigated this urban legend or myth and found that the number "33" was actually scribbled under the statement by a checker, indicating the number of words contained in the statement and the printer mistakenly added it to the printing on the bottle label. Now you know! So don't always blame me for the mistakes found in this publication, it's a group effort. And, by the way, the Rolling Rock beer bottle is green and the Irish didn't claim it!

Bobel, You Editor

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Thurs., Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m. - Zanesville Inspection, Select Master Degree
Mon., Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tues., Jan. 20, 7:45 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Wed., Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. - Loyalty Inspection, Royal Master Degree

Hello Companions! I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season.

The Farmer's Almanac is calling for the snowiest winter in a long time. Please keep our older brothren in mind and lend a hand or shovel as needed.

Now it's time to get to work. Our inspection is not until May but it is time to get started. We will be doing a lot at the January Stated Meeting. We will try to finalize the cast for the Super Excellent Master Degree. We will also begin work on the "CELL" course for Grand Council. We will have another short lesson on the Diabetic Kids Fund; and we'll begin discussing dates for fundraisers as well. Please let me know if anyone needs a ride to this meeting.

Larry Haines, I.M.

Ancient Definition

In The Farmers Almanac for 1823 published at Andover, Mass., the following was printed under the heading, ***"Character of a Freemason":***

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflect; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principal.

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Sat., Jan, 17, 3:00 p.m. – Inspection, Order of the Temple
6:00 p.m. – Dinner Served
Mon., Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tues., Jan. 20, 8:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting

Greetings Sir Knights! Hope each of you had a very enjoyable Holiday. A special thanks to each of you who helped with the Masonic Christmas Morning Breakfast also, all who took part in the "Full Form Opening." Thank You!

We will be having our Inspection on the 17th of January; please make a special effort to be there and welcome our new Sir Knight. There will be a dinner after the inspection; we hope you can be with us. Please call our Recorder or myself for reservation so we may have enough prepared for everyone.

Thanks also to each of you who have helped with the dinners we prepare for the Scottish Rite Meetings and also for the flag presentations at the lodge installations. I am proud to be a part of this group who give so much to help our brethren.

Looking forward to seeing you at our coming meeting!

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Fri., Jan., 9, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting, Obligation Night
Mon., Jan, 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Fri., Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting

Happy New Year Sisters and Brothers! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! Here we are at the beginning of a brand new year, 2015. Are you excited about the possibilities of the upcoming year? Your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron are. We have many exciting things planned for your meetings; come prepared to have fun!

As we embark on a New Year, it is fitting that we renew our Obligation at our first meeting in January. What better way can we show our love for our Chapter and the Order of Eastern Star than by working to keep the solemn and sincere promises we made during our initiation? As we enter the New Year, may the teachings of our Order have a greater significance than ever before! May we walk by faith and not by sight, lean not upon our own understanding but in all ways acknowledge Him...for He will direct our paths.

When we took our Obligation we entered upon a new phase of life and we know that our lives have been richer and fuller since we took that step. Do you know someone who would benefit from our Order? If so, please give them a petition as we would love to welcome them to our Chapter. Remember Sisters and Brothers, we do not merely belong to the Order of the Eastern Star; we must go forth into the world to live what we have been taught. We have been taught to love one another, to teach one another, to help one another and to share our beloved Order with others.

Wishing you a New Year filled with new hope, new joy and new beginnings.

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Lodge is a place to leave your worries and concerns of this world at the door, to sit around with like-minded men and enjoy their company and stories. Are we all busy? Absolutely! But take the time to visit with the brethren. Get back to your center! Focus and regroup. Come down to this hulking building on the corner of North Market Avenue and East 9th; and see what's inside!

Steve, Worshipful Master

Upcoming Wm. McKinley Lodge Trip to Winchester Lodge No. 23

Reservations are being taken for the May 15th 2015 lodge trip to the George Washington Masonic Memorial and then on to Winchester Virginia with a visit to Winchester Lodge No. 23. This is the 150th Anniversary of the raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason of Brother William McKinley, 25th President of the United States of America, charter member and the name sake of Wm. McKinley Lodge No. 431, here in Canton, Ohio.

The rough itinerary is: leave Canton Masonic Temple by bus at 5:00 a.m. Friday morning the 15th of May, 2015. With stops along the way and visiting the George Washington Masonic Memorial that day, ending up at Winchester, Virginia for hotel check in and dinner. Saturday morning, the ladies of Winchester Lodge have plans to escort the ladies to many famous places in Winchester for sight seeing and also shopping; while the Brethren visit Winchester Lodge No. 23, for an historical presentation of the 150th anniversary of the raising of President and Brother William McKinley. Included in this visit will be degree work, consisting of: Winchester Lodge Brethren raising a Wm. McKinley No. 431 candidate to the sublime degree of Master Mason and then, Wm. McKinley Brethren raising a Winchester No. 23 candidate to the same. Sunday morning, May 17th, the brethren of Winchester Lodge will prepare breakfast for their visitors and send them on their way back to Canton, arriving at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon at the Canton Masonic Temple.

More details will be available as the schedule is nailed down tighter. The price for lodging, transportation, fees and daily breakfast is: **$350.00 per couple**. Contact Steve Dilley, Master of McKinley Lodge No. 431 if interested. McKinley Lodge brethren will have first serve as busses fill.

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A Can of Worms! A Bee Hive and a Hill of Ants!

Well my brethren, you will remember December's article on attendance where many bought into the "amenities theory" of increasing attendance and petitions. Although many lodge buildings and rooms were brought up to date, this had little bearing on the increase of attendance. Now let us explore the next attempt to induce the craft back into their lodge rooms as outlined be Frederic L. Milliken, one of the Masonic authors whose work on this subject has been interesting. This next scenario, named the "Event Orientated" stems from many claiming that lodge meetings were boring. One hour of bill paying, reports on the ill and distressed, committee progress of one sort or another, degree work, retiring to the tables for stall doughnuts and coffee and off for home. "The lodges must be more entertaining and appealing to the brethren, especially the younger." Well, being well on my way into my Masonic career, as many other lodge officers, I bought into this full heartedly. I encouraged the youth groups to come and perform their ceremonies in our lodge. We, along with other near by lodges, visited and planned outings to different churches and programs together. We planned a gong show with the wives of brethren as judges and the youth groups as contestants. We had Dean Martin style roasts with a big dinner for popular Masons in the area. I invited a polygraph (lye detector) expert and a coin collector into lodge with police protection and all for the ten's of thousands of dollars of coins on open display, getting back to the vault. We had a Christmas pageant with all three youth groups participating and a "Mime" performing for entertainment. Santa was on stage a full hour with the children that evening. Four serving lines were necessary to accommodate the crowd. Everyone left that evening with the thought of accomplishment. Officers visited other lodges on a regular basses and installations were a real event with Grand Lodge Officers present in large numbers. Reception parties lasted into the morning hours at the new Master's home. We had boring solve; never giving the slightest thought to the fact that we were traveling on momentum. Only 12% of the brethren were attending, the lodges being so large. Entered Apprentice classes of ten and twelve, were now three or four. The side lines were getting thinner and interest in lodge trips was on the decline. So many brethren were becoming "snow birds" and the lodges were starting to go dark in the summer months, because of apathy. This attempt to retrieve attendance was also a dismal failure and participation was becoming not only a local problem, but also a national one with not only Masonry, but all fraternal orders. Grand Jurisdictions were now taking notice of the decline of membership and many small, older, out lying lodges were going dark. It was becoming hard to maintain the larger structures built years ago. It was time to do something! Grand Lodges, Scottish Rite and York Rite gathered together their older leaders to form a plan of attack to bring the members back into lodge and create more petitions. Many brethren may remember this fun filled, exciting era of their lodge described above. Some refer to it as the "Hay Days" or "Glory Days" of Masonry.

Next month we will explore the next method, suggested by the appointed experts, to entice the brethren back into their lodges. Stay tuned and you will learn the importance of lodge attendance.

Your Editor, Bobel

January, 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Wed., Jan. 14, 7:00 p.m. - Wayferer 789, E.A. Degree, Refreshments, Lengler
Mon., Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m. – Star 187, M.M. Degree, Refreshments, Landals
Tues., Jan. 27, 7:00 p.m. – Wm. H. Hoover 770, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Lengler
Fri., Jan. 30. 7:00 p.m. – Clinton 47, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Hopkins

February, 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Wed., Feb. 4, 7:00 p.m. – Ashlar 639, E.A. Degree, Refreshments, Murphy
Sat., Feb. 14, 9:00 a.m. – Caldwell 330, M.M. Degree, Refreshments, Lengler
Mon., Feb. 16, 7:00 p.m. – Port Washington 202, E.A. Degree, Refreshments, Lengler
Wed., Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m. – Canton 60, E.A. Degree, Dinner Before, Hopkins
Fri., Feb. 27, 7:00 p.m. – Adoni-Joppa 517, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Landals

March 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Fri., Mar. 6, 7:00 p.m. – Wm. McKinley 431, M.M. Degree, Dinner Before, Landals
Tues., Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m. – National 568, M.M. Degree, Dinner Before, Hopkins
Thurs., Mar. 12, 7:00 p.m. – Trinity 710, E.A. Degree, Dinner Before, Landals
Mon., Mar. 16, 7:00 p.m. – Mount Akra, 680, E.A. Degree, Dinner Before, Murphy
Sat., Mar 21, 12:00 Noon – Hudson 510, F.C. Degree, Lunch Before, Murphy
Tues., Mar. 24, 7:00 p.m. – Barberton 750, E.A. Degree, Refreshments, Hopkins
Thurs., Mar. 26, 7:00 p.m. – Summit 213, M.M. Degree, Refreshments, Murphy

April 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Wed. Apr. 8, 7:00 p.m. – Tuscarawas 59, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Hopkins
Mon., Apr. 13, 7:00 p.m. – New Philadelphia 177, F.C. Degree, Refreshments, Landals
Wed., Apr. 15, 7:00 p.m. – Cuyahoga Falls, 735, E.A. Degree, Refreshments, Landals
Tues., Apr. 28, 7:00 p.m. – Victory, 649, F.C. Degree, Dinner Before, Murphy

May 21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Tues., May 5, 7:00 p.m. – Tubal, 551, E.A. Degree, Refreshments, Landals
Mon., May 11, 7:00 p.m. – Mystic Tie, 194, M.M. Degree, Refreshments, Lengler
Wed., May 13, 7:00 p.m. – Cypress, 604, E.A. Degree, Refreshments, Murphy
Sat., May 16, 9:00 a.m. – Conrad, 271, F.C. Degree, Lunch After, Lengler
Thurs., May 21, 7:00 p.m. – Coventry Akron, 83, M.M. Degree, Refreshments, Hopkins
Sat., May 23, 7:00 p.m. – Meridian Sun, 69, E.A. Degree, Dinner Before, Murphy
Tues., May 26, 7:00 p.m. – Stow, 768, M.M. Degree, Refreshments, Lengler

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Sat., Jan. 3, 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. – Breakfast, Conrad No. 271
10:00 a.m. – Monthly Meeting
Sat., Feb. 14, 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.– Breakfast, Clinton No. 47
10:00 a.m. – Monthly Meeting

Greetings Brethren! Master, Wardens & Deacons had a very successful December meeting with 27 Masons; representing five lodges turning out to walk through the Fellow Craft Degree, in stop-action form, with the Written Ritual present. At our next meeting, January 3rd, we will do the same thing with the Entered Apprentice Degree. Anyone present who has a question on a word or a movement can stop the ritual work and we will check it with the District Deputy on site, who will have a full typewritten written ritual available. This way, everyone can learn the correct and proper way to confer the Degrees. These meetings are great preparation opportunities for Officers moving up the line to be sharp for their Inspections!

For those who aren't familiar, this organization is a group that meets monthly, comprised of brethren of each of the Blue Lodges in Stark County; you don't have to be an officer to attend. Come out, meet your brothers from around the county and learn what other Lodges are doing. It's a great forum for sharing ideas and solving problems. As an added bonus, we usually meet at lodge's who serve breakfast, so you get a good meal to boot! We also move the meeting around the county making the driving tolerable.

Masters, Wardens & Deacons has a Fellow Craft team that is available to help your lodge when you need some extra bodies for conferrals. We also have a Masonic Funeral Team that can assist with those duties should your lodge be having a tough time putting a group together for a daytime funeral. If you need our services, please contact one of our officers; and if you would like to participate with either or both teams, we would love to have you.

Fraternally
Steve Warren, President

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